



UFW and WWF progress in addressing Wildlife trafficking & its impact

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Wildlife trafficking & its impact

- **\$200 billion+ USD** per annum for illegal wildlife and timber
- Directly linked to other organized crime including narcotics, human trafficking
- Low risk, high reward
- Uses ***your*** infrastructure and risks ***your*** reputation

60% of the world's wildlife lost in the last 50 years

2023-Transport projects

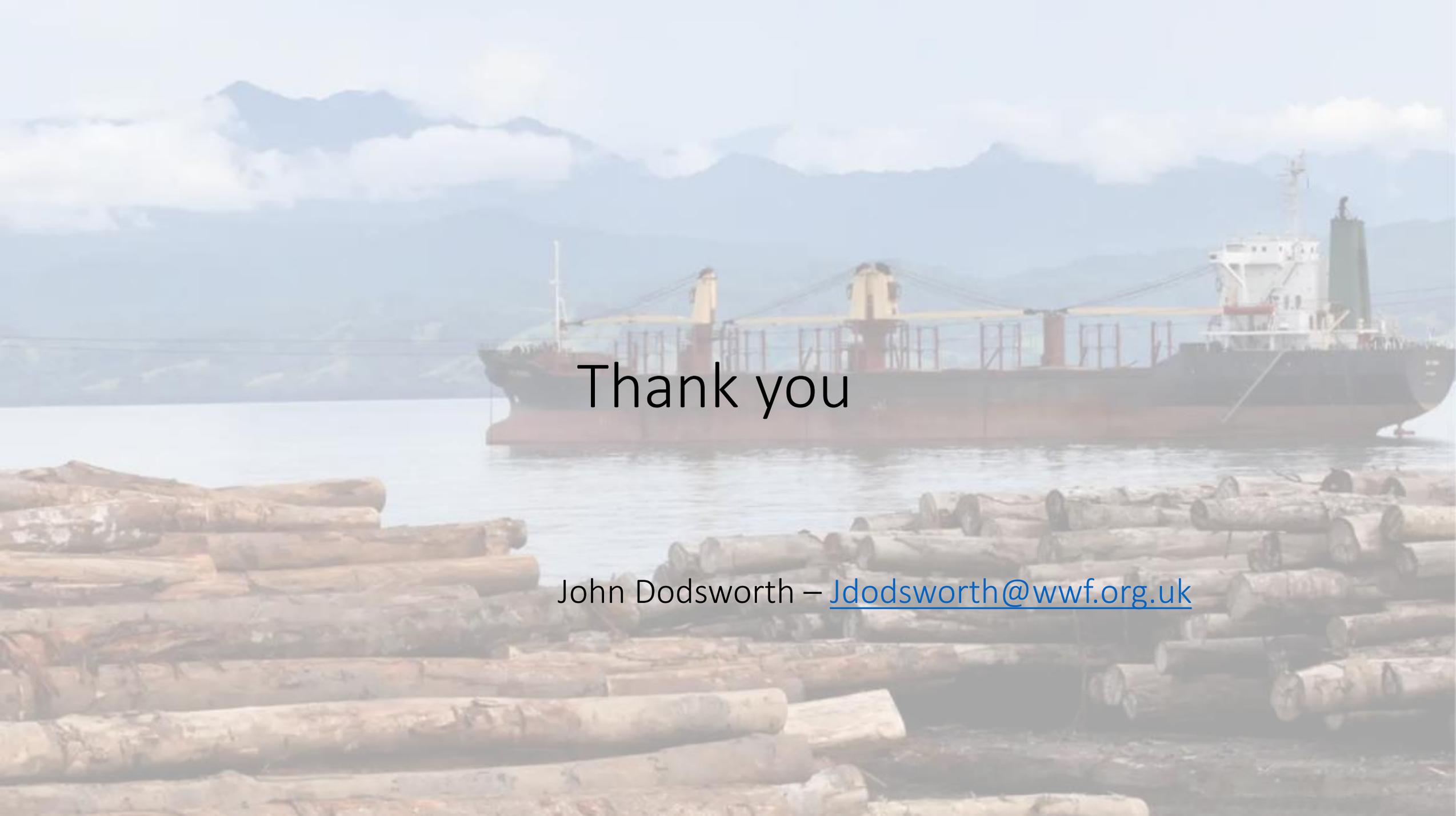
- Provide support to **Project Seeker**-
 - Microsoft algorithm to detect IWT using 3D scanning rollout in Dubai Airport;
 - Potential pilot integration with Port scanners in Jebel Ali;
- Provide support to **Project Vikela**-TRAFFIC, IATA, WWF led project to develop algorithm to detect rhino horn using 2D testing
- Strong partnership with IATA, ACI, IMO, INTERPOL, WWF, TRAFFIC etc.
- Integration of IWT into **IATA IEnvA** Cargo Service Provider certification (2023)
- Creation of a **maritime IWT certification** and the integration of benefits through partners or finance taskforce members (e.g. banks, insurance)
- Membership increases, especially airports, airlines, maritime shipping and logistics
- Integration of Transport into SAAMLIT and ESAAMLG
- Specialised intelligence bulletins and investigation support
- Direct CITES support on shipments

UFW & WWF collaboration

- **Collaboration** - role of UFW is collaborative and works with partners, such as WWF, to achieve mutual objectives and that this year will be a watershed for the maritime industry and the fight against organised crime. Role of InterPortPolice to better identify risks associated with IWT and reduce vulnerability of critical infrastructure focussing on the transport including maritime.
- **Guidelines** - adopted by the IMO 2022. The IMO sent a clear signal to the industry with the adoption of the Guidelines will incite to catalyze global cooperation in the maritime sector to fight the illegal wildlife trade.
- **Training** - WWF, IMO and World Maritime University are developing an E-learning Course on “Introduction to Counter Wildlife Trafficking in the Maritime Supply Chains”.
- **Information sharing** - Supporting Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) on specific cases.
- **Tool development** – to develop a screening tool for the shipping sector combining of WorldCheck/search data to be integrated in risk screening tools by shipping companies.



Wildlife trafficking is not just a conservation problem, it is a global security issue, a public health issue, and an economic issue

A large cargo ship is docked at a pier. The ship is dark-colored with a white superstructure and yellow cranes. In the foreground, there are numerous stacks of large logs. The background features a range of mountains under a blue sky with some clouds.

Thank you

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