

Horn of Africa Wildlife Enforcement Network (HAWEN)



Region and countries of the network
Horn of Africa/IGAD region: Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda.

Authorities involved

Wildlife Conservation Authorities (looking at expanding to other institutions)

Formal network

Brief description

HAWEN was created in 2017 by IGAD Member States with the objective of creating a regional network to strengthen intergovernmental cooperation to prevent and combat wildlife trafficking in the Horn of Africa. HAWEN is the implementing body of the IGAD's Wildlife Strategy.

(Reporting) structure / decision-making process

HAWEN Secretariat is sitting under the Sustainable Environment Unit (itself under the Agriculture and Environment Division) of IGAD HQ, Djibouti and is reporting to the Program Manager of the Sustainable Environment Unit.

HAWEN has established an Executive Committee composed only (for now) by wildlife conservation authorities appointed focal points. The HAWEN Secretariat is coordinating the activities with the Executive Committee.

Key activities

- Mobilisation of resources (human and financial) to sustain operationalization of the Secretariat
- Development of a Framework for harmonizing TFCA management (ongoing with CMS Secretariat)
- Organisation of annual Executive Committee meetings for reviewing implementation of HAWEN Action Plan

Key partners in the region

UNODC, Cheetah Conservation Fund, IFAW, TRAFFIC, US FWS

Website and other useful links

<https://www.hawen.org/>

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