Enforcement of EU Wildlife Protection Regulations

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The European Union

- 28 Member States
- 28 different organisational structures
- 28 different domestic legislations
- 28 different priorities
EU a hub of wildlife trafficking?

- Import
  - Commercial
  - Tourists
  - Collectors

- Export/Re-export

- Transit

- Internal Trade and Transport
Enforcement Problems

Legal framework

- Complicated legislation
- Strict rules vs. very soft rules
- Different implementation of some directives
- Different regulations regarding seizures and punishment

Organisational matters

- Different responsibilities and different authorities in charge
- Different levels of training and experience
- Transmission of information
- Availability of centralized databases
- Secure, unique and uniform marking systems
Enforcement Problems

New challenges

- Trade on Internet
- Wild vs. Bred in captivity or artificially propagated
- New species groups in trade (timber, sharks)

Public awareness and recognition

- Acceptance and support by public and decision-makers
- Judiciary
Cooperation Good Practice

Slovenia
- Inter-Sectoral Committee for the prevention of illegal Wildlife trade

Czech Republic
- Czech Environmental Inspectorate

Germany
- Standing Committee on ‘Species and Biotope Conservation’ of the “Bund/Länder” Association for Nature Conservation” (BLANA)

UK
- National Wildlife Crime Unit and the Border Force CITES Team
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