ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADE

AT THE GLOBAL LEVEL

350 MILLION

Plants & animals are sold on the black market every year.

Wildlife trafficking is one of the most lucrative forms of illegal activities. Annual global value of $7-23 BILLION

CONSEQUENCES

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30-100 BILLION USD

Estimated illegal logging.

Involve very significant organised crime, violent conflict & terrorism.

MAJOR ENVIRONMENT CRIMES

- Timber
- Minerals
- Fish
- Wildlife
- Waste

Drivers

- Corruption
- Lack of law enforcement
- Increasing demand
- Corporate crime
- Mafias
- Conflict

CONSEQUENCES

- Emissions of greenhouse gases
- Poverty
- Species extinction
- Impacts in national economies
- Barrier to sustainable development
- Livelihoods in risk

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IN LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

The region has almost 50% of global biodiversity.

A range of wildlife is being illegally hunted & traded: timber, birds, fish, turtles, river dolphins, wild cats, butterflies.

TOP 5 ILLEGALLY TRADE ANIMALS TO USA

- Caimans
- Iguanas
- Crocodiles
- Queen Conches
- Sea turtles

TOP 10 ILLEGAL WILDLIFE PRODUCTS SEIZED IN USA

- SHOES 5,760
- EGGS 9,128
- MEAT 68,4681 lbs
- FEATHERS 3,238
- SMALL LEATHER PRODUCTS 4,783
- MEDICINAL PRODUCTS 2,279
- SCIENTIFIC SPECIMENTS 4,002
- LIVE ANIMALS 3,569
- MOLLUSK SHELLS 3,704
- DEAD ANIMALS 4,048

RESPONSES TO THE PROBLEM

- Consumer demand reduction.
- Legal tools: deterrence, transparency, legal clarity, strengthened environmental legislation, compliance and awareness, support to enforcement agencies.
- Alternatives and sustainable livelihoods.
- Strengthen environmental management and enforcement for sustainable development.
- Investment in capacity building of and technological support to national law enforcement agencies.

SOURCES: Various publications (2010-2015) by Interpol, UNODC and UNEP.