A National Environmental Security Seminar brings together national experts and decision makers responsible for environmental compliance and enforcement to forge a multi-agency cooperative and coordinated approach to combating global environmental crime.

The National Environmental Security Seminar (NESS) is designed to lead to the formation of a National Environmental Security Steering Committee (NESSC), which will give guiding direction to the establishment of a National Environmental Security Task Force (NEST).

**Objectives**

- **Connect** national agencies and other authorities responsible for environmental enforcement;
- **Develop** synergies in the management of environmental information at the national level;
- **Collate** information through an intelligence-led approach, using INTERPOL resources;
- **Support** a multidisciplinary approach towards environmental security;
- **Reinforce** connections to the INTERPOL network through a NEST located in the National Central Bureau (NCB); and
- **Generate** interest in cooperation and structural support from partners.
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.