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## **UfW Financial Taskforce**



# **UfW Taskforces**

- Supported by Information Sharing System that operationalizes information sharing across the Taskforce network.
- 'Neural Network' of relationships with trusted, highimpact, partners.
- Regular Alerts to Industry.
- Targeted, direct support to investigations.
- Breaking down silos Unique conduit for intelligence to/from law enforcement and private sector.
- Tools & Technology to multiply ability to obtain, deliver, and action intelligence.

### UfW Transport Taskforce

### Reach:

- 80% of the world's shipping fleet
- Most major airlines
- 180+ national customs agencies

### Contribution:

• 32 law enforcement investigations supported





# **Contributing to positive outcomes**

- Key East African IWT network
- 2 highest level syndicate leaders were arrested and extradited to the United States
- Issued an indictment for 2 more individuals
- One of the first IWT focussed law enforcement operations across multiple countries
- Case of IWT where senior members of a network have been targeted and extradited

Within 5 days of a large IW seizure in 2019:

- 31 similar suspect containers identified by the shipping company
- 15 suspect containers directly related to arrested suspects
- 9 containers interdicted

Large rhino horn seizure in 2019:

- similar suspect shipments identified by the carrier
- Financial Institution flags suspicious transactions
- Transport and Finance connected immediately

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U.S. Attorney's Office

Southern District of New York

Thursday, June 13, 2019

Members Of African Criminal Enterprise Charged With Large-Scale Trafficking Of Rhinoceros Horns And Elephant Ivory And Heroin Distribution

Indictment Alleges Conspiracy to Smuggle at Least 190 Kilograms of Rhinoceros Horns and at Least 10 Tons of Elephant Ivory Valued at More Than \$7 Million

Geoffrey S. Berman, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, David Bernhardt, the United States Secretary of the Interior, and Christopher T. Tersigni, the Special Agent in Charge of the



Customs officers display seized elephant tusks to the media in Kampala, Uganda, Feb. 1, 2019.

U.S. law enforcement agencies have taken down a smuggling network accused of trafficking at least \$7 million dollars worth of rhino horn and elephant tusk – as well as heroin – around the world. The bust is the first major success for a small group of people



# **Collaborative engagement**

### Private sector

- Transport and Finance
- Government
- Law enforcement
- NGO's

"Traffickers are brazenly exploiting global financial systems to move the proceeds of their crimes, remaining under the radar of investigation and law enforcement. Financial institutions can, therefore, play a crucial role in disrupting such criminal activities and ending the illegal wildlife trade."

Lord William Hague

### **OBJECTIVES FOR FATF - XXXI (2019-2020)**

PAPER BY THE INCOMING PRESIDENT

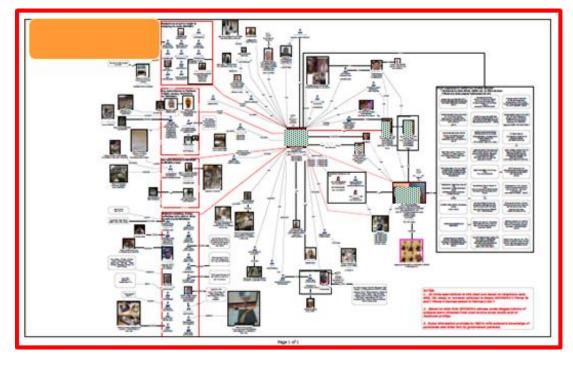
#### CHINESE PRESIDENCY PRIORITIES FOR THE FINANCIAL ACTION TASK FORCE (FATF)

"...the FATF may consider the opportunity for **work on money laundering from illegal wildlife trafficking.** This is estimated to be the fourth most profitable criminal trafficking enterprise, generating revenues of between USD 7 billion and USD 23 billion a year, with links to modern slavery, narcotics and the arms trade."

FATF

"...under the Chinese presidency, FATF will... consider the opportunity to build on work by the [FATF-style regional bodies] and current international initiatives to **develop best practices for fighting money laundering from the illegal trafficking in wildlife**."





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