

## **Lusaka Agreement Task Force**



### **Region and countries of the network**

Member States: Congo Brazzaville, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia

Signatories: Ethiopia, South Africa, and Swaziland.

Open for accession to all African countries

### **Authorities involved**

Wildlife Authorities, Forestry Authorities, Customs, CITES MA, Police and Public prosecutions authorities

*Formal network*

### **Brief description**

LATF is an intergovernmental law enforcement Agency established in 1999 headquartered in Nairobi Kenya. It is the Secretariat and operational arm of the Lusaka Agreement on Cooperative Enforcement Operations Directed at Illegal Trade in Wild Fauna and Flora, also known as the Lusaka Final Act 1994. The Agreement which is listed as a United Nations Environmental Treaty no XXVII.11, Registration no 33409, was adopted in Lusaka, Zambia in 1994 and is open for accession to all African states. LATF is mandated to combat transnational illegal trade in wild fauna and flora mainly through fostering inter-state cooperation and collaboration among agencies.

### **(Reporting) structure / decision-making process**

Lusaka Agreement Task Force: Secretariat and Operational arm of the Lusaka Agreement on Cooperative Enforcement activities directed at illegal trade in wild fauna and flora. Implements activities of the Agreement in collaboration with National Bureau National Bureau: National Implementing Agency of the Agreement

Governing Council: Ministerial policy and decision-making organ of the Lusaka Agreement

### **Key partners in the region**

LATF has signed memoranda of understanding with CITES Secretariat, WCO, ICPO INTERPOL Secretariat, UNODC, Regional Centre for Small Arms (RECSA), COMIFAC secretariat, OCFSA, The Anti-smuggling Bureau of the General Administration China Customs ASB\_GACC

### **Website and other useful links**

<https://lusakaagreement.org>

### **Key activities**

To deliver specific support to Member States to prevent, investigate, prosecute and adjudicate crimes involving species of wild fauna and flora.:

Gather, analyze, and disseminate intelligence about wildlife security to member states and partners.

Investigating into violations of national laws;

Promoting trans-national and multi-regional wildlife law enforcement mechanisms as well as international cooperation among enforcement agencies ;

Implement capacity development initiatives in member states such as provision of specialized enforcement training and equipment, promoting inter agency collaboration through inter agency workshops, holding of cross border wildlife security meetings

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