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## About environmental crime

Environmental crime comprises a range of activities that violate environmental legislation and cause significant harm or risk to the environment and human health. Such illegal activities can be local or transnational, and are driven largely by profit margins, increasing demand and lack of effective governance structures. Examples include:

- » Illegal trade in wildlife, and unregulated fishing
- » Shipment or dumping of waste in contravention of regulations
- » Illegal logging and timber trade
- » Discharge of noxious substances into water, air or soil
- » Unauthorised trade in ozone-depleting chemicals

Environmental crime in some cases is linked to organised crime or corruption. Due to its nature, environmental crime and its impacts are difficult to detect, quantify and counteract. It is clear, however, that resulting negative impacts are felt on society at large and especially on fragile ecosystems and in developing countries.

Increased co-ordination by EU member states can lead to more effective cross-border tracking of illegal products and to the prosecution of responsible parties. Some EU-level initiatives include: the 2008 Environmental Crime Directive and the 2005 Ship-Source Pollution Directive. The new provisions of the Lisbon Treaty enable more effective EU measures against environmental crime through harmonisation and co-ordination among Member States.

## About the project

EFFACE is an EU-funded research project involving 11 partners from various European countries – beginning in December 2012 and running until March 2016. Its overall aim is to develop options and policy recommendations for the EU on how to better fight environmental crime. EFFACE includes the following work packages:

- » An analysis of instruments, actors and institutions will provide insights on how the fight against environmental crime has been approached within the EU, and the strengths and weaknesses of existing approaches.
- » The costs and impacts of environmental crime will be quantified, to the extent feasible, for the different types of criminal activities.
- » Case studies will shed light on the mechanisms and impacts of different types of environmental crime within and outside of the EU. Possible countermeasures can be identified and examined.



## Activities

EFFACE will engage with stakeholders working against environmental crime and disseminate research results through various channels, including the project website [www.efface.eu](http://www.efface.eu) and an online forum. An Advisory Board of practitioners and academic experts working on environmental crime will provide input to EFFACE and ensure its results are of practical relevance and pertinent to existing research and enforcement efforts.

The EFFACE project schedule includes several workshops and conferences open to the public. Stakeholders and policy makers will be invited to these events to learn from EFFACE and to share their insights, best practices and data with the EFFACE researchers.

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