

Law Enforcement Support and Monitoring in Central Africa

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Law Enforcement Support and Monitoring in Central Africa 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 imprisonmenteach 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



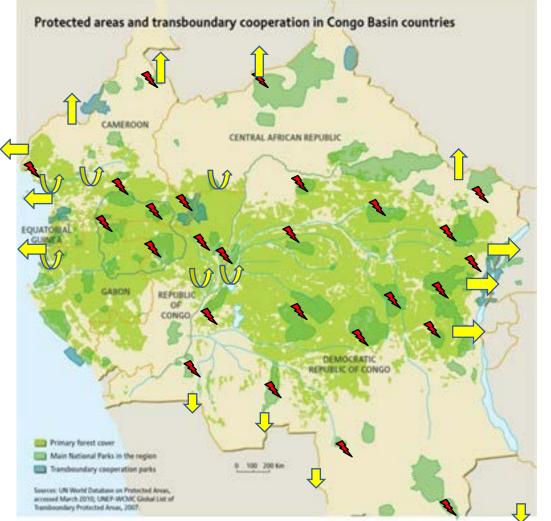






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Congo Basin has the particularity of been a source and transit region

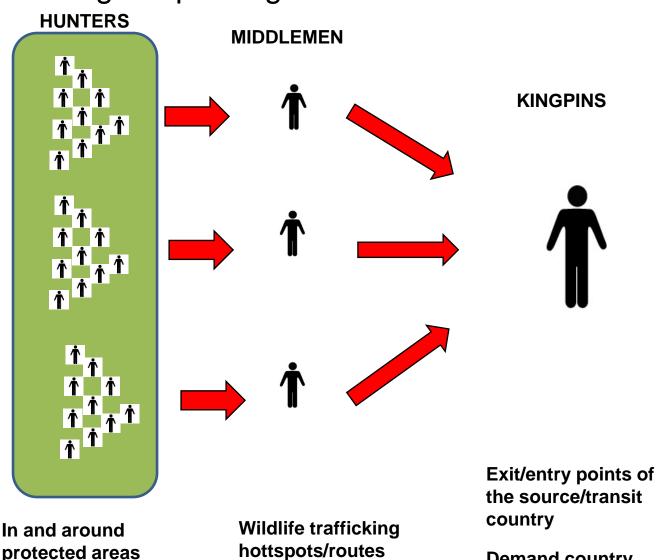


- Wildlife crime hotspots
- Wildlife trafficking routes
- Wildlife trafficking routes



Law Enforcement Support and Monitoring in Central Africa Our response

Shifting the paradigm



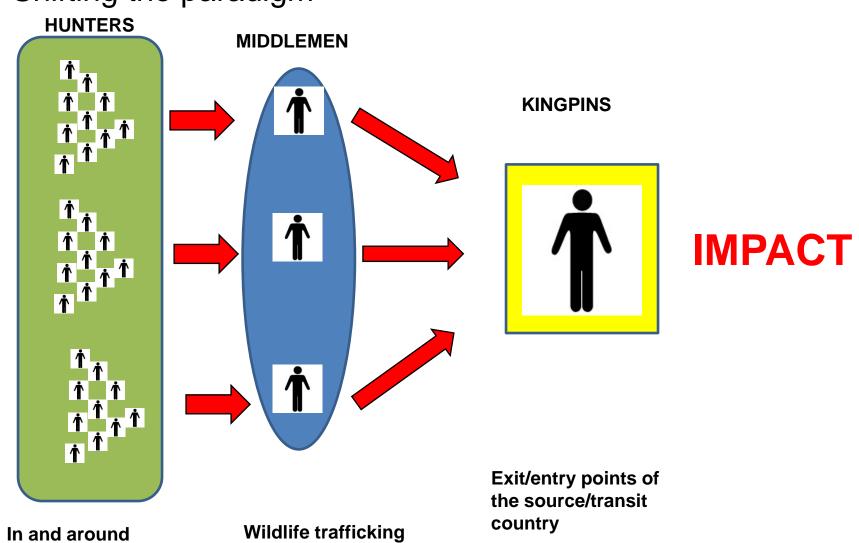
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Shifting the paradigm

protected areas



Demand country

hottspots/routes



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WWF revised law enforcement support strategy

Establishment of intelligence gathering systems

Support to antipoaching field operations

Support to judiciary follow up of wildlife cases

Communication



Setting up of field informants networksOrganization of field investigative missions



 Regular field patrols
 Targeted/special anti-poaching operations



Recruitment of experienced lawyers
 Close judiciary follow up of court cases



- Media publication of results of LE Activities
- Public awareness raise on WC related issues



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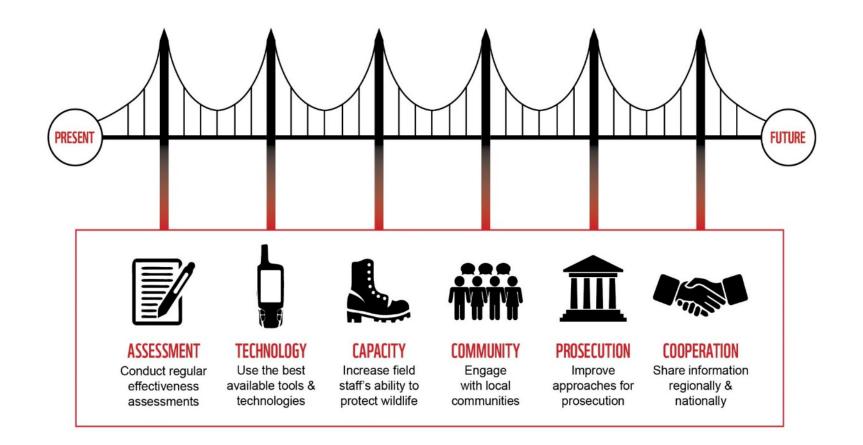
Capacity development of Law Enforcement officials

- ➤ 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





Law Enforcement Support and Monitoring in Central Africa The Zero Poaching Framework



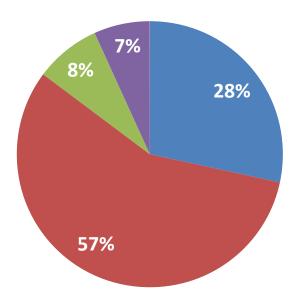


Law Enforcement Support and Monitoring in Central Africa The WCPF assessment

- 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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