



# WILDLIFE FRIENDLY BANKS

A partnership model to prevent the imminent destruction of iconic wildlife through innovative use of anti-money laundering systems against wildlife poachers, traffickers, and associated corruption.



There are many low cost ways to fine tune existing AML systems to fight the catastrophic destruction of iconic species, ecosystems and habitats.

The World Check database, for example, provides intelligence profiles of heightened risk individuals and entities globally.

Banks, governments, and civil society conservation agencies all hold crucial information and intelligence on wildlife trafficking networks that could inform international AML databases. In turn, this could automate the process of identifying suspicious financial activities associated with higher risk entities or individuals, such as politicians or senior government officials (PEPs) who may be in positions to gain corrupt advantages from wildlife trafficking.

## DETECTION AND INVESTIGATION

Improved intelligence sharing and synthesis would assist banks to detect suspicious activities. In turn, this would generate new data for financial intelligence analysis, and improve the quantity and quality of intelligence and other data available for law enforcement investigations. As wildlife trafficking usually involves source, transit and destination countries, international AML cooperation would:



## CALLS FOR PARTNERSHIPS

*“Like other forms of illicit trade, wildlife trafficking undermines security across nations. Well-armed, well-equipped, and well-organized networks of criminals and corrupt officials exploit porous borders and weak institutions to profit from trading in poached wildlife... That trade is decimating iconic animal populations... So we will work with foreign governments, international organizations, nongovernmental organizations, and the private sector to maximize our impacts together.”*

*President Barack Obama*

*“Illegal trade in wildlife is a serious crime that is not only decimating critically endangered species, but is also a pervasive instrument in destabilizing economic and political security... Organized crime has become heavily involved in the illegal wildlife trade because, quite obviously, there is a lot of money to be made... Finding a solution will require people from many different sectors to work together.”*

*HRH the Prince of Wales*