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PROJECT LEAF

LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE FOR FORESTS

An INTERPOL project combating illegal logging
and organized forest crime



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Acknowledgements

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- INTERPOL is also working closely with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and its GRID Arendal centre in Norway



Environmental Knowledge for Change



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Project LEAF – Law Enforcement Assistance for Forests

- Recognises the danger posed by illegal logging to the world's forests – habitat destruction, species extinction, and climate change
- Supports countries in working towards forest sustainability and the management of carbon emissions
- There is a direct relationship between illegal logging and deforestation rates



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- 15-30% of all timber is from illegal sources
- 90% of the timber in some key producer countries is illegal
- A football field is clear-cut by illegal loggers every 2 seconds.
- The US, China, the EU and Japan import 80% of the world's illegal timber



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- Up to US\$30 billion per year in lost revenue to governments.
- Suppresses global timber prices by 7-16% ➡ US\$30 billion in lost revenue for the timber industry



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Illegal logging not restricted by national borders

- Target those at the top of forest mafia – by following the money
- Illegal logging and the international trade in illegally harvested timber is a serious, organized international crime
- Engage different government agencies, including police, customs, forestry authorities and financial and tax regulators.



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Objectives

- Project LEAF supports a strong, coordinated, international law enforcement response to illegal logging and associated forestry crime
- Targets criminals responsible for corruption, smuggling and violence
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Activities

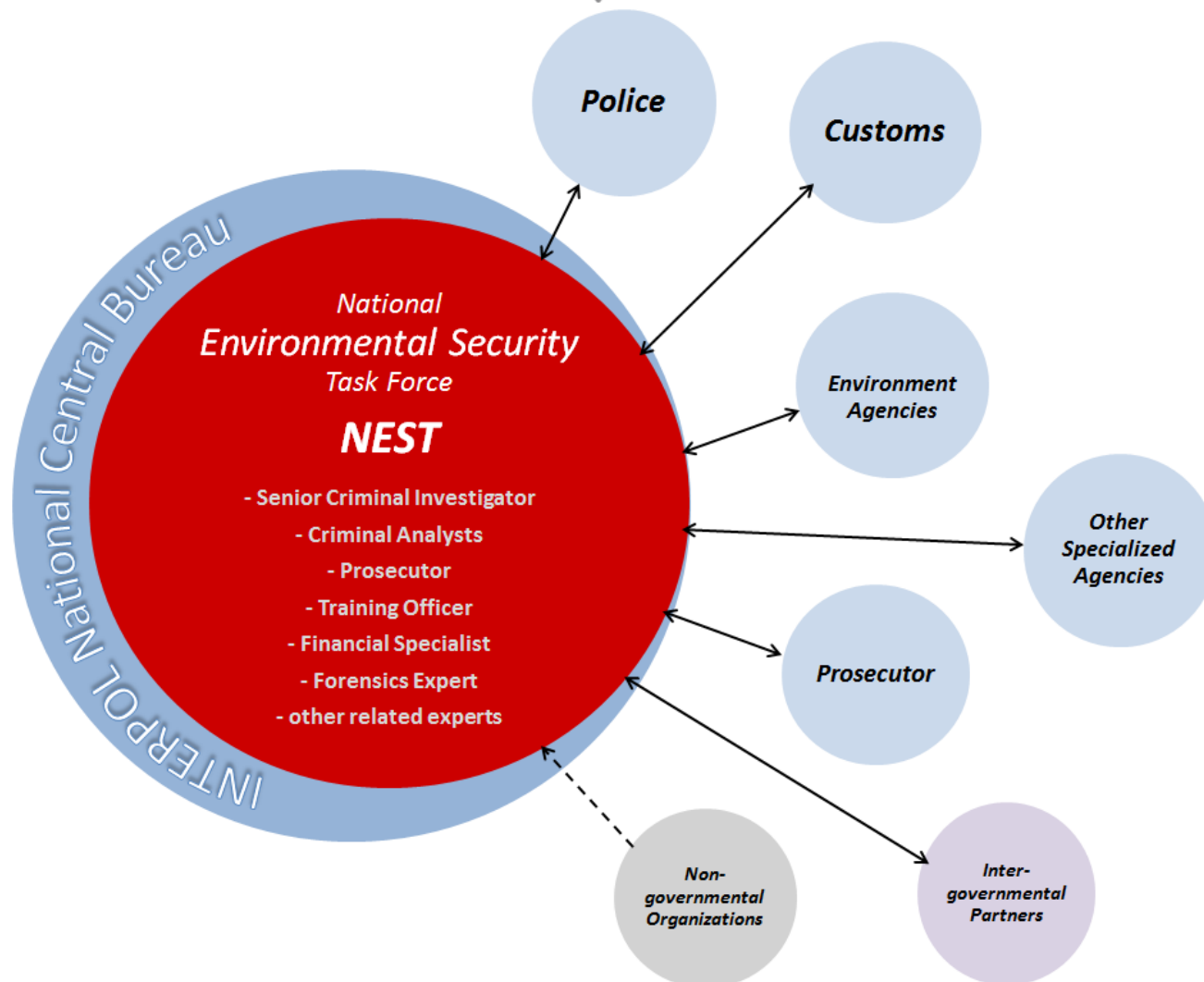
- Awareness raising – to make forestry crime a priority
 - Build law enforcement capacity
 - Harmonize laws
 - Clarify mandate and coordinate work between agencies
 - Tackle corruption
 - Clarify land tenure



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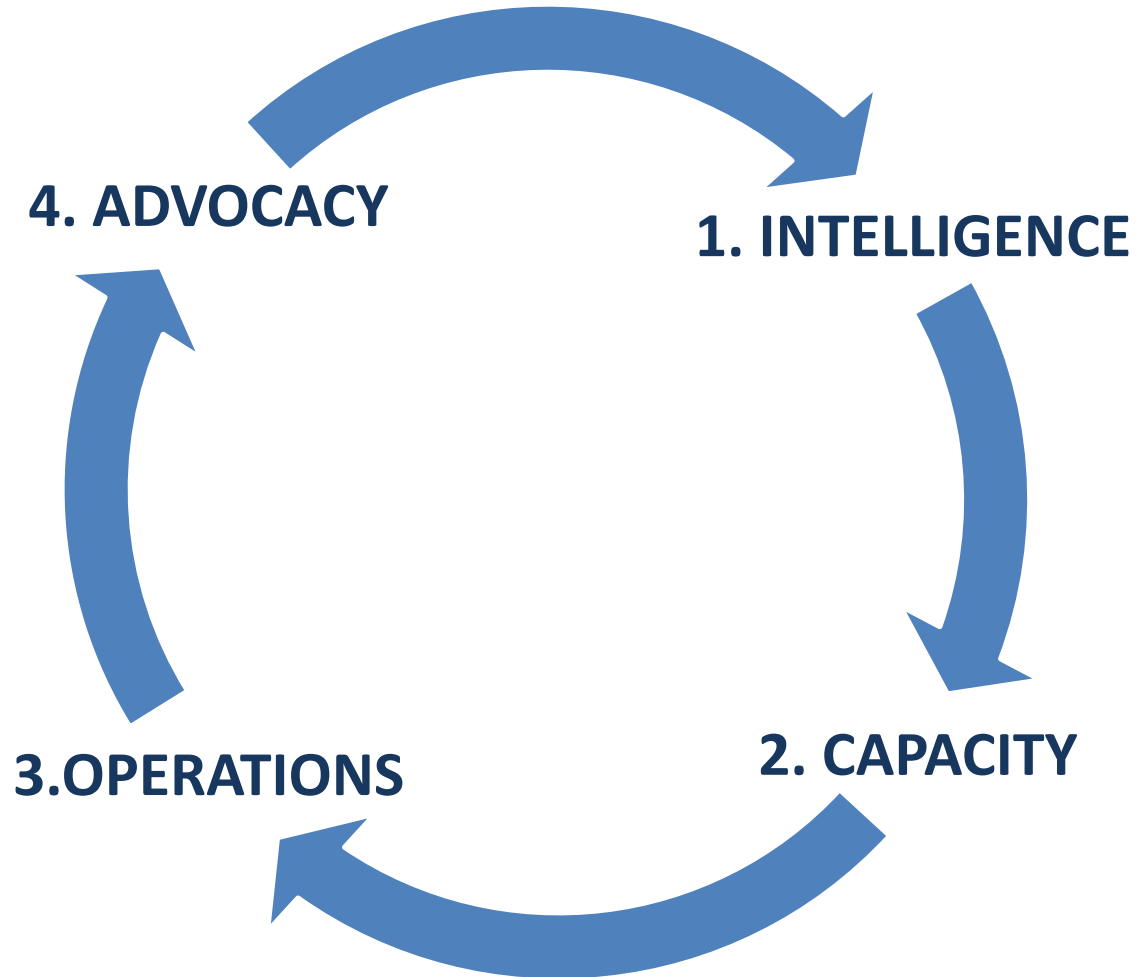
- Capacity building
 - Training programmes
 - Manuals and guides
- Provide strategic analysis
 - Develop a global picture of illegal logging including source regions, transit routes, destinations, *modus operandi*, and key players
- Support cross-border police operations



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International Consortium for Combating Wildlife Crime (ICCWC)

- INTERPOL, World Customs Organisation, CITES Secretariat, World Bank and UN Office of Drugs and Crime
- Wildlife Crime Analytical Toolkit - to assess capacity needs



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THANK YOU!

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