

Contribution of INTERPOL on the Call for Information on Illegal Traffic and Trade

Interpol Environmental Security Programme undertakes a number of activities aimed at countering pollution-related crimes and protecting the quality of the environment. INTERPOL receives direction and support from the INTERPOL Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Committee (ECEC), and the Pollution Crime Working Group (PCWG). These are extended networks of executive leaders, decision makers and specialized experts from across INTERPOL's 192 member countries who provide strategic advice and work together to harness global support.

1. Facilitation of country-led law enforcement operations

INTERPOL has coordinated several law enforcement operations aimed at tackling illegal trade in waste.

Operations codenamed HAZ were facilitated in 2009 and 2010, targeting illegal transportation of hazardous material between the US and Canada.

The different phases of operation ENIGMA took place from 2012 to 2013. This operation aimed to target illegal trade in electronic waste in Europe and Africa.

In June 2017, INTEPRO facilitated operation "30 Days of Action". The operation targeted illegal landfill activities and illegal shipments of all types of waste, including electronic, industrial, construction, household and chemical waste. Police, customs, border and environmental agencies from 43 countries from every region of the world participated in the Operation.

A specific focus on illegal waste discharges from vessels is made in 2018. A global country-led operation will be facilitated during the last quarter of the year.

INTERPOL also supported WCO in the implementation of operation DEMETER, targeting illegal shipments of hazardous and other waste controlled by the Basel Convention.

2. Capacity building activities

To enhance capacity building and capabilities of environmental law enforcement agencies against waste trafficking and other related crimes, INTERPOL has produced, individually or with relevant partners, several tools such as the *Pollution crime forensic investigative manual, case study handbooks and e-learning modules*.

In 2018, *the investigative manual on illegal oil discharges from vessels* has been updated and is being translated in Spanish, French and Arabic.

3. Criminal intelligence analysis and investigative support

INTERPOL was involved in the implementation of Project CWIT (Countering WEEE Illegal Trade Project), a European Commission-led project aimed to examine illegal flows of e-waste and to develop recommendations for law enforcement. CWIT involved INTERPOL in data gathering activities and research work, including volumes of illegal WEEE flows, crime typologies and enforcement gap analysis.

4. Advocacy and network

To enhance cooperation among member countries and to maintain a global network of experts, INTERPOL is maintaining partnerships with UN Environment, WCO, ENFORCE members, the Green Customs Initiatives or IMPEL.