

# Illegal Wildlife Trafficking Survey for U.S. Conservation Law Enforcers, 2018

Illegal wildlife trafficking – the poaching or other take of protected or managed species (such as endangered freshwater turtles) and the illegal trade in wildlife and their related parts and products (such as elephant ivory, rhino horn, and bear parts) – has escalated into an international crisis. Illegal wildlife trafficking is both a critical conservation concern and a threat to global security with significant effects on the national interests of the United States and the interests of our partners around the world.

In coordination with the USFWS, TRAFFIC is performing an assessment to gather and synthesize the latest information and analyses of the scope and scale of illegal wildlife trade in the U.S. and its linkages to external illegal markets. Your input as a conservation law enforcer is greatly appreciated to help us to establish priorities for further research, as well as domestic physical and online surveys.

For additional information on this assessment or with questions, please contact: [robin.sawyer@traffic.org](mailto:robin.sawyer@traffic.org), CC: [crawford.allan@traffic.org](mailto:crawford.allan@traffic.org).

For more information on TRAFFIC, visit: <https://www.traffic.org/>.

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1. In which state do you work? \*

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2. Who is the best point of contact for wildlife trafficking-related information in your state? \*

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3. What are the top wildlife enforcement priorities in your state? \*

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4. Is the illegal take of wildlife for the intent of trade an issue in your state? \*

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

5. If so, which species and how are they taken?

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6. Is illegal interstate transit of wildlife an issue for your state? \*

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

7. If so, which species and how are they transported?

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8. Do you think that illegal consumption of wildlife is a concern in your state? \*

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

9. If so, which species and what groups are the major consumers?

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10. Do you think that actors in your state may be involved in illegal export of wildlife to other countries? \*

Mark only one oval.

Yes

No

11. If so, which species and how are they exported?

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12. Do you think that poaching/trafficking of wildlife involving your state is getting better or worse? \*

Mark only one oval.

Better

Worse

Neither

13. Are there any state-based groups or agencies that you think would have information of value on illegal take and/or trade in domestic and exotic species? If so, which ones? \*

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14. How can information on seizures and prosecutions at the state-level related to native and exotic species be best accessed? (Note that at the federal level the USFWS maintains data on import/export only.) \*

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15. Is there any anecdotal information that you would like to share on wildlife/wildlife product seizures or investigations involving your state?

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16. Have you encountered any commingling of illegal wildlife products with other types of illicit goods (firearms, drugs, people)? \*

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

17. If so, please explain.

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18. Do you think that organized crime is involved in wildlife trafficking in your state? \*

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

19. If so, please explain.

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20. What information do you need that would help you to better enforce the law regarding illegal trade in wildlife? \*

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21. Do you have contacts/collaborators in other states that you would recommend TRAFFIC be in touch with?

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22. What is your name (optional), and may TRAFFIC contact you? If so, please provide your email address and/or phone number.

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**Thank you for your assistance to prioritize areas of investigation by TRAFFIC on illegal wildlife trafficking involving the U.S.**

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**NOTICES****PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT**

We are collecting this information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501) to conduct a survey to analyze the scope and scale of illegal wildlife trade in the U.S. and its linkages to external illegal markets. Your response is voluntary. We may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. OMB has reviewed and approved this survey and assigned OMB Control Number 1090-0011.

**ESTIMATED BURDEN STATEMENT**

We estimate public reporting for this collection of information to average 20 minutes to complete the form, including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data and completing and reviewing the form. You may submit comments on any aspect of this information collection to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, Madonna L. Baucum, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (BPHC-PPM), 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: BPHC Falls Church, VA 22041-3803, or via email at [Info\\_Coll@fws.gov](mailto:Info_Coll@fws.gov). Please do not send your completed form to this address.