



# INTERPOL ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME PROGRAMME



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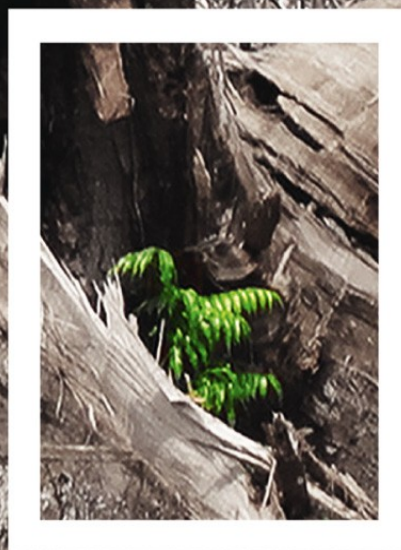
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# PROJECT LEAF

LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE FOR FORESTS

An INTERPOL project combating illegal logging  
and organized forest crime



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## Acknowledgements

- Project LEAF is financially supported by the Norwegian Agency for Development (NORAD)



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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

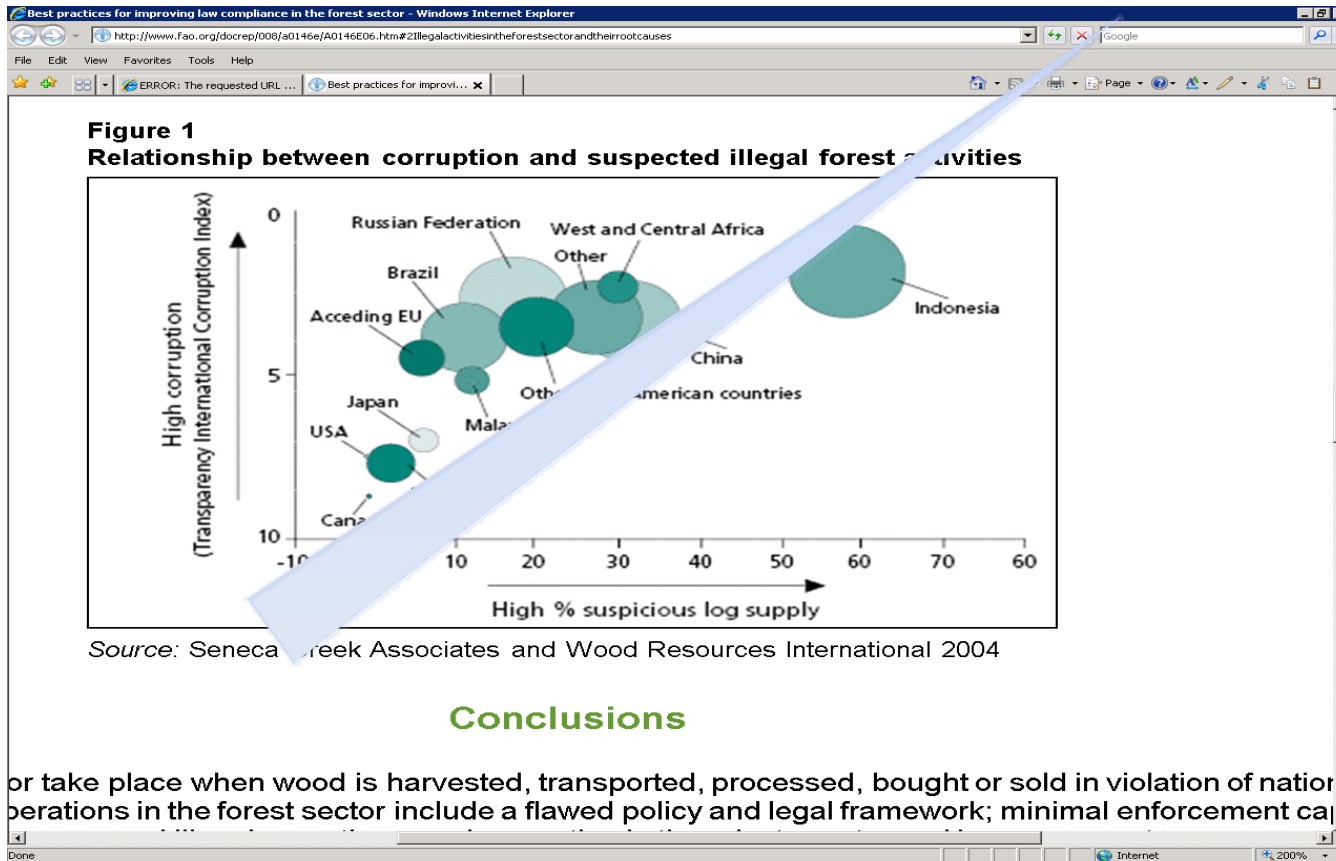
- Recognises the danger posed by illegal logging to the world's forests – habitat destruction, species extinction, and climate change
- Supports countries in working towards forest sustainability and the management of carbon emissions
- There is a direct relationship between illegal logging and deforestation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





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## Relationship between corruption and suspected illegal forest activities



Bubble size represents the volume of suspect roundwood, including imports

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## Project LEAF – Law Enforcement Assistance for Forests

- 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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## Project LEAF – Law Enforcement Assistance for Forests

- 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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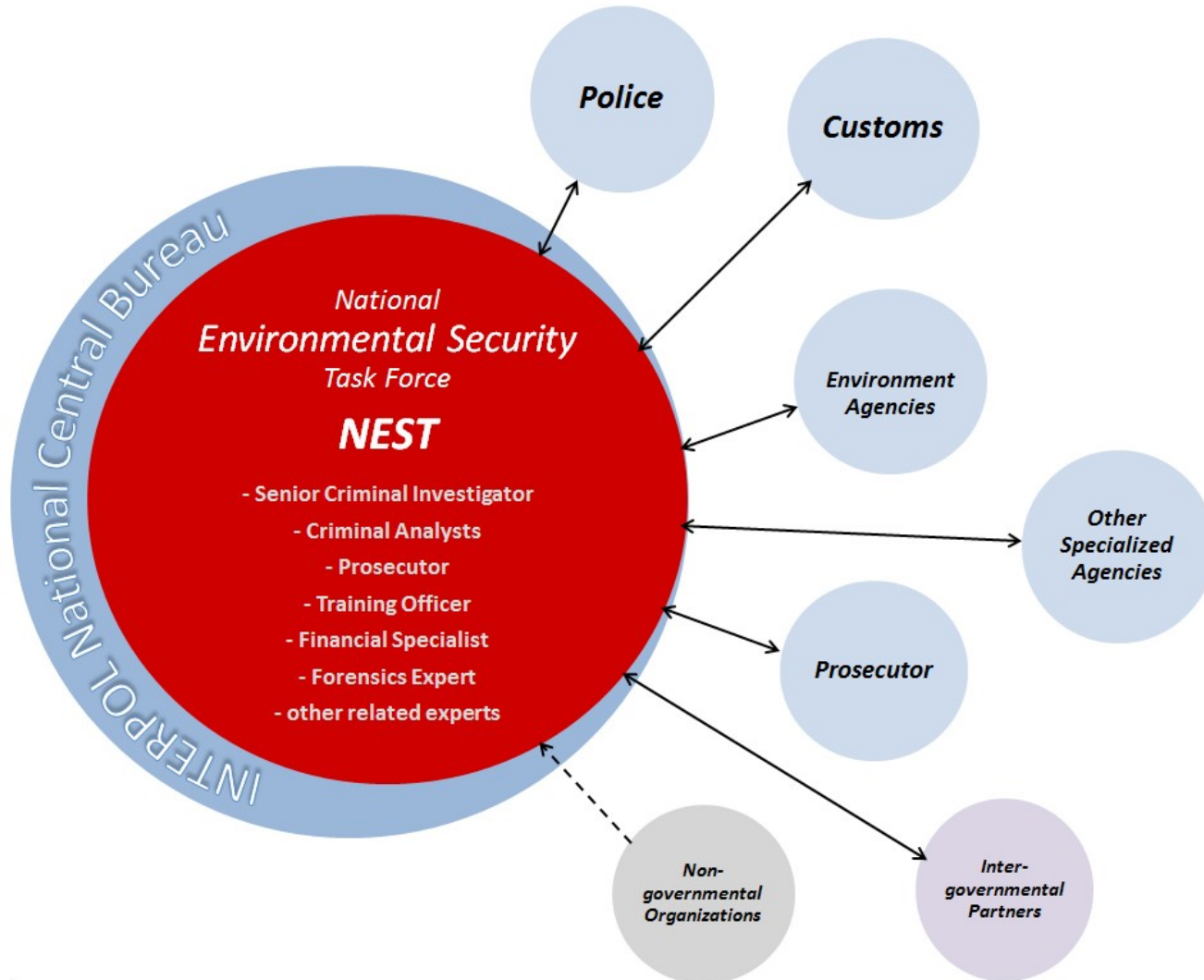
## Activities

- 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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## Activities

- 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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**THANK YOU!**

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