

# Ethics in the battle against wildlife crime and trafficking



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# What do we mean by 'Ethics'?

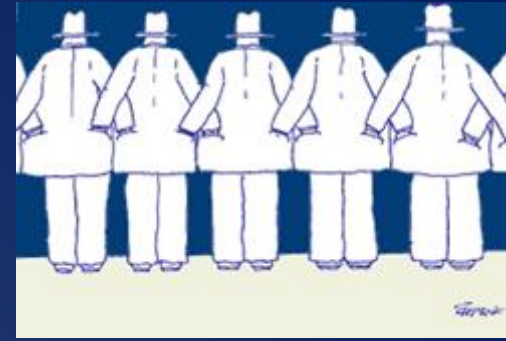
- Relating to morals
- Treatment of moral questions
- Rules of conduct
- Standards that guide decisions and actions
- The science of law

# What do we mean by 'Corruption'?

- dishonest or fraudulent conduct by those in power, typically involving bribery
- Illegal, bad or deceitful behaviour

“...by those in power...” Is this accurate?

It is not a one-way street!



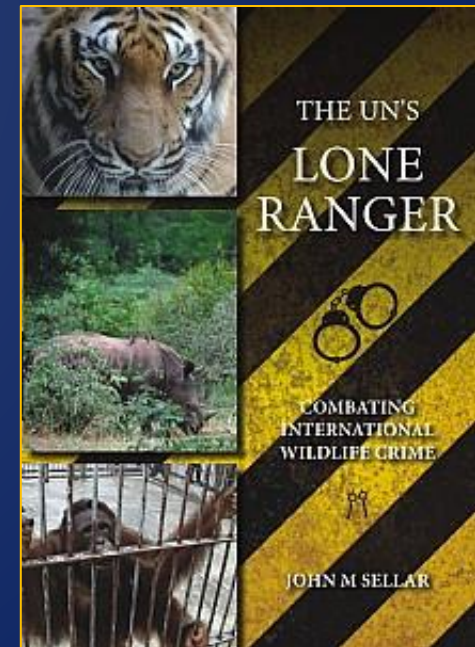
A corrupt person has a *price*

An honest person has a *value*

An unethical person focusses on the *ends*

An ethical person focusses on the *means*

Is this how we see ourselves?



## Corruption

- Civil servant accepting bribe to issue CITES permit
- Game Scout informing poachers of rhino's location
- Customs official being paid to clear shipment containing contraband
- Investigator pressured to 'lose' evidence
- Prosecutor being influenced to mark case 'No Action'

## Unethical Behaviour

- Fabricating evidence
- Coercion of witnesses
- Torture of suspects
- Turning a 'blind eye'
- Engaging in compromising relationships
- Acting as Agent provocateur
- Failing to comply with confidentiality rules
- Lack of fairness and impartiality

# Is this ethical?

- Sentencing a rhino poacher to 58 years in jail
- Calling for life imprisonment for ivory possession
- Adopting shoot-to-kill policies for anti-poaching staff
- Failing to adequately train enforcement personnel
- Failing to adequately equip anti-poaching staff
- Failing to pay staff a living wage or compensate injury
- Failing to consider the needs of rural communities
- Failing to evaluate funding and donor support
- Ignoring human rights
- Imposing your views on others



# Honesty and ethics go hand-in-hand...

“There are few public agencies in which the classic preconditions for institutional corruption are so conveniently presented as in a Customs administration”

*Michel Danet*  
*ex-Secretary General*  
*World Customs Organization*



# Promoting ethical standards...

- Mission statements
- Codes of conduct
- Leadership
- Discipline
- Morale
- Reform
- Human resource management
- Transparency
- Organizational culture
- Audits and investigation

# CORPORATE SERVICE CHARTER

*"Commitment to courtesy and excellence in service delivery"*



## OUR MISSION

Conserve, manage and enhance Kenya's Wildlife, its habitats, and provide a wide range of public uses in collaboration with our stakeholders for prosperity.

## OUR VISION

Save the last great species and places on earth for humanity.

## OUR CORE VALUES

Passion, Professionalism, Innovation and Quality.

## Our vision – what we want to achieve

The world's best organisations succeed because they are inspired by a strong vision. To make the scale of our ambition clear, the Met's vision is to:

1. Make London the safest global city
2. Be the best crimefighters, by any measure
3. Earn the trust and confidence of every community
4. Take pride in the quality of our service
5. So that people love, respect and are proud of London's Met

## Achieving our ambitions – values, standards and behaviours

Our shared values reflect the special nature and demands of policing London. They are so important to us, because they shape and guide the way we work.

- Professionalism
- Integrity
- Courage
- Compassion

# The ultimate form of discipline...

Unethical behaviour can also be illegal



# Using anti-corruption legislation to combat wildlife crime and trafficking...

Invariably contains:

More extensive penalties than wildlife law

More extensive powers for:

- accessing bank accounts and financial records

- intercepting communications

- surveillance – electronic and human

- ‘sting’ operations

- witness protection

**Remember** – corruption is not a one-way street

# Follow the money...

- In every direction
- Inappropriate focus on seizing profits and assets?
- What about the money spent by organized crime groups and networks, for example on bribes?
- Use 'illegal enrichment' provisions against the corrupt and the corrupters

# Targeting the corrupt or unethical...



How easy is it for organized crime to target you?



# The Child Test

Ask yourself what you would tell your child to do, if he or she were in your situation

If you wouldn't tell your child to do what you're considering doing, then maybe you should think again

