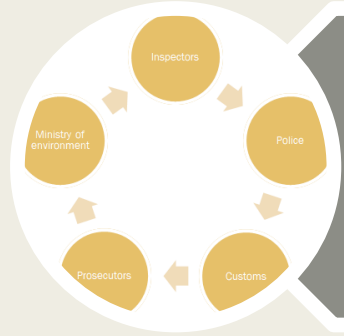




EXPERIENCE OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC WITH ENVIRONMENT ENFORCEMENT MEASURES

EU4 Environment
Policies and tools for enforcement of
environmental compliance –
a regional seminar with Eastern Partner
countries
18 November 2021





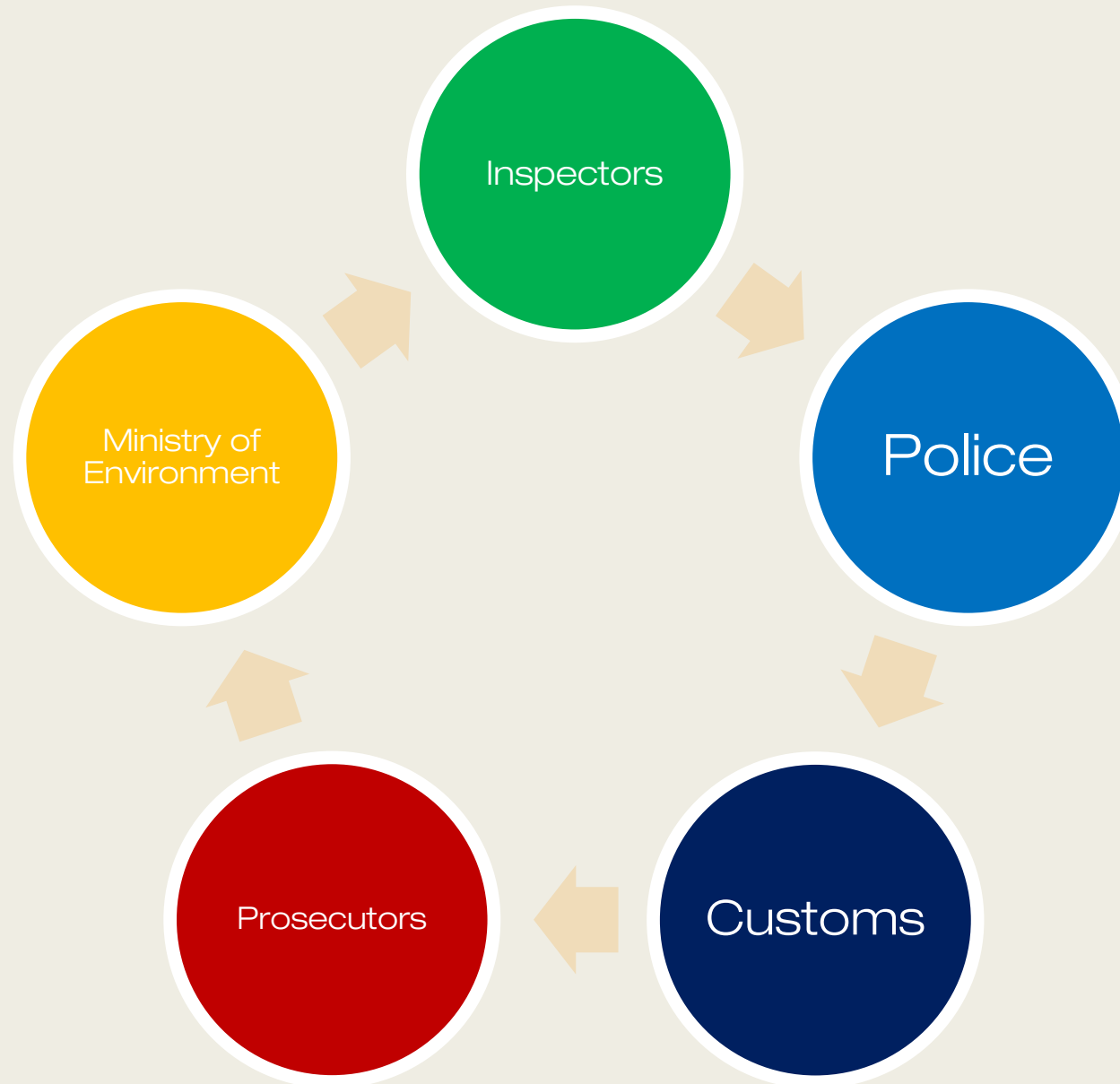
Cooperation



Strategy -
waste






Action Plan
wildlife
trafficking






Sharing



-  Knowledge and intelligence
-  Experience and training
-  Case law

Cases



-  Approach (police/prosecutor)
-  Administrative/criminal track
-  Consulting legal issues

Good cooperation
= strong enforcement



Czech
Republic
population 10
million

12 admin.
regions
Czech Environmental
Inspection – 10 regional
inspectorates

Police – round 90 district
departments

Customs – not territorially
bound

Prosecutor's Office – 86
district departments, more
than 100 specialised
prosecutors



Source: CEI

Strategy to Prevent and Combat Waste-Related Crime for the Years 2021 – 2023

- objectives

- 1. To improve mutual cooperation among the environmental law enforcement agencies;
- 2. To strengthen specialisation and qualification of the environmental law enforcement agencies;
- 3. To improve regulatory environment regulating waste-related matters in the Czech Republic;
- 4. To build public awareness of the waste-related matters.

Best practice identified (CZ or abroad)

- Close informal/formal cooperation

- Access to some information systems of Environmental inspectorate for the police

(Waste Management Information System, Integrated System to report Compliance, Hazardous Waste Transit System)

- Specialisation of police and Prosecutors – Spain – the number of prosecuted cases increased as a result of higher degree specialisation
- Regional cooperation – information exchange, training, joint inspections
- Joint professional training activities
- Restrictions on buying scrap metal (identification of seller, no cash payment)
- Waste Shipment Regulation and Waste Act – possibility not to allow TFS to convicted or sanctioned entities

Media coverage





To improve mutual cooperation

- Establish an inter-agency team
- Review cooperation agreements
- Establish formal cooperation and develop methodical recommendations



To strengthen specialisation and qualification

- To review existing training systems in institutions
- To organise basic and specialised training
- To establish a network of specialised Prosecutors
- To further develop specialised police experts



To improve the regulatory environment, to raise public awareness

- To evaluate the adequacy of using administrative or criminal sanctions
- Regularly published press releases, press campaign

Action Plan to Combat Illegal Trade in Endangered Species for The Years 2020-2023 – SWOT

ANALYSIS

■ S – STRENGTHS

- *MOTIVATED LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPERTS*
- *INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP CITES*
- *INTERAGENCY CAPACITY BUILDING EXPERIENCE*

• O – OPPORTUNITIES

- *INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT TO COMBAT WILDLIFE CRIME*
- *PARTICIPATION OF CZ IN INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS (IMPEL, ENVICRIMENET, INTERPOL WCWG, ENPE)*

■ W – WEAKNESSES

- *LOW PRIORITIZATION (GOVERNMENT, CASES)*
- *INSUFFICIENT INTERAGENCY COOPERATION*
- *INCONSISTENT INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION*
- *ABSENCE OF SPECIALIZED POLICE EXPERTS, LACK OF EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE*
- *LACK OF SPECIALISED FORENSIC INSTITUTES*
- *LOW PUBLIC AWARENESS*
- *INCOHERENT ADJUDICATION*

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ANALYSIS

■ T – THERATS

- *STRONG VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY CONNECTED TO VIETNAM (TCM)*
- *HIGH PROFIT AND LOW RISK CRIME*
- *INSUFFICIENT INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION*

Action Plan to Combat Illegal Trade in Endangered Species for The Years

2020-2023

- To make combating wildlife crime governmental priority
- To improve mutual cooperation of law enforcement agencies
 - *To establish a multiagency task force with representatives of all law enforcement agencies*
 - *To improve coordination of international activities on national level*
- To improve international cooperation in wildlife crime investigation
- To improve capacity building system and awareness of law enforcement
- To raise effectiveness of law enforcement
 - *To analyse and improve the structures of law enforcement agencies*
 - *To maximise the effectiveness of inspections*
 - *To analyse the state of play in wildlife crime forensics*
- To improve the care of seized species
- To raise public awareness



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„Institutions are only as good as
the people who work in them.“

Kateřina Šimáčková,
Constitutional Court Judge
European Court of Human
Rights Judge as of December
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