



Combating
Wildlife
and Forest
Crime

Environmental Crime – the landscape (Part II)

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BROADER IMPACT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME



Habitat & biodiversity loss
amplify climate change



Loss of natural resources
threatens sustainable livelihoods



Pollution and illegal dumping
destroys habitats



Zoonotic diseases can cause
public health risks

ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME IS SERIOUS CRIME



Opportunities for organized crime and convergence



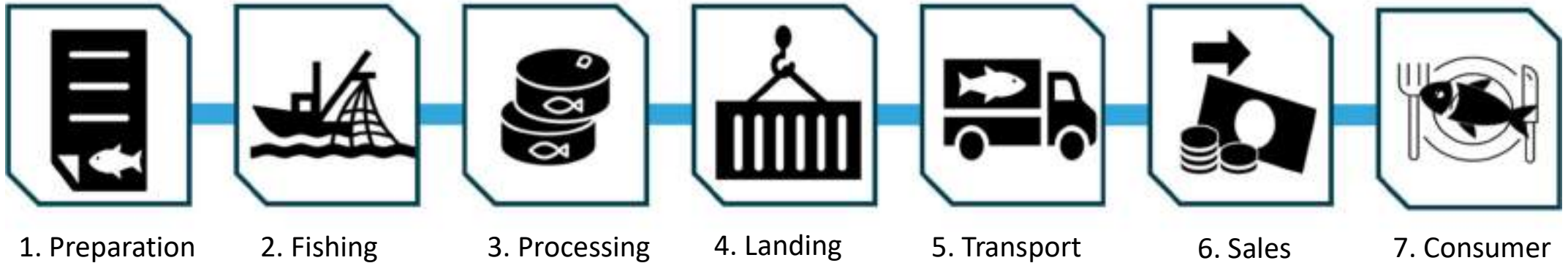
Illicit economies weaken the rule of law, peace & security

THREAT PICTURE: WILDLIFE AND FOREST CRIME

- Species displacement
- Geographic displacement
- Laundering through the legal supply chain
- Illicit income
- New modus operandi for trafficking



CRIMES IN THE FISHERIES SECTOR



FRAUD AND FORGERY

CORRUPTION

MONEY LAUNDERING

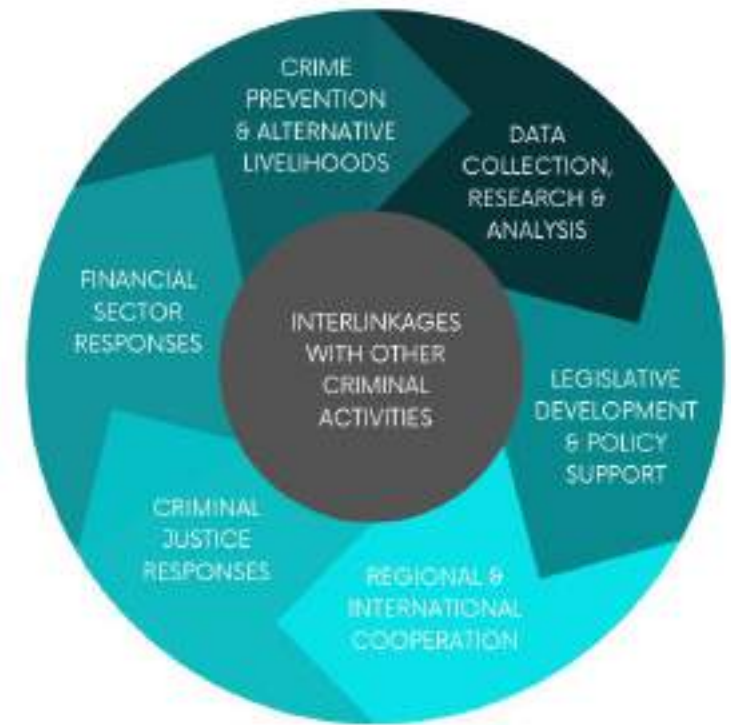
OTHER FORMS OF TOC

TAX EVASION

MINERALS-RELATED CRIMES

- Links with other organized crimes
 - Deforestation-driven illegal mining
 - Human trafficking and drug trafficking
 - Economic crimes and corruption
- Complexity and fragmentation of the supply chains
- Illegal trade in mercury

- Complex legal frameworks
- Lack of national coordination
- Weak state controls at border areas



UNODC Response Framework

THREAT PICTURE: LINKS TO OTHER CRIMES

Convergence



Corruption



RECURRING CHALLENGES



Lack of prioritization



Vulnerable supply chains



Corruption



Lack of awareness



Context specificity



Inadequate laws & lack of enforcement



Weak law enforcement capacity



Lack of cooperation



UNODC

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime



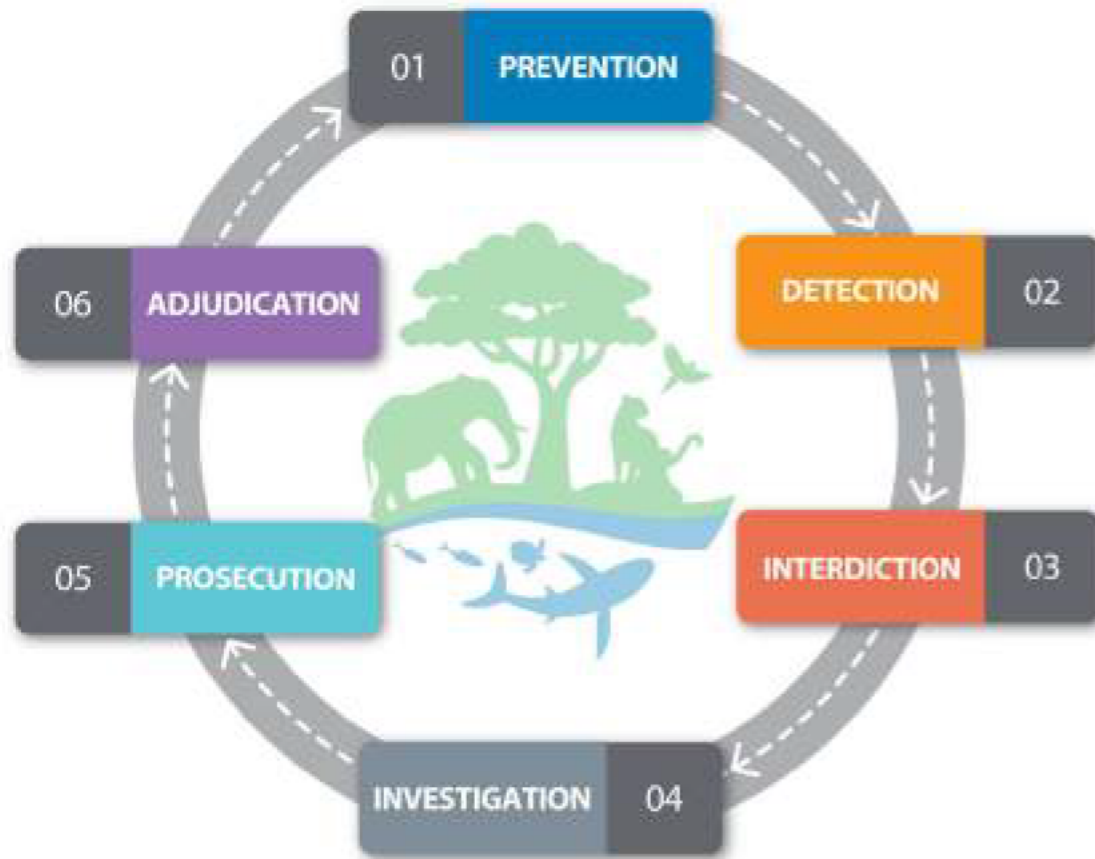
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OPERATIONAL IMPLICATIONS: WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

- Environmental crime is often serious, transnational organized crime
 - UNODC has the tools, but countries need to apply them
- Move beyond seizures
 - Strengthen the criminal justice chain
 - Need for national coordination
 - Need for international cooperation
- Working on broader areas of environmental crime & links to biodiversity and climate change
 - Waste trafficking
 - Trafficking in minerals & illegal mining



UNODC APPROACH: CRIME SCENE TO COURT



- Decade of work in this area
- Presence in the field
 - Technical assistance
 - Capacity building
- International coordination
 - ICCWC
 - EMPACT



THANK YOU

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