The fight against organized wildlife crime – learning lessons
What’s the first lesson?

We’re losing!
International intervention
Utilize existing legal liaison officers in embassies around the world

Immediate implementation possible
Requires very little investment
Offers quick return
Data collection and analysis

Considerable initial investment required
Regular and widespread input essential
Data needs to be comprehensive and analysed effectively
Long-term returns substantial
Legal frameworks

UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime

- Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children
- Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air
- Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition

- Protocol against/Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish the Illicit Harvesting and Trafficking in Wild and Protected Fauna and Flora

- Wildlife Crime as ‘Serious Crime’

Potentially beneficial in gaining political will and law enforcement priority
May help avoid unintentional exclusion of Customs and Police
Achieving implementation may be mid- to long-term
Totally dependent upon adequacy of national legislation
Innovative and imaginative use of existing legislation essential as well
Investigations

“We are using 19th Century methods for 21st Century problems”

Are financial crime, serious crime, asset recovery units, etc. aware and involved?
Do all relevant agency’s senior management understand the issues?
Do Ministers of Home Affairs and Justice understand the issues?