



**GLOBAL
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AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL
ORGANIZED CRIME

SIDE EVENT

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO COUNTER WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING: CHALLENGES AND BEST PRACTICES



23 NOVEMBER 2022
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ROOM: ISTMO 4

Panama Convention Centre, Calle Gral.
Juan D. Peron, Panama City, Panama

The illegal wildlife trade spans geographical regions from source countries to consumption markets making it an inherently global problem demanding global solutions. International enforcement cooperation is recognized as being crucial for an effective response, but despite attempts to address the problem, international enforcement cooperation is often seen as weak, arduous and inadequate.

This event will discuss the findings of recent research conducted by the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime (GI-TOC) and the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) that explored the challenges and opportunities regarding international cooperation for wildlife crime. We will discuss why there is a disconnect between the ideal mechanisms for cooperation and the practical realities, and explore possible solutions for the future to enhance prospects of success.

Participants are invited to stay for refreshments after the event.

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