

Beyond Enforcement

The role of communities in tackling illegal wildlife trade

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AGENDA

Alarming rises in illegal wildlife trade over the last decade show that tougher law enforcement is not enough to stop poachers from devastating populations of iconic or endangered species. However, the trend towards increasingly militarised law enforcement can harm or alienate the communities who live alongside wildlife and have real power to protect it.

A recent international symposium organised by IUCN’s Sustainable Use and Livelihoods Specialist Group, IIED, TRAFFIC and partners discussed the incentives and governance structures needed to effectively engage local people in wildlife conservation. Local people must be allowed to benefit from conservation efforts and be supported by responsive, efficient law enforcement agencies as equal partners in the fight against wildlife crime.

This event is organised in light of the recent international and regional inter-governmental conferences on illegal wildlife trade and forthcoming CITES CoP17.

The aim is to raise awareness amongst European policy makers as to current imbalance in attention to different policy options for tackling illegal wildlife trade; highlight findings on the limits to a purely enforcement-led approach and present case studies from Africa showcasing effective approaches to community engagement in combating illegal wildlife trade; and foster a dialogue between European policy-makers, international conservation and development organisation, and African practitioners about the lessons learned from community engagement and the policy requirements to support more effective approaches.

- 16:15-16:45 REGISTRATION - Altiero Spinelli building, Place du Luxembourg
- 17:00-17:05 **Welcome and introduction by Pavel Poc MEP**
- 17:05-17:15 **Dr Dilys Roe, IIED and Roland Melisch, TRAFFIC**
Global responses to IWT and the role of communities
- 17:15-17:25 **Susan Canney, Mali Elephant Project**
Case Study
- 17:25-17:35 **Rodgers Lubilo, South African Wildlife College**
Case Study
- 17:35-17:45 **Calvin Cottar, Cottar's Safaris, Kenya (by video)**
Case Study
- 17:45-17:55 **Q&A**
- 17:55-18:05 **Dr Rosie Cooney, SULi**
Summary conclusions from the Beyond Enforcement symposium
- 18:05-19:25 **Panel debate and discussion with the audience**
Moderated by Luc Bas, IUCN
Panellists:
Catherine Bearder MEP
Cristiana Pasca Palmer, Head of Unit, DG DEVCO
Tom De Meulenaer, Chief of the Scientific Services, CITES Secretariat
- 19:25-19:30 **Conclusions by Pavel Poc MEP**

Cocktail reception in front of the meeting room