WILDLIFE CRIME IN PENINSULAR MALAYSIA - STATUS & CHALLENGES

Executive Talk:
Combating Wildlife & Forestry Crime 2017

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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- INTRODUCTION
- STATUS
- CHALLENGES
INTRODUCTION
WILDLIFE CONSERVATION LEGISLATIONS EVOLUTION

- First legislation to protect wildlife in the Federation of Malaya
  - Wildlife Commission of Malaya in 1932

- Wild Animals and Birds Protection Ordinance 1955

- Protection of Wildlife Act 1972 [Act 76]

- International Trade in Endangered Species Act 2008 [Act 686]

- Wildlife Conservation Act 2010 [Act 716]
WILDLIFE CRIME

Poaching
Smuggling
Encroachment
Illegal Trade/Possession
Cybercrime
Licensing issues

Non-Technical

Technical
POACHING

SNARES 2010 - 2016: 2,519 traps/snares - 3 priority landscapes.
Tiger Killed (2010 – 2016)

2010-2016: 23 IP opened related to big cat cases consist of 29 tigers (*Panthera tigris*), 8 leopards (*Panthera pardus*) & 4 clouded leopards (*Neofelis nebulosa*).
POACHING

2010-2016:
• 27 cases of elephants killing reported
• 48% by poaching & 52% by retaliation killing

FIREARMS
WILDLIFE SMUGGLING

- Live animals
- Wildlife products
- Wildlife parts

Wildlife products
Pangolin
Orang utan
Ivory
SMUGGLING

IVORY

2011-2016

- 4,959 pcs seized were handed over to DWNP by RMCD
- 15 tonnes

Date of confiscation: 2 Sept. 2011

Date of confiscation: 12 Dec. 2011
On 4th July 2017, Hong Kong customs seized 7.2 tonnes of ivory from Malaysia in a 40 foot container.

DWNP & NCB/INTERPOL assisting the investigation.

Photo: www.scmp.com
ENCROACHMENT


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<th>PARTICULAR</th>
<th>VALUE (RM)</th>
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<td>AGARWOOD</td>
<td>80,320,000</td>
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<td>TIMBER / WOOD</td>
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<td>POACHING</td>
<td>4,092,500</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
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* RM 14.6 million annually
WILDLIFE CYBER CRIME
100+ Seller

50+ pages

100,000+ Members@buyer

100+ Species

> 70% Illegal traders

> 50% Wild caught

30+ New advertisement/day

#Facebook #Instagram #WeChat #Whatapps #Telegram etc.
STATUS
WILDLIFE CRIME CASES (2011 - JUL 2017)

6,475 cases

Year

2011: 579
2012: 354
2013: 788
2014: 1,155
2015: 1,371
2016: 1,329
2017 (Jul): 899

No. of cases
POACHING CASES (2011 - JUL 2017)

Year | No. of cases |
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2011 | 8 |
2012 | 5 |
2013 | 3 |
2014 | 7 |
2015 | 18 |
2016 | 7 |
2017 (Jul) | 10 |

Total: 58 cases
## 1MBOEN - ENCROACHMENT CASES (2014-2017)

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<td>19</td>
<td>51</td>
<td>20</td>
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All illegal foreigner sentenced to imprisonment between 3 to 15 month
## NO. OF CASES RELATED TO WILDLIFE CYBER CRIME (2013 - JUL 2017)

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**NO. OF WILDLIFE CONFISCATED (2012 - JUL 2017)**

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<td>African Grey Parrot</td>
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NUMBER & TYPE OF CONVICTIONS FOR OFFENDERS (2011 – JUL 2017)

- Poaching: 2%
- Smuggling: 4%
- Wildlife keeping: 5%
- Encroachment of PA: 12%
- Others: 77%
CHALLENGES
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- MANPOWER
- FUNDS
- VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT
- INTELLIGENCE WORKS
- PUBLIC AWARENESS
- EXPLOITATION
Total Technical Officer = 1,032 (only 35% in enforcement work)

7 main PA’s
503,209 ha

98 officers

ENFORCEMENT PATROLLING

ECOTOURISM

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Taman Negara NP : 431,453 ha
No. of officer : 59
**VEHICLES & EQUIPMENTS**

**VEHICLES**
- For Enforcement: 2 vehicles / state
- 20% dept. vehicle used for enforcement

**ACTIVITIES**
- **Wildlife Conflict:** 6,000 complaint / year
- **Enforcement**
  - Operation: 100 ops / year
  - Investigation: 1,000 cases / year
- **Wildlife Rescue / Veterinary Services:** 1,000 cases / year
INTELLIGENCE WORK

ORGANIZE CRIME

Difficulties of undercover jobs

Sharing information within agency/country

Transnational Crime

High Risk

Sophisticated Modus Operandi

Long time period of operation

Need latest gadget & technology
PUBLIC AWARENESS

TARGET GROUP

STUDENTS

HUNTERS

TRADERS

PET LOVERS

LOCAL COMMUNITY
PUBLIC AWARENESS

SPECIES
- 2,142 species listed in the Act 716
- Local and exotic species

LEGISLATION
- 3 Acts
- 3 Enactments
- Regulations

WILDLIFE BASED ACTIVITIES
- Zoo
- Exhibitions
- Breeding
- Business
- Hunting

DO’S & DON’TS
- Hybrids
- Control Species
- Welfare
WILDLIFE EXPLOITATION

- Traditional Medicine
- Exotic Meat
- Accessories/Trophy
- Pets
- Exhibition
THANK YOU