

ENDING WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING: COMMUNITIES AS CHANGE AGENTS



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The Global Risk Governance programme, University of Cape Town, and the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime invite you to the following seminar

25 October 2018

12h30-14h30

Studio 3
Environmental & Geographical Science
Building
South Lane, Upper Campus
University of Cape Town

A light lunch available from 12h30

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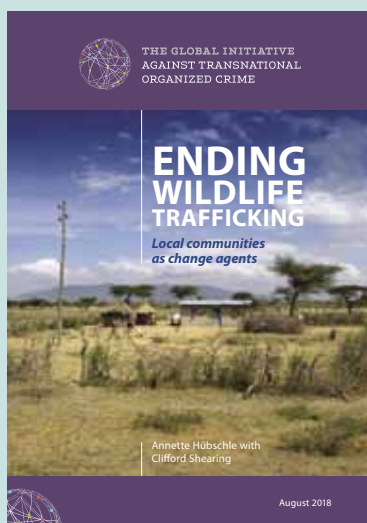
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SUMMARY

Why are rhino protection in specific and conservation efforts in more general terms failing so dismally in most of southern Africa? A new report by the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime describes how a multiplicity of anti-poaching, conservation and management measures have been implemented to protect rhinos. Despite encompassing everything from para-militarized anti-poaching responses, regulatory changes and tougher enforcement measures to demand reduction campaigns in consumer countries, none of these responses has achieved tangible results in lowering unnatural rhino deaths through illegal hunting in southern Africa.

The international donor community, conservation non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and governments have disbursed millions of Dollars to fight illegal wildlife trade and continue to do so. We argue in this report that these measures are bound to fail as they do not engage with the most important change agent in conservation: local people that live in or near protected areas and game reserves.



FEATURED SPEAKERS

- Professor Maano Ramutsindela (Department of Environmental & Geographical Science, UCT) in conversation with
- Dr Annette Hübschle (Global Risk Governance Programme, UCT, Senior Fellow at the Global Initiative and report author)
- Nelisiwe Vundla (Community Development and Learning Lead in Khetha Program, WWF-SA) and
- Emile Smidt (PhD candidate at International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague)

Read the report at: <http://globalinitiative.net/ending-wildlife-trafficking/>