

European Network of Prosecutors for the Environment

Presentation to the:
1st INTERGOVERNMENTAL TASK FORCE
ON ILLEGAL KILLING, TAKING AND
TRADE OF MIGRATORY BIRDS IN THE
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Background to ENPE

- Numerous calls for a network for environmental prosecutors
- Founded in September 2012
- Membership of environmental prosecutors from across Europe (EU27 and beyond)
- Board of 5, representing: Belgium, France, Ireland, Sweden and England.



European Network of Prosecutors for the Environment



Our aim is: “to improve compliance with EU environmental law by addressing uneven and incomplete implementation across Member States through improvements to the efficiency and effectiveness of prosecutors and judges in combating environmental crime”.

Our Mission

- Promote the prosecution of environmental crime by supporting the operative work of environmental prosecutors
- Strengthening trans-national ties
- Exchanging information and experience
- Delivering training
- Providing guidance on best practice
- Data collection and analysis concerning environmental law and its criminal enforcement
- ‘Completing the chain’: IMPEL, Eurojust and EUFJE



5 Year Workplan (Slide1)

- ENPE LIFE PROJECT: Ambitious programme of work for 2015-2020
- Funded through the European Union LIFE programme
- Partnership between the **Environment Agency** (England), **Environmental Protection Agency** (Ireland), **Åklagarmyndigheten** (Sweden), **Openbaar Ministerie** (Netherlands) and the **European Union Forum of Judges for the Environment (EUFJE)**



5 Year Workplan (slide 2)

- A strengthened secretariat for ENPE and EUFJE;
- Study into non-compliance with environmental law, barriers to prosecution and measures to address these;
- Annual programmes of events, conferences and seminars;
- **Training packages and “Best Practice” guides (Core work);**
- Website and newsletters;
- Database of national judgments.



5 Year Workplan (slide 3)

➔ Working groups on 4 areas of trans-national environmental crime:



Waste crime



Wildlife crime



Chemical pollution



Prosecution and sanctioning practice



The Working Groups

- Each group has a minimum of 8 members
- In the case of the working group WG1 - Wildlife Crime group – it will produce a written report on barriers and solutions to tackling wildlife crime;
- 2 presentations on the WG's interim findings;
- A presentation on final findings;
- A suite of training materials and “Best Practice” guides will be produced.



Current Profile of Wildlife Crime in the European Enforcement Community

At the first Conference of all European Environmental Enforcement Networks, in May 2016, wildlife crime featured. There were presentations on:

- The EU Action Plan on Wildlife Trafficking – presented by the EU
- Cases on the Illegal taking of CITES bird species – presented by judges of the Flanders Environmental Court;
- A major prosecution of illegal hunting and killing of Larks and Pipits in Romania for the Italian restaurant trade - by a Romanian Prosecutor;
- Breakout sessions on the above cases led by the presenters;
- A Workshop of the Working Group on Wildlife Crime – led by Lars Magnusson of ENPE.



A few recent images relating to crimes involving birds



THE SCALE OF WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING

Wildlife trafficking is a serious criminal activity, and it's on the rise

Wildlife trafficking is globally **third only behind narcotics and illegal arms trade**

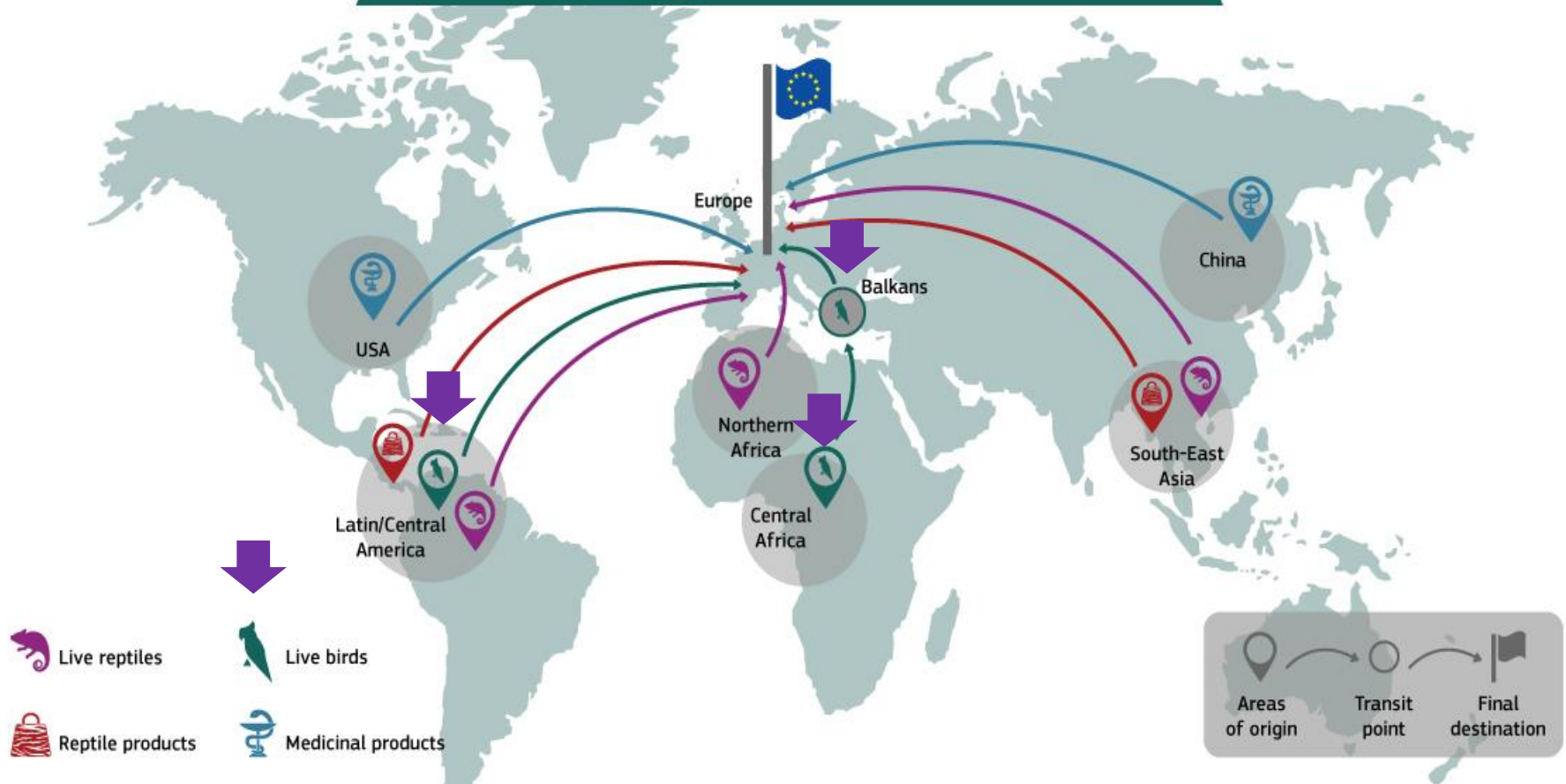


This is a slide from a recent EU presentation which brings wildlife crime into the big league

This slide
shows the
market focus

ROUTES OF WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING

EU AS FINAL DESTINATION MARKET



From the Romanian Prosecution



**Pipits and Larks – shot
by Italian hunters in
Romania for Restaurant
trade in Italy**

**Breaches of hunting and
firearms laws and
corruption by officials**



Flanders Case - CITES Schedule “A” Raptor species:



Eggs & chicks stolen from
Wild – France & Spain

Smuggled in incubators to
Belgium

Hand reared, forged rings and
false dealer declaration

False CITES certificate –
captive born and bred



Hummingbird smuggling



**Dutch citizen, arrested French Guyana,
main case investigated and prosecuted
in the Netherlands.**



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