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## ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME PROGRAMME



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# PROJECT EDEN

An INTERPOL initiative to detect and counter the illegal international trade and disposal of waste

The illegal trade and disposal of waste threatens the quality of the global environment and poses a significant risk to human health. When electronic products, hazardous materials and other wastes are handled without regard for environmental regulations, our air, water and soil are endangered. The illicit trade in waste undermines international conventions, undercuts legitimate treatment facilities and permits the loss of recoverable raw materials, thereby threatening long-term economic sustainability and national stability.

### Objectives

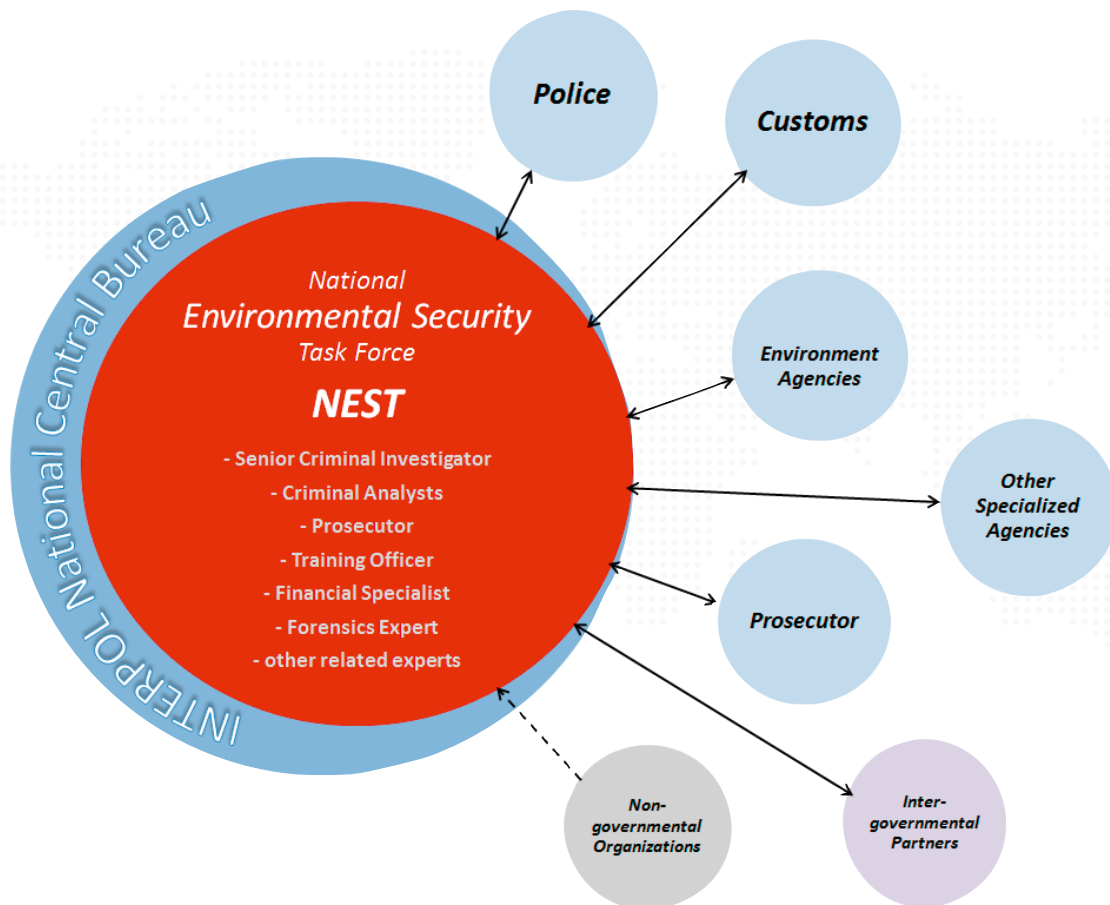
- **Raise awareness** of the illegal transnational movement of waste and the environmental and health consequences;
- **Establish National Environmental Security Task Forces (NESTs)** to ensure institutionalized cooperation between national agencies, INTERPOL National Central Bureaus and international partners;
- **Develop sustainable institutional capacity** of government agencies responsible for enforcing environmental legislation;
- **Promote an intelligence-led approach and conduct operations** to suppress criminal activity and disrupt trafficking.

### Activities:

- **Criminal intelligence exchange and analysis** to identify criminal networks, their reach and their modus operandi;
- **Regionally targeted operations** conducted in importing and exporting countries. Operation Enigma Phase I targeted the movement of electronic waste between Europe and Africa. Operations Haz and Haz II targeted the illegal transport of hazardous waste between the US and Canada;
- **Training and capacity building** to enhance understanding of international conventions and strengthen the response of law enforcement agencies.

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## A National Environmental Security Task Force (NEST)



A NEST is a firmly established team of experts who work together to address a specific issue. With respect to law enforcement, this generally means bringing together members with a variety of specialist skills to combat a criminal threat to social, political, economic or environmental norms.

NESTs can be derived from or contributed to by other task forces which already exist in the country. The proposed NESTs will benefit from their multidisciplinary (police, customs, environmental and other specialized agencies) structure, as well as INTERPOL's existing intelligence handling and crime analysis capacity, and the secure connection it has with its 190 member countries.

INTERPOL has developed a guide to assist member countries in setting up a NEST. The NEST guide provides legal guidelines and examples of NESTs, and suggests steps for establishing a NEST. We invite you to adopt this multidisciplinary approach to environmental enforcement. The guide is available on the INTERPOL website.

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