Wildlife Friendly Skies

A comprehensive awareness training package to stop wildlife trafficking through airports.

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Wildlife Trafficking Overview

The multi-billion dollar illegal trade in protected and endangered species is one of the most lucrative black markets in the world today. The trade is run by organized criminal syndicates which utilize commercial transport companies to transport endangered species across countries and continents. Wildlife trafficking also poses serious security and health threats as it has been linked to the funding of terrorist cells, and to the spread of diseases. Unrelenting hunting and poaching fuelled by a growing demand worldwide is driving many species toward extinction.

$US 19 billion each year

Photo: Kenya Wildlife Service.

Run by organized crime

Many governments have begun to destroy stockpiles of illegal wildlife products to ensure it can never enter the market.

Driving species to extinction

Unchecked, crimes against nature not only ravage biodiversity but also have adverse knock-on effects that disrupt important ecosystems services such providing clean air and water, and stabilizing climate.

The Top 10

The 10 most commonly smuggled wildlife and their products.
(In no particular order)

Elephant Ivory

Rhino Horn

Turtles and Tortoises

Snakes

Pangolins

Big Cats

Lizards

Primates

Birds

Marine Life

Global Hotspots

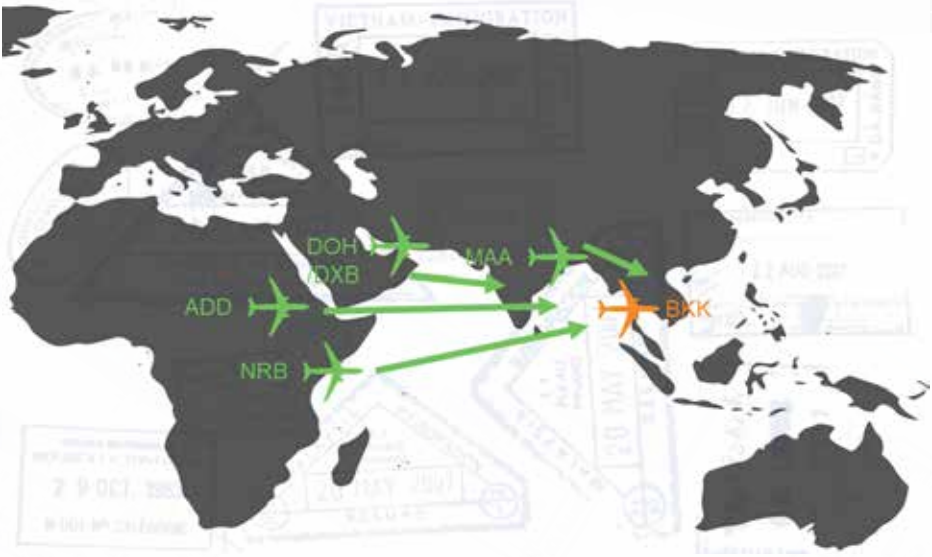
While any airport or airline can be used to smuggle wildlife, some transport hubs are more vulnerable than others. This means that some species are more frequently found at certain airports rather than others. For example, it is common to see ivory and rhino horn smuggled through airports in Eastern Africa, fresh water turtles through South Asia and exotic birds in Southeast Asia and South America.

Hotspots!

ADD	**ATL**	**BKK**	**CAN**	**CDG**
CGK	**GRU**	**HAN**	**HKG**	**ICN**
JFK	**JNB**	**KMG**	**KUL**	**LAX**
LHR	**MPM**	**NBO**	**NNG**	**SIN**

Common Trafficking Routes

East Africa direct to Bangkok, or via the Middle East



South Asia to Bangkok

Common Smuggling Techniques

Hidden under clothes

Disguised objects

Hidden inside objects

Geckos inside a picture frame

Hidden inside luggage

Turtles in a suitcase

Hidden in cargo

Ivory and rhino horn hidden in cargo

CITES

CITES (the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora) is an international agreement between governments. It aims to ensure that global trade in wild animals and plants does not threaten their survival.

CITES controls the international trade in more than 35,000 species of animals and plants. All imports, exports, and re-exports of species covered by CITES has to be authorized, and traders need a permit.

Legal CITES animals and plants common in Thailand

Siamese Crocodile

Orchids

Peafowl

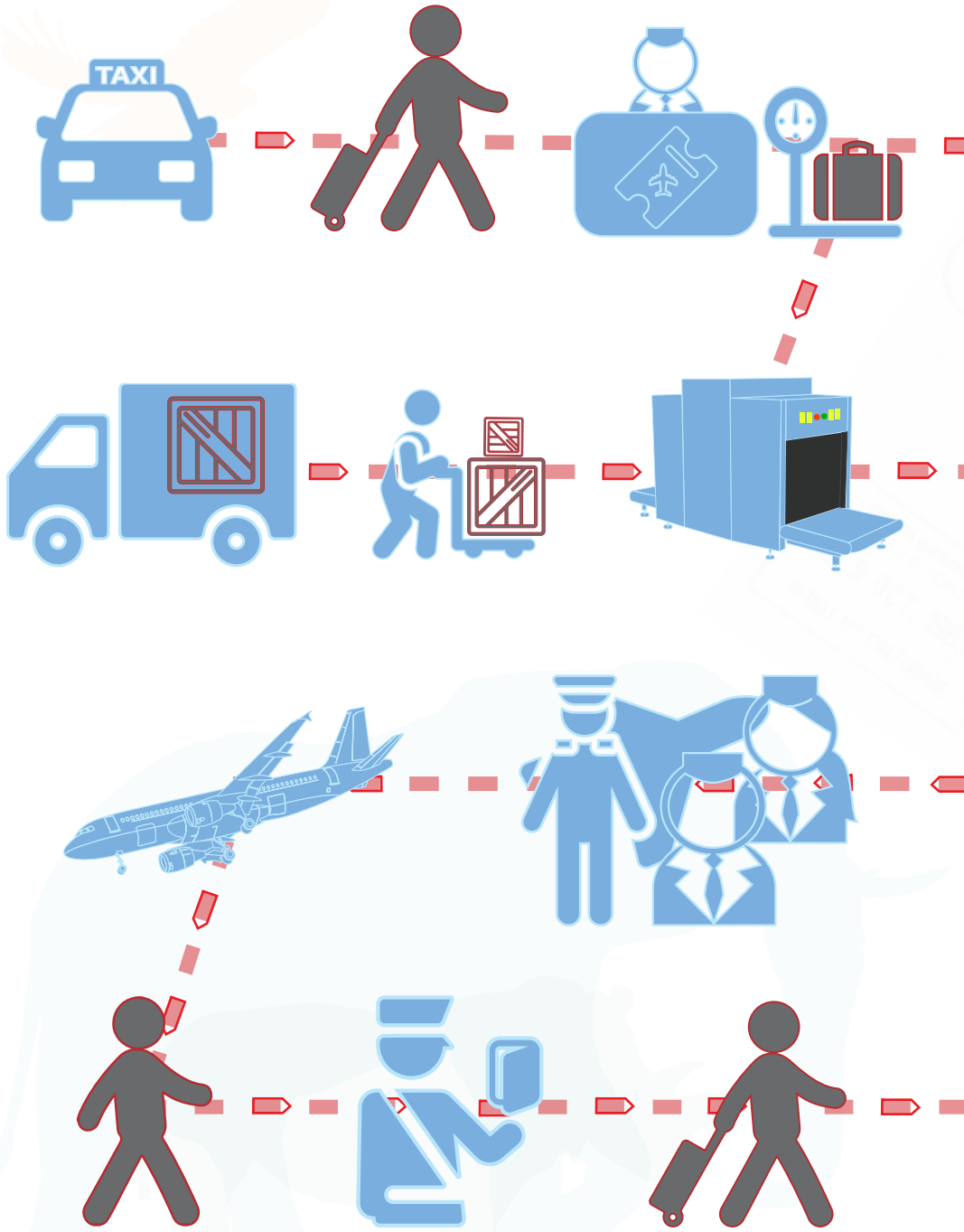
The species under CITES are listed in three 'Appendices' according to the degree of protection they need.

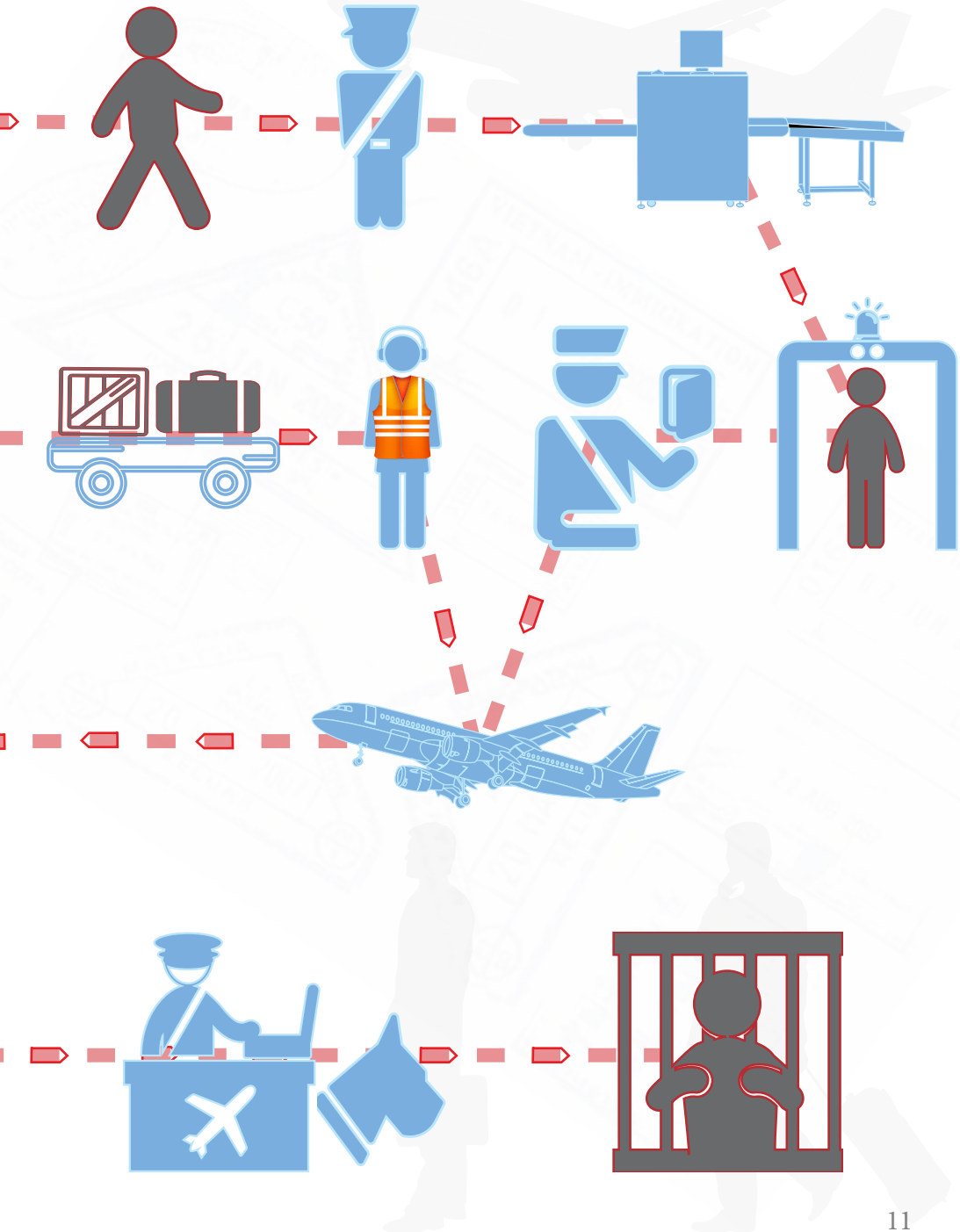
Appendix I includes species threatened with extinction. Commercial trade is banned, except in very special cases.

Appendix II includes species that could be threatened with extinction from trade. These species are not always threatened at the current time. Permits are needed.

Appendix III contains species which are protected in at least one country, and that country has requested other CITES member states help control the trade.

The trail of the trafficker



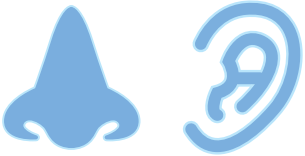


What YOU can look out for

Inappropriate Attire
- clothing isn't right for the climate
- baggy, large coats
- clothing doesn't match occupation

Involuntary Responses
- sweating, dry mouth, dilated pupils
- will not make eye contact
- cracking voice/clears throat
- shaking hands/mouth

Nervous Body Movements/Speech
- adjusting clothes/jewelry
- talks very fast
- delays response
- repeats the question



Use Your Senses
- odd smells
- animal sounds/noises
- clothing is moving

Specific Jobs and what to look for.

Check-in staff

- Abnormal connections
- Luggage has an odd smell

Security

- Clothes are too big
- Clothes don't match the weather
- Multiple connecting boarding passes

X-ray Tech

- Luggage has an odd smell
- Organic materials show up orange

Immigration

- Look for abnormal visas recently (many trips to various countries in a short time)
- Passenger seems nervous

Cargo Handler

- Cargo does not match origin (bananas from Canada for example)
- Cargo has air holes when it shouldn't

Ground staff

- Luggage is moving
- Luggage has an odd smell
- Luggage has odd/multiple connection tags

Flight crew

- Passenger won't eat or use restroom
- Passenger seems nervous
- Passenger smells odd
- Passenger clothing is large and remains on during flight

Customs

- Act on tip offs from airline staff
- Watch for known wildlife smuggling routes
- Frequent checks
- Check the person and small bags

Protect Yourself

If you come across wildlife trafficking it is important that you protect yourself. Animals can be dangerous, poisonous or require special care. While many people understand that snakes can be dangerous, there are many other animals that can pose risks to humans. If you find trafficked wildlife, don't touch it and call and expert.

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DON'T TOUCH

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- **Animals can be dangerous / poisonous**
- **Avoid handling animals**
- **Call experts**
- **Always wear personal protective equipment**
- **Maintain hygiene and sterilization**

PROTECT YOURSELF

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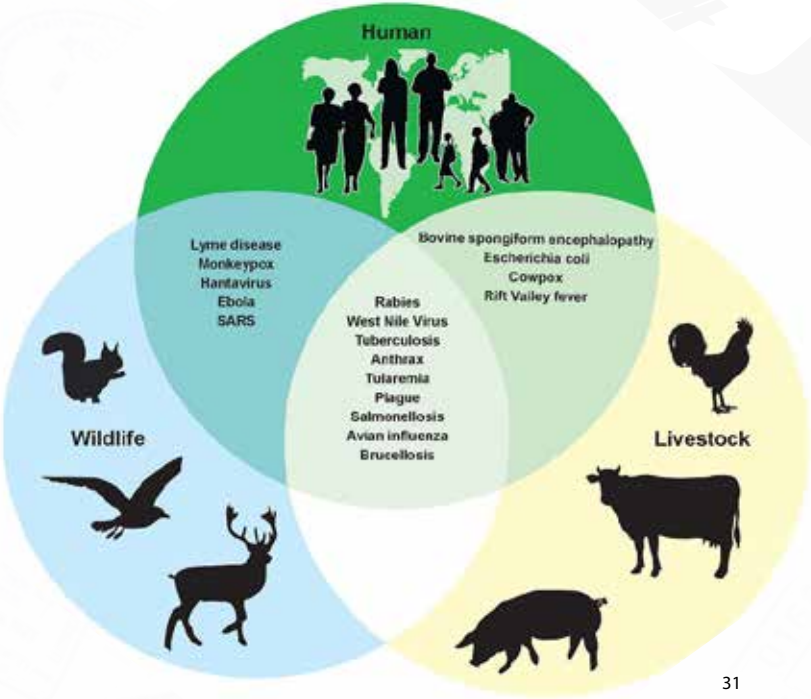
Animals Carry Disease



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Zoonotic Disease

Zoonotic disease is contagious disease spread between animals and humans. Approximately 75% of recently emerging infectious diseases affecting humans are of animal origin. Currently, zoonotic disease examples: Rabies, SARS, Swine Flu H1N1, Bird Flu H5N1, West Nile Virus. All animals pose a potential zoonotic disease risk to humans, however some animals have a higher risk including: Non-human primates, rodents, bats, small carnivores, birds and cats.

High Risk Animals

Primates

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Bats

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Reptiles

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Mammals

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Birds

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Report Wildlife Crime

The general public plays a crucial role in ending wildlife trafficking. The fact is that until the public gets involved and reports wildlife crime, this illicit trade will continue. There are many different channels that people can report wildlife crime to and remain anonymous. Countries and regions have begun setting up Wildlife Enforcement Networks (WENs) to form a cooperative effort to combat wildlife crime and each year they grow in number.

Airport Hotline Numbers

Each airport will have different authorities and hotline numbers. Please write the important numbers from your airport below.

Customs.....

Police.....

Wildlife Dept.....

Immigration.....

Other.....

Report wildlife crime to Freeland

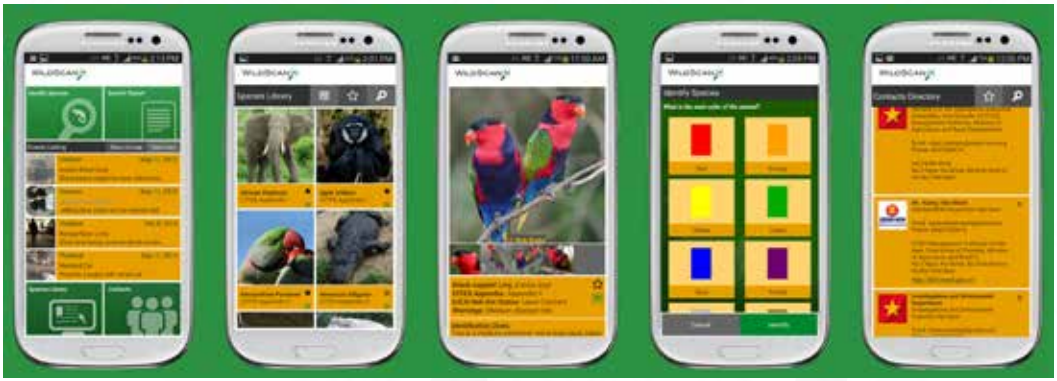
You can also report wildlife crime to Freeland 24 hours a day from anywhere in the world. Freeland will never share your personal information and will ensure that your report reaches trusted law enforcement. There are many ways to report crime to Freeland. For more info, visit www.freeland.org

WildScan

WILDSCAN
SPECIES IDENTIFICATION & RESPONSE

WildScan is an official tool developed for the ASEAN-Wildlife Enforcement Network by Freeland. It is an effective and comprehensive species identification and response application. WildScan contains photos and critical information for more than 350 endangered and protected species. WildScan helps law enforcement and the general public quickly identify protected animals and report crime anonymously. The app is available for free in multiple languages.

ASEAN-WEN
Wildlife Enforcement Network



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Get Involved

Everyone has a role to play in stopping wildlife crime. Creating awareness is one key component. Celebrities are joining the conservation and lending their opinions. Key Opinion Leaders from across the globe have begun to come together to help save wildlife.

Help us inform your friends and family how they can help protect wildlife and stop endangered species from disappearing forever!

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Wildlife Friendly Skies

Wildlife Friendly Skies provides airline and airport staff with the skills and knowledge to detect, report and most importantly, help stop wildlife trafficking. Many of the world's endangered species are facing extinction from wildlife trafficking. It is part of the Asia's Regional Response to Endangered Species Trafficking (ARREST) Program funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). ARREST, the U.S. Government's largest counter-wildlife trafficking program, is a five-year program that fights the multi-billion dollar trafficking of wildlife in Asia in three ways: reducing consumer demand; strengthening law enforcement; and strengthening regional cooperation and anti-trafficking networks.

Under the ARREST program, implemented by Freeland, hundreds of airport and airline staff at known trafficking hotspots have been trained.

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Freeland is a frontline counter-trafficking organization working for a world that is free of wildlife trafficking and human slavery. Our team of law enforcement, development and communications specialists work alongside partners in Asia, Africa and the Americas to build capacity, raise awareness, and promote good governance to protect critical ecosystems and vulnerable people.

To find more information on the ARREST Program and the work Freeland does, visit www.freeland.org

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