

Course Content

Illegal Wildlife Trade (IWT), Customs Cooperation and Mutual Administrative Assistance (CMAA), CEN and Risk Management System

Duration: 02 Weeks (16th November, 2026 to 27th November, 2026)

Illegal wildlife trade is one of the most lucrative forms of transnational organized crime, threatening biodiversity, undermining conservation efforts and generating significant illicit profits for criminal networks. Customs administrations play a critical role in detecting and disrupting these trafficking activities at international borders.

This programme will examine the global dimensions of illegal wildlife trafficking, including emerging trafficking routes, concealment methods and the role of organized criminal networks. Participants will gain an understanding of the international legal frameworks governing wildlife protection, particularly the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES).

The course will highlight the operational role of Customs and border agencies in identifying suspicious consignments, detecting illegal wildlife products and coordinating enforcement actions with other national and international agencies.

Participants will also explore intelligence-led enforcement techniques and international cooperation mechanisms used to combat wildlife trafficking networks, including collaborative operations led by international organisations.

The programme is open to officers from Customs administrations, wildlife enforcement agencies, police, environmental authorities and other government departments involved in combating wildlife crime.