

PROJECT BRIEF | December 2017

Partnership against Poaching and Illegal Wildlife Trade (Ivory and Rhino-Horn) in Africa and Asia



IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD: 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2019



Bilateral dialogue between Viet Nam and Mozambique on cooperation for international wildlife crime prevention, November 2015

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PROJECT GOALS/OBJECTIVES

The project aims to strengthen multi-agency, transcontinental enforcement cooperation against illegal trade in elephant ivory and rhino horn in Africa and Asia through:

- Improving and implementing the legal framework for cooperation between Viet Nam and Mozambique to combat wildlife trafficking.
- Generating actionable intelligence on wildlife crime networks operating between Africa and Asia that can support investigation, prosecution and conviction (specifically between Mozambique and Viet Nam).
- Institutionalizing wildlife crime prevention education to sustain media engagement.



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KEY ACTIVITIES

- Finalize and promulgate the Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) between Viet Nam and Mozambique, as well as Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and other agreements in criminal matters including wildlife.
- Conduct staff exchange, on-the-job coaching and inter-agency coordination on the execution of the MLAT, MOU and/or agreement between Mozambique Attorney General’s Office (PGR) and Viet Nam Supreme People’s Procuracy (SPP).
- Organize debriefing sessions for selected provincial key prosecutors from hotspot areas on legal assistance.
- Support the annual review meeting between Vietnamese and Mozambican counter partners to review the implementation of the MLAT, MOU and/or other agreements.
- Conduct intelligence-gathering on rhino horn and ivory trafficking networks in Viet Nam.
- Provide on-the-job technical support for law enforcement agencies on the management of criminal cases (e.g: species identification, investigation, prosecution and conviction).
- Support parallel investigations and facilitate intelligence-sharing between Viet Nam and Mozambique.
- Develop a training curriculum on investigative journalism towards illegal wildlife trade. Facilitate application of the training curriculum in extracurricular programs at the Academy of Journalism and Communication.
- Provide technical assistance to Viet Nam’s CITES Management Authority.



EXPECTED OUTCOMES/FUTURE DIRECTION

- Support Viet Nam’s SPP to explore the opportunity to gain a new MLAT with a range of states and countries, e.g. Angola, Kenya.
- Conduct criminal case management and review meetings to accelerate enforcement and policy changes.
- Build up a network of, and provide advanced/ updated skills to investigative journalists on wildlife crimes. Engage media and journalists on addressing issues of wildlife trafficking.



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PROJECT LOCATIONS



Viet Nam



Mozambique



KEY PROJECT PARTNERS

- Viet Nam Supreme People’s Procuracy (SPP).
- Mozambique Attorney General’s Office (PGR).
- The Academy of Journalism and Communication (AJC).
- CITES Management Authority (CITES MA).

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