



Law Enforcement Support and Monitoring in Central Africa

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The crisis

- May 2016 – The brigade Commander of Libongo (South East Cameroon) arrested with two ivory tusks in his car!!!
 - April 2016 – 04 ivory traffickers including 03 wildlife officers and one custom official arrested with 30 ivory tusks in Djoum (south Cameroon) heading to the capital city!!!
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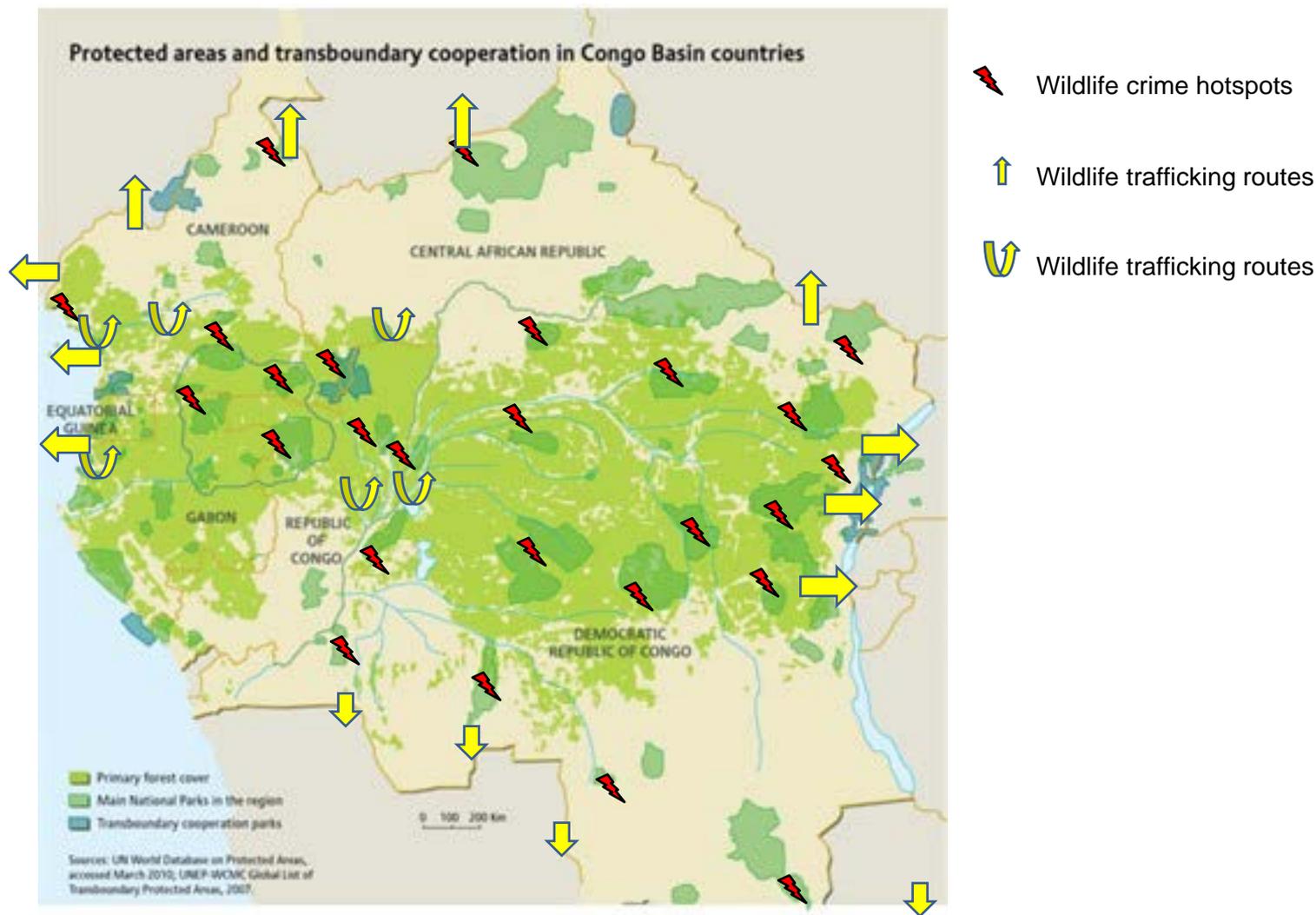
- December 2015 - 02 court registrars sentenced to 03 years imprisonment each for misappropriation of seized ivory (02 tusks)
- May 2015 – 53 ivory tusks, one AK47 and more than 1000 ammunitions seized in Moloundou (South East Cameroon); only 04 tusks given back to the wildlife administration



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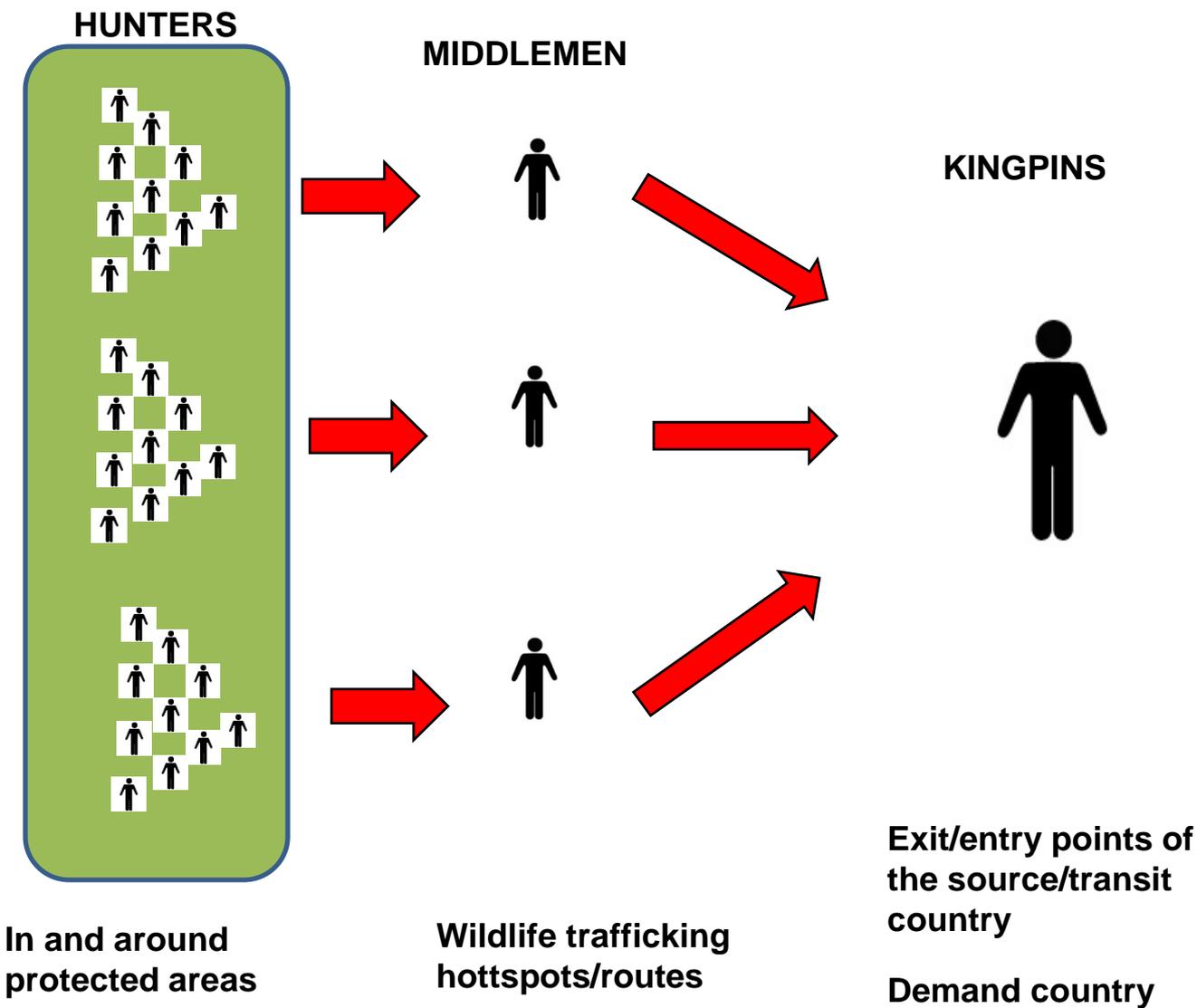
- Congo Basin has the particularity of been a source and transit region



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Our response

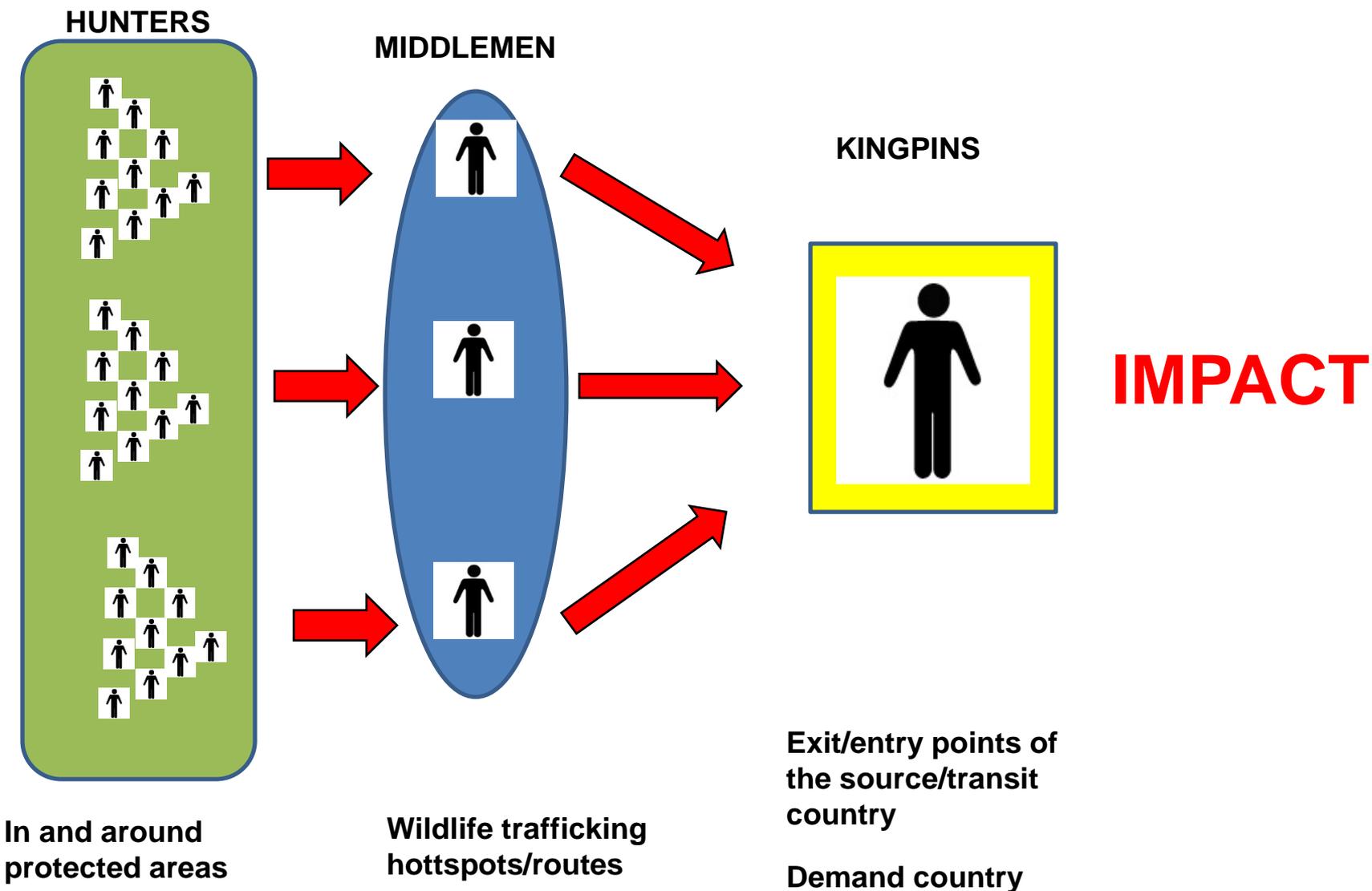
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- WWF revised law enforcement support strategy



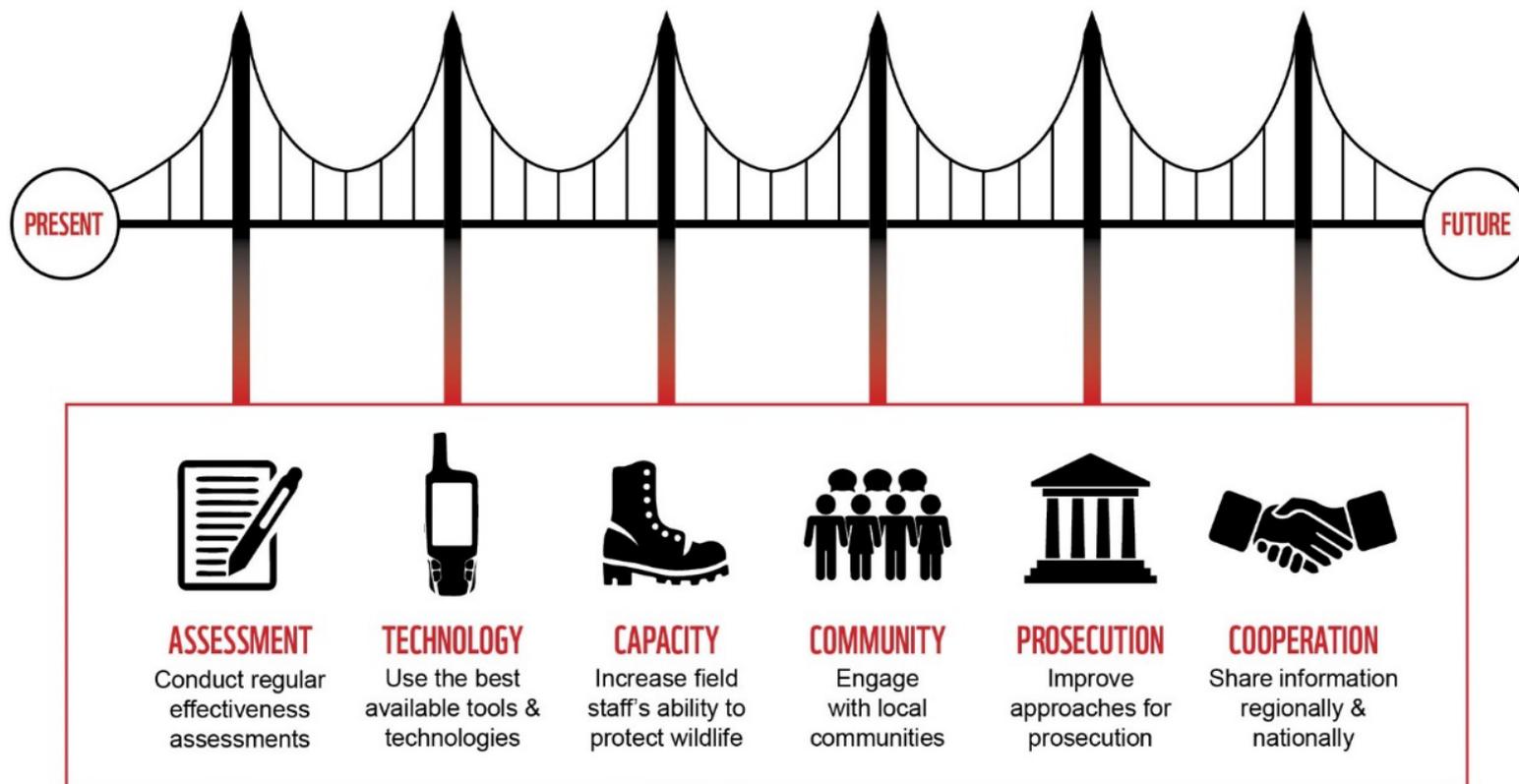
- **Capacity development of Law Enforcement officials**
 - Park rangers and other wildlife officials in charge of control trained on SMART, wildlife law and procedures (how to establish a complaint report, how to build a strong court case etc.)
 - Magistrates trained on the specificities of handling wildlife matters
 - LE officials at exit points (airports, seaports, other border points) trained control techniques of wildlife products with a focus on elephant tusks and pangolin scales





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The Zero Poaching Framework





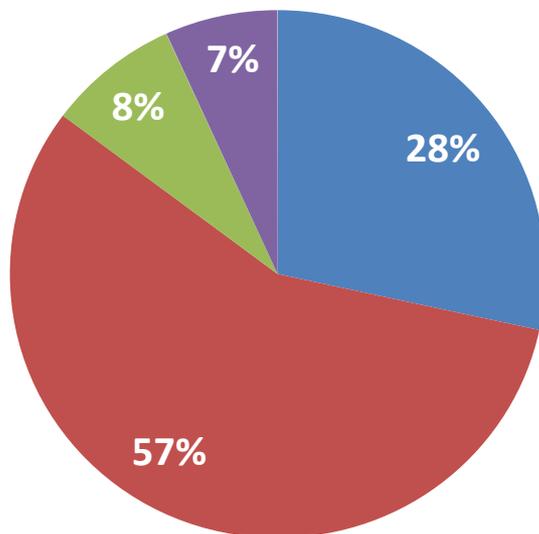
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The WCPF assessment

- Carried out 21 priority sites in Central Africa
- Identify major gaps and develop a workplan of priority actions for each country as well as at the regional level

SMART implementation in WWF Central Africa priority sites

- no training
- SMART training but no effective implementation
- SMART training and effective implementation
- n/a





The message

Wildlife crime is not poaching. It is **organized, lucrative international business**

There a vital need for a collaborative response amongst the various stakeholders for improved effectiveness and more impact

Monitoring LE efforts is crucial for appropriate adaptive management



THANK YOU!

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