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AML NRA Toolkit

# Environmental and Natural Resources Crimes Risk Assessment

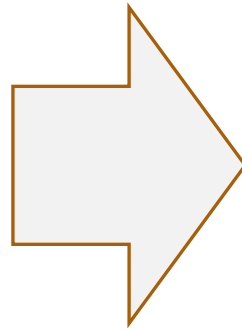
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# Background

## The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has 4 main roles:

- Develop international Standards to combat ML/FT
- Promote implementation of these Standards through guidance and best practices examples, monitor compliance and implementation by countries through the MER.
- Identify threats to financial integrity – examining typologies and risks.
- Identify high-risk countries.



- The World Bank developed the AML/CFT National Risk Assessment Tool to assist countries in evaluating this Risk
- NRA used in over 130 countries
- **GAP** – lack of environmental crimes considerations



- World Bank developed the **NRA Environmental Module** – which has so far been delivered in 14 countries.

# NRA – ENV Module

## Three step process:



### Identify:

the main natural resources crime threats in a country;  
the scale of illicit proceeds generated;  
how these proceeds move through the system.



### Assess country vulnerabilities in systems and processes:

legal framework;  
ability to combat these crimes and the related ML and TF to highlight strengths and weakness in the systems.



### Formalize an action plan:

to strengthen env. and natural resources crime and related ML and TF controls;  
to reduce vulnerabilities to ML and TF in natural resource sectors.

The ENV Module can be integrated into the broader country NRA or run as a separate module

# Who should use this assessment?

Jurisdictions exposed to environmental and natural resource crimes.



Environmental crime commonly refers to:

- Illegal logging and trade
- Wildlife poaching and trafficking
- Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing
- Illegal trade and dumping of hazardous waste
- Illegal extraction and trade in minerals

# NRA lessons and experiences

- ▶ Coordination, commitment and ownership are crucial
- ▶ Ensuring participation of all key stakeholders from government and private sector to build consensus
- ▶ To address lack of data:
  - Use expert working groups / NGO's / reports and studies
  - Put in place steps to collect data that will better inform updated assessments
- ▶ Drafting report findings can be a challenge:
  - Starting with a power point to focus on key issues (at interim before writing a full report)
- ▶ Tool is not a crystal ball. Use judgment to complement or adjust assessment:
  - Tool should trigger discussion
  - Discussion findings and conclusions are more important than the ratings
  - Process is an important opportunity to bring environmental issues higher into the national agenda



# Thank you

If interested to learn more, reach out to:

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