# Combating Corruption that Facilitates Illegal Wildlife Trade

- » Corruption is a key facilitator of the illegal wildlife trade and is broadly associated with transnational organized crime.
- » Corruption can occur anywhere, from the point of access to transport, export, and sale to consumers.
- » Programming to combat wildlife trafficking should be informed by careful assessment of the corrupt practices involved, the power and resources of change agents and their opponents, and associated risks.

## **Building Anti-Corruption into Conservation Programming**



#### **UNDERSTAND CORRUPTION**

Get familiar with how corruption impacts conservation and ways to respond

Take the TNRC eCourse



### **ASSESS YOUR SITUATION**

Identify how corruption affects the objectives of your own programming

Find TNRC tools for situation analysis



#### **ADAPT YOUR PROGRAMMING**

Consider approaches that fit your needs

Remember: Evidence suggests that targeting corruption through multiple approaches yields best results

Is corruption pervasive in the illicit supply chain and you're unsure where to target conservation interventions?

Is corruption in law enforcement and the criminal justice system impeding progress? Are higherlevel actors like organized criminals and corrupt officials escaping consequences? Do wildlife management systems incentivize corruption by neglecting community needs? Do official decisions and permitting systems lack transparency and thus enable corruption?

Are permissive social norms perpetuating corruption in your context?

Identify viable entry points along illicit supply chains

Explore the Supply Chains Guide Strengthen integrity in law enforcement and the judiciary

Explore the Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice Guide Target high-level actors by following the money

Explore the Illicit Financial Flows Guide Support inclusive approaches in wildlife management

Explore the Communities & Inclusion Guide

Empower the public as allies

Explore the Open Governance Guide Integrate behavioral change approaches

Explore the Social Norms & Behavior Change Guide



#### CASE STUDY: Strengthening park management procedures to reduce opportunities for corruption

Corruption in wildlife management agencies can facilitate poaching and trafficking. WWF Kenya and the Basel Institute on Governance are analyzing corruption vulnerabilities that enable poaching in different contexts and ways to strengthen accountability in National Park and Protected Area management systems. Corruption risk-informed Standard Operating Procedures are being integrated into control room software to increase layers of oversight and reduce opportunities for corruption (TNRC Pilot 2023).

This TNRC "Cheat Sheet" outlines pathways to get started with anti-corruption programming. For more information and resources, visit tnrcproject.org.

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