



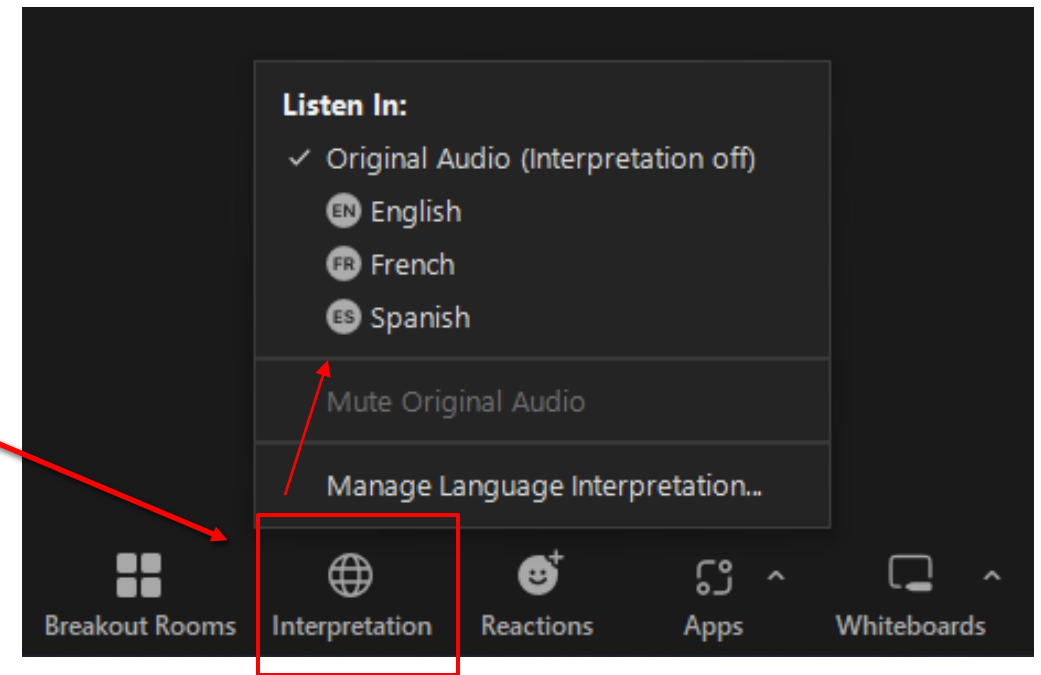
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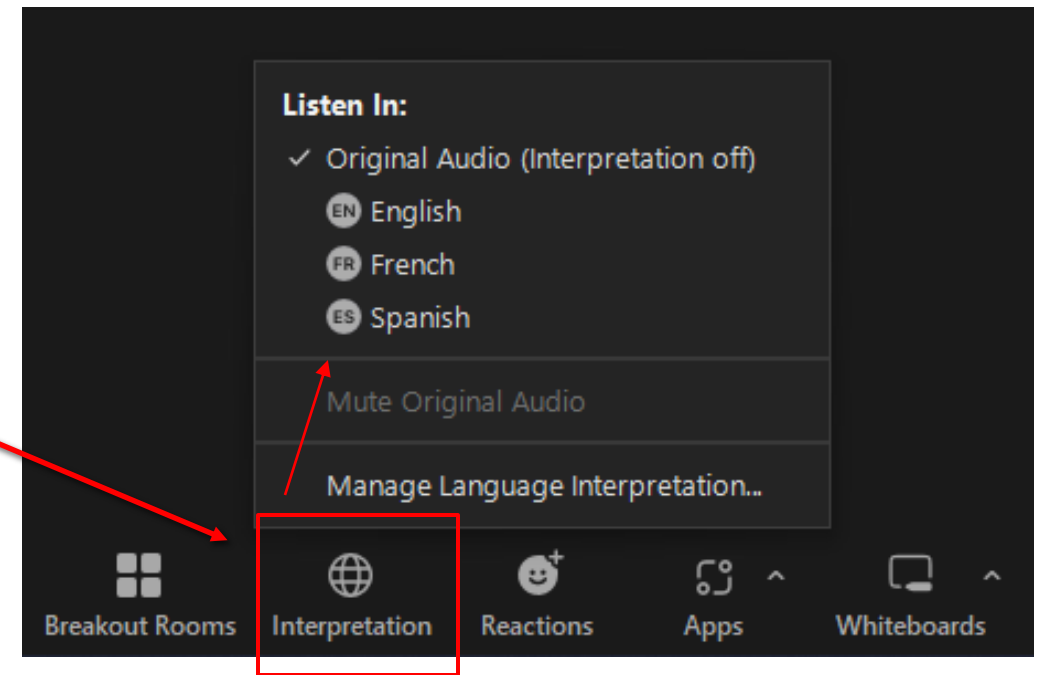
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# Achievements from the Ethiopian GEF 6 Project “Protected Area Management and Illegal Wildlife Trafficking Enforcement”

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# Project overview

- **Objective:** to build Ethiopia's capacity for biodiversity conservation through increased effectiveness of protected area management and implementation of measures to reduce Illegal Wildlife Trade (IWT) and poaching.
- The project was launched in ***March 2018 and closed in December 2023*** (***~6 years***)
- Implemented in ***five project sites as well as nationally***
- Globally coordinated by the ***GWP***

## Expected Project Outcomes:

1. Improved protected area management
2. Combating wildlife crimes through implementation of anti-trafficking measures
3. Landscape approach and community-based natural resource management
4. Knowledge management, M&E and gender mainstreaming

# 1. Reduction in Poaching on Elephants

>75%

How was this achieved?

Strengthening Protected Area Management

Integrated Law Enforcement



Capacity building



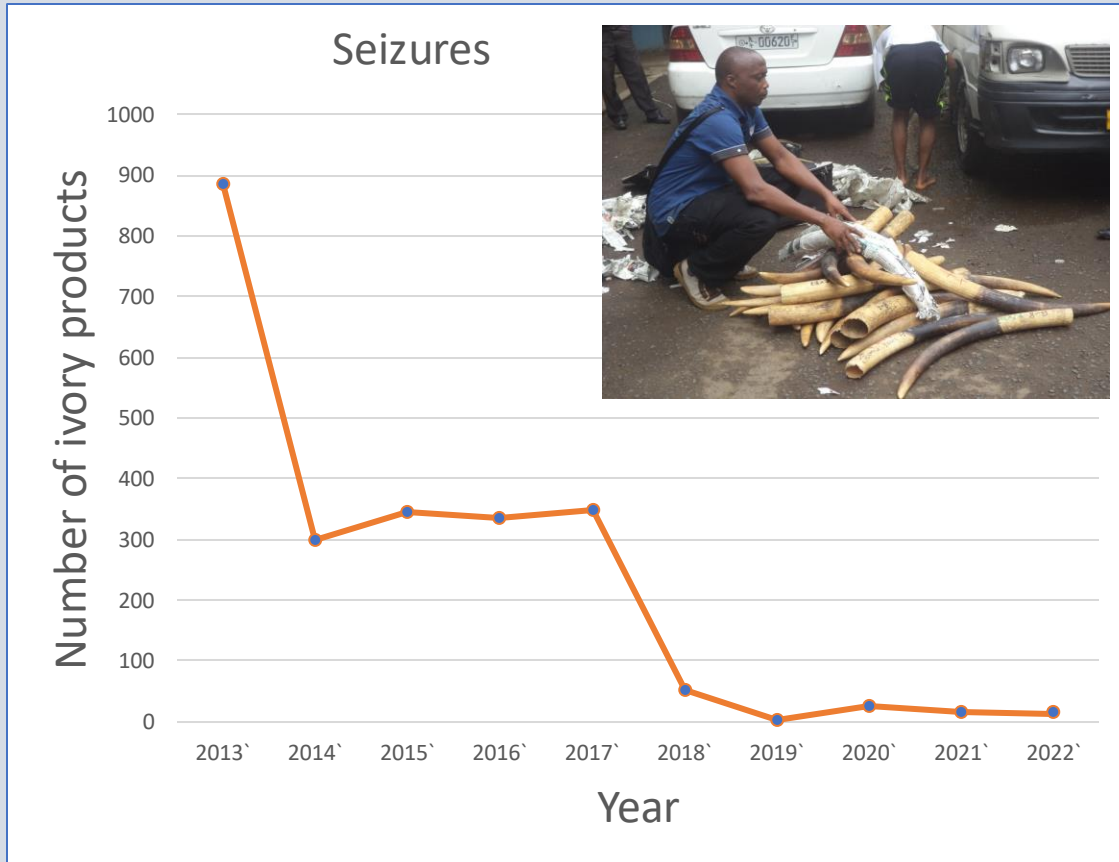
Partnering with communities



1450 house holds

~37% increase in household incomes

# 2. The Decrease in IWT Trends



## How was this achieved?

Strengthened stakeholder collaboration



Extensive work on public awareness



Increased capacity

Strengthening anti-trafficking operations





# An Integrated Capacity building to combat wildlife crime

## *Lessons Learnt from the Ethiopian GEF6 Project*

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# Multi-stakeholder engagement & integrated capacity building is a key factor to tackle IWT

- Identified target areas, groups
- Conduct series of discussions and training of H. officials made it possible to bring all on board
- Improve awareness ‘stand with us against wildlife crime’
- Support establishment of:
  - National and Regional Task Forces
  - Environmental Crime Unit
- Signed an MOU to deliver an integrated capacity building



# An Integrated Capacity building

- Establishing inter-agency collaboration platform with selected Law Enforcement (LE) bodies
- Enabled to have an agreement with training colleges and LE training centers to deliver intensive training to combat wildlife crime



# An Integrated Capacity building

- Intensive training delivered to:
  - PAS, border points, Bole International airport, Custom points
  - LE bodies (Police, defense forces, judiciaries, customs)



# An Integrated Approach to Capacity building to combat wildlife crime

## **What did we learn ?**

- Delivered with limited manpower and logistics
- Time efficient
- Cost effective (a huge amount of money would be required if that was done in the conventional way of training)
- Large coverage (disperse through border points, custom checking points, airports, etc)
- Sustainable (mainstreamed in the curriculum FPC and ORSPC)
- Established effective communication network





# Thank you!





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# GEF-6 Project: Combating Illegal Wildlife Trade, focusing on Ivory, Rhino Horn, Tiger and Pangolin in Thailand

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## The Project exits with the significant initiatives



**1. Model of the Driving Engine of Thailand Wildlife Enforcement Network (TH WEN) acc. to ICCWC Guideline for WEN as part of TH WEN Strategy**

**2. The establishment of Wildlife Crime Intelligence Network Prototype of concept and operations to operationalize the case-based Wildlife Crime Joint Operation**

**3. The decentralization of national TH WEN to the Provincial Wildlife Enforcement Network at the crime's hot spots of Thailand, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar and Cambodia**

**4. Innovative Small Grant Mechanism at the 4 demonstration sites in enhancing community participation and Volunteers network with the binding MOUs**



# The Project exits with the significant initiatives



**5. Upgrading Wildlife Check Points - As the Frontliners in encountering the crime, the 47 wildlife check points nationwide are equipped with technology and linkage to the joint operation via Wildlife Intelligence Platform.**

**6. Thailand's Wildlife Forensics - Standardized with international accreditation, DNP wildlife Forensics office is crucial part of both preventive and scientific proof in the crime prosecution.**

**7. ICCWC indicator Assessment : Proven success of DNP and local consultants in conducting the assessment without importing the international experts.**



## The Project exits with the significant initiatives



**8. Demand Reduction Steering Group - Taking the advantage of being the national focal point as a CITES member, this model of mobilizing resources from partner agencies to accomplish the common agenda, steered by the national focal point of CIWT i.e. DNP.**

**9. Data Visualization of Economic Assessment on Additional Investment in CIWT - as an Advocacy tool in mobilizing Sustainable Finance**

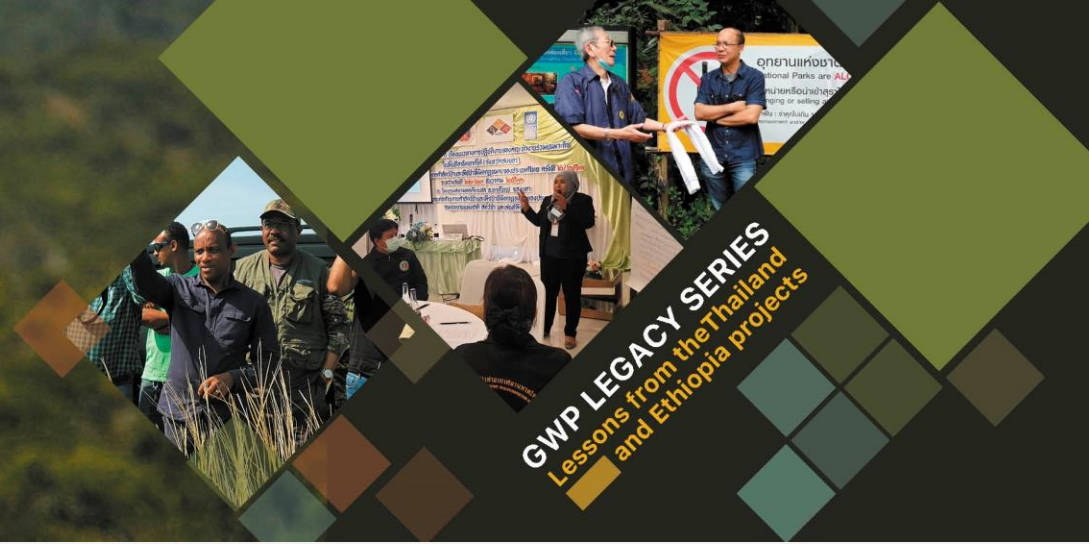




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