Mobilising against the criminal exploitation of natural resources, wildlife, and people.

The syndicates that carry out nature crime amass great wealth through violence, corruption, and intimidation.

Their crimes pose a dire threat to biodiversity, ecosystems, economies, Indigenous Peoples and local communities, wildlife species, and the global climate.

Nature crime includes criminal forms of logging, mining, fishing, wildlife trade, and land conversion. These crimes frequently converge with each other and other forms of international criminal activity. Globally, it is estimated that nature crime has become the largest financial driver of terrorism and other forms of conflict, generating $110–$281 billion in annual criminal proceeds with an indirect impact of $1–2 trillion.1

Nature crime syndicates: criminal networks of exploitation

One of the largest illicit economies in the world, nature crime is closely linked to terrorism, corruption, human rights abuses, financial crime, and other threats to peace and security.

1 INTERPOL et al. 2018. World atlas of illicit flows.
Combating nature crime: addressing the urgent need for a coordinated, collaborative network

A multitude of public, private, community-based, and civil society organisations have emerged to fight back against nature crime. Too often, these efforts are fragmented.

The Nature Crime Alliance is bringing together governments and law enforcement bodies, civil society, donors, companies and financial institutions, and local communities, to catalyse a greater flow of information, technology, and funding to integrate and amplify global efforts to tackle nature crime.

The Nature Crime Alliance focuses on three strategic pillars:

1. **Raising political will**
   - to aggressively pursue the powerful criminal networks and actors that commit nature crime.

2. **Mobilising financial commitments**
   - to support initiatives, partnerships, and organisations engaged in this fight.

3. **Bolstering operational capacity**
   - to better identify, disrupt, and prosecute the individuals and syndicates controlling nature crime and the other illicit activities it enables.

Coordinated global action is possible. Our future depends on it.