GOAL: To disrupt wildlife trafficking by reducing the use of legal transportation supply chains.

- Improving Data Analytics
- Engaging Corporate Leaders
- Training Transport Personnel
- Strengthening Policies & Protocols
- Increasing Collaboration with Enforcement
Improving data analytics

- Analysis of seizures of rhino horn, ivory, reptiles, birds, mammals, pangolins, and marine products transported by air
- Development of interactive dashboard
Trafficking - Europe

- Seahorses, eels, coral, fish bladders, tropical fish, mollusk etc..
- S.E. Asia was the most significant intended destination (HKIA)
- Europe acts as a destination and transit point for wildlife products
- Prominent origin point for European eel elvers
Eel trafficking by air

• 28 seizures
• c. 5,000 Kg
• Potential black market value: 20 million USD
• 78% found in passenger luggage

Individual to weight conversion based on 3,000 fish to 1Kg (UK Environment Agency).
Engaging corporate leaders

- Industry guidance and action plans
- B2B toolkit
- Profiling industry actions
Training transport personnel

- General awareness training material
- Face-to-face training

- Role specific E-modules
- Aviation staff video
- Staff ‘toolbox talks’
Strengthen policies and protocols

• IATA Resolution committing to take action
• IATA & ACI Wildlife Trafficking Taskforces established
• Three industry guidance documents adopted, and one document endorsed
• Start of socialization for wildlife trafficking to be recognized as a secondary security threat
Increasing collaboration with enforcement

- Identifying trafficking opportunities
- Prototype for a reporting app
- Test case for automated illegal wildlife detection

Traffickers of all types tend to utilize the same trafficking methods to evade detection in airports. Some networks overlap, and may move other illicit products in addition to wildlife (In Plane Sight).

Mexico arrests 'hitman' for trafficking endangered fish

September 14, 2018

- Recognizing trafficking as a secondary security threat
• Increase support for awareness-raising and targeted demand reduction campaigns in the EU and worldwide

• Raise awareness of business sectors trading in wildlife products within/from the EU or facilitating such trade

• Support private-sector initiatives to curb the illegal wildlife trade and encourage sustainable sourcing of wildlife products in/from the EU

• Commitment 2: Increase passenger, customer, client, and staff awareness about the nature, scale and consequences of wildlife trafficking.

• Commitment 6: Identify and promote systems for staff and the public to report suspicions in relation to the transportation of illegal wildlife and their products.

• Commitment 7 (1): Improve the training of staff within the transport sector to enable them to detect, identify and report suspected illegal wildlife trade.

• Commitment 7 (2): Acknowledge staff who champion this cause.

• Commitment 8: Develop a secure, harmonized system for passing information about suspected illegal wildlife trade from the transport sector to relevant customs and law enforcement authorities, where permitted by law
Regional Training Modules

Training tools to help teach air transport employees how to detect, safely respond to, and report incidents of wildlife trafficking.

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The USAID Reducing Opportunities for Unlawful Transport of Endangered Species (ROUTES) Partnership brings together transport and logistics companies, government agencies, development groups, law enforcement, conservation organizations, academia and donors to disrupt wildlife trafficking activities, and forms a key element of the concerted international response to addressing wildlife poaching and associated criminal activities worldwide.
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