



Investigative Assistance and Operational Support

During the Investigative Assistance and Operational Support panel led by Mr. Rob de Rijck, Public Prosecutor, Department of Justice in The Netherlands, it was clear that there is not only a need for operational assistance but also to raise awareness for collaboration as to environmental crime on a strategic level.

During a side meeting on prosecution in environmental cases, prosecutors present expressed an urgent need to strengthen the effectiveness of this form of combatting criminality, especially the awareness if the judiciary of the seriousness of environmental crime must be reinforced and prosecution need to play a role in this. Investigation should not only be intelligence-led but also prosecutor-led.

Information Management

The Information Management panel led by Mr. Sheldon Jordan, National Director, Wildlife Enforcement from Environment Canada, explored the key roles that member countries and INTERPOL can play in sharing information and developing intelligence-led enforcement to combat environmental crime worldwide.

Capacity Building Standards

The Capacity Building Standards panel led by Ms. Ignacia Moreno, Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, United States Department of Justice, identified the pillars of capacity building as staff solution and motivation, training and recurrent assessment. The panel then discussed whether INTERPOL [and UNEP] should serve as a clearing house for capacity building efforts worldwide.

Effective Networks

Effective Networks panel led Ms. Kimberley Dripps, Deputy Secretary Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Populations and Communities, Australia recommended mapping of existing networks and exploration of the need for “issues based” networks in two areas: countries which are transit points and countries with substantial mining and industrial development. Furthermore, the panel recommended exploring opportunities to include environmental crime objectives into the work of environmental treaties.