



SADC Rhino and Elephant Security Group (RESG)

Region and countries of the network

South and East Africa (SADC countries including Kenya at present)

Formal network

Authorities involved

INTERPOL Southern African sub-region; government and Provincial Nature Conservation / Wildlife Authorities in each country.

Brief description

The SADC RESG is an Advisory Group composed of government representatives and invited NGOs, which convene and co-ordinate to enhance regional efforts to improve the security, viability and promote the increase of rhino and elephant populations in Southern Africa

(Reporting) structure / decision-making process

Established under the SADC umbrella at the time of the SADC Regional Rhino Program and later amalgamating with the INTERPOL Environmental Crime Working Group to expand areas of concern to include serious environmental crime matters. The group should report through INTERPOL and SADC structures but this has become intermittent.

Key activities

- To develop guidelines, strategies and database for the effective and efficient protection of African rhino and elephant population.
- To assist the various conservation agencies, communities and private land-owners to minimize rhino and elephant poaching and the illegal trade in rhino horn and ivory.
- To provide advice, training and co-ordination.
- To enhance cooperation with and use and value of INTERPOL for dealing with wildlife crime

Key partners in the region

Partners mentioned above and also TRAFFIC East and Southern Africa, IUCN AfRSG and AfESG

Website and other useful links

Not supplied.

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