

4th GLOBAL MEETING OF WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT NETWORKS

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Session 2 – Increased collaboration and communication, both within and between networks

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1) best practices, key challenges and lessons learned.

- **Best practices** – Cross Border Wildlife Security Meetings/Platforms
 - CWC sub-regional platform (sub-regional forum of four countries Malawi, Tanzania, Mozambique and Zambia);
 - Cross-border wildlife security meeting – Kenya/Tanzania, Zambia/Tanzania Uganda/Kenya
- **Key Challenges**
 - lack of financial resources to conduct joint investigations, complicated by differing domestic legislation, mandates, and limitations for action (e.g., investigators),
 - the desire for quick results, the desire to brand results and outcomes affecting investigations. There is need to invest in long-term investigations and long-term capacity building of the LE units
- **Lessons learned:**
 - Creation of specialised LE units/special task forces at national level proving to be effective in promoting interagency collaboration and collaboration with other networks
 - Specialised Units have also recorded tremendous success in countering transnational organised crime

2) key communication and collaboration challenges identified within the network and with other networks.

- Challenge in timely sharing of information on transnational organized wildlife crime (with the network & with other networks)
- Inadequate engagement in joint LE activities;
- Lack of a day to day information management/sharing structure in within member states.
- Infrequent correspondence/communication.
- Inadequate use of the communication tool/platform for sharing
- Covid – 19 travel restrictions affected collaboration

3) opportunities to enhance collaboration within the networks and with other networks identified.

- Establishment of new WENs offering opportunities for mentorship from the already existing WENS
- Formation of specialized LE units/national task forces (e.g. Tanzania and Uganda) - improved coordination at National level and collaboration
- Undertaking joint programs of mutual interest, as well as reciprocal participation in each others' events

Thank you/Gracias

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