

B5 LIFE SWIPE PROJECT ACTION

European workshop on wildlife crime findings to establish new transnational working relations

28, 29, 30 June 2022. Madrid (Spain)

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

TUESDAY JUNE 28

DAY 1: EU Context /TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION

Aim of this day: participants from different backgrounds would understand the policy context of wildlife crime and how tackling wildlife crime is a priority in the EU. Katalina will share the main findings from the European summary report. Relevant networks will present themselves and reflect on the SWiPE reports.

09:00-09:30	<i>Welcome & Participants registration</i>
09:30-09:45	<i>Opening remarks</i>
09:45-10:00	<i>The EU policy context and how the European Green Deal helps tackle wildlife crime?</i> TO BE CONFIRMED
10:00-10:35	<i>Revision of and proposal for a new Environmental Crime Directive. What to expect from the legislative procedure?</i> Representative of the European Commission 20 mins presentation and 15 mins Q&A
10:35-11:00	Coffee break
11:00-11:30	<i>Challenges and opportunities for a renewed EU Action Plan</i> Representative of DG ENV. To be confirmed 20 mins presentation and 10 mins Q&A
11:30-12:00	<i>Lessons learnt: national implementation; the TIFIES Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking</i> Representative of the Ministry of Ecological Transition, Spain 20 mins presentation and 10 mins Q&A
12:00-12:30	<i>Interagency cooperation in Europe among enforcement authorities. How do the EMPACT priorities work?</i> Jose Antonio Alfaro Moreno (EUROPOL) 20 mins presentation and 10 mins Q&A
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-15:45	<i>Wildlife crime prosecution in Europe – results in 11 countries in the framework of the LIFE SWIPE project</i> Katalina Engel (External expert, WWF Romania) 30 mins presentation and 15 mins Q&A
15:00-16:30	<i>Roundtable discussion: what is needed for successful wildlife crime prosecution in Europe?</i> Paul Stimson (ENPE), Faustino Gudín (EUFJE), (EnviCrimeNet), and IMPEL (pending confirmation)

	60 mins panel discussion 30 mins Q&A
16:30	<i>Voluntary field visit*</i>

**Pending confirmation and according to the interest of the participants*

WEDNESDAY JUNE 29

DAY 2: INNOVATIVE APPROACHES TO TACKLE WLC

Aim of this day: present best practices for detecting and investigating wildlife crime, involve participants.

09:00-09:10	Welcome and introduction to the second day
09:10-09:40	<i>Sturgeons and wildlife crime – evidence for trafficking of critically endangered sturgeon in the Lower Danube Region</i> Jutta Jahrl (WWF Austria. LIFE 4 Danube Sturgeon project manager) 20 mins presentation and 10 mins Q&A
09:45-10:30	Investigation and detection of wildlife crime – Workshop 1
10:30-11:00	Coffee break
11:00-11:45	Investigation and detection of wildlife crime – Workshop 2
11:50-12:35	Investigation and detection of wildlife crime – Workshop 3
12:40-13:40	Roundtable on how to effectively detect and investigate wildlife crime Mario Kern or Ondrej Koporec (Enviropolice Slovakia), Tte Adrián Sánchez Romero (SEPRONA) and Iñigo Fajardo (Junta de Andalucía, Spain) 45 mins panel discussion 15 mins Q&A
13:40-15:00	Lunch
15:00-16:00	Interactive discussion in groups on the effectiveness of detection and investigation of wildlife crime
16:00-16:30	Report back on group discussions
16:30	Voluntary field visit* On-site exhibition: Tools and procedures in the crime scene. The use of dog units in Spain to fight WLC (best practice in situ demonstration). Estrategia anti veneno Andalucía
20:00	Dinner**

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*** Not covered*

INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS DAY 2. WEDNESDAY 29

09:45-10:30 WORKSHOP 1

Participants will be split in groups A and B

A) TOOLS AND TECHNOLOGIES TO COMBAT WLC (Dog Units, GPS, DRONES).

Transmitters with the latest detection technologies

Roberto Sánchez Mateos

B) INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS AND INVESTIGATIONS TECHNIQUES (C14, DNA, etc.) – Facilitator:

Sarah Stoner or Steve Carmody (Wildlife Justice Commission)

The role of intelligence analysis in the fight against wildlife trafficking (using the trafficking of pangolins as an example of how organised crime is impacting our environment).

Sarah Stoner (Wildlife Justice Commission)

Participants will be split in groups A and B

11:00-11:45 WORKSHOP 2

THE SCENE OF THE CRIME. – Speaker/ Facilitator: Íñigo Fajardo, Junta de Andalucía, Spain

*Learn from the masters: how do perpetrators try to hide illegal wildlife materials?
Lessons learned and challenges to fight wildlife poisoning / Ocular inspection*

EU-TWIX, AN INTERESTING TOOL TO TACKLE WLT. Speaker/ Facilitator: Representative from Traffic

How to make use of this tool to tackle wildlife trafficking?

Participants will be split in groups A and B

11:50-12:35 WORKSHOP 3 CYBERCRIME. TO BE CONFIRMED

THURSDAY JUNE 30

DAY 3: SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION

Aim of this day: the role of Eurojust will be covered, and notable wildlife crime cases will be presented and discussed. The program on this day will be directly useful for prosecutors and judges, but at the same time, it will be relevant for law enforcement personnel, too.

09:00-09:10	Welcome and introduction to the third day
09:10-09:40	<i>What is the role of Eurojust in wildlife crime cases?</i> Representative of EUROJUST 20 mins presentation and 10 mins Q&A
09:45-10:15	<i>Lights and shadows of 25 years of fighting against the poisoning of fauna in Spain / The role of NGOs fighting WLC (particular/popular accusation).</i> Pablo Ayerza (Wildlife crime lawyer)
10:20-10:50	Wildlife crime case study 1
10:55-11:25	Wildlife crime case study 2
11:30-12:00	Coffee break
12:00-13:00	<i>Roundtable on the lessons learnt and challenges to reducing impunity in wildlife crime cases / How does specialization help reduce impunity in wildlife crime cases?</i> Teodor NIȚĂ (ENPE), EUFJE (pending confirmation) , Jorge Moradel (Prosecutor), Pablo Ayerza (Wildlife crime lawyer), 40 mins panel discussion 20 mins Q&A
13:00-13:30	<i>Estimation of the value of species and the environmental damages</i> Carlos Javier Durá Alemañ (CIEDA- CIEMAT)

	20 mins panel discussion 10 mins Q&A
13:30-14:30	Lunch
14:30-15:30	Interactive discussion in groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group A (several sub-A-groups, depending on the number of participants). Provide ten selected best practices and discuss how to improve them from their perspective. • Group B. Choose one exemplary case and comment on the keys to success.
15:30-16:00	Report back on group discussions
16:00-16:15	Preliminary conclusions and closing remarks

WILDLIFE CRIME CASE STUDIES

10.20-10.50

Participants will be split in groups A and B

A. Case study: **Italian process concerning date mussels (*Lithophaga lithophaga*)**
Andrea Franco (Lawyer who followed the case) (pending confirmation)

B. Case study: **Spain's harshest wildlife poisoning conviction in Tudela** Prosecution case in Spain
Lawyer who followed the case or NGO involved (Pablo Ayerza o David de la Bodega)

10.55-11.25

Participants will be split in groups A, B and C

A. Case study: **Spanish European eel case**

Speaker to be confirmed (Jueza o **Faustino Gudín**) (pending confirmation)

B. Case study: **The Valdezii-case**

Rafael Soczó, Environmental Police in Hungary (pending confirmation) and the prosecutor working on the case

C. Case study: **Carpatos Operation**

Teodor NIȚĂ (Prosecutor. ENPE)