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Thursday, 23 May 2024
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(Webinar in English with simultaneous interpretation in French and Spanish)

Overview
The Global Wildlife Program (GWP) Legacy Webinar Series present the impact that recently concluded GWP projects from across Africa, Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean have made in combating illegal wildlife trade and promoting wildlife-based economies, while offering invaluable lessons.

This event will focus on the achievements and insights gained from two recently closed GWP projects in Ethiopia and Thailand, both funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), and with support from the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) as GEF agency.

Spanning two continents, these projects addressed critical aspects of wildlife trafficking chains, from poaching in protected areas, to the challenges of law enforcement and coordination, and consumer demand.

In Ethiopia, the project “Protected Area Management and Illegal Wildlife Trafficking Enforcement” was executed by the Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority and Ethiopia
Biodiversity Institute. In Thailand, the project “Combating Illegal Wildlife Trade, focusing on Ivory, Rhino Horn, Tiger and Pangolin” was executed by the Department of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation.

Join Us to learn more about the projects’ good practices, including multi-stakeholder engagement to bolster law enforcement capacity, investigations and coordination at provincial, national and regional levels; the webinar will also explore the innovative application of Social Behavior Change Communications (SBCC) to reduce the demand for illegal wildlife products and the pivotal role of community participation. Furthermore, the projects will discuss opportunities for scaling up best practices through their participation in the new GEF-8 funding cycle.

Opening Remarks
Doley Tshering,
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Monica Zavaglia,
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Featuring speakers
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This virtual event is hosted by the Global Wildlife Program, a Global Environment Facility-funded program dedicated to combating illegal wildlife trade and promote wildlife-based economies.

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