

HOW WE ACHIEVE THIS:



Strategy

- ✓ Development of specific harmonised legislation on the issue
- ✓ Implementation of State Pacts or comprehensive public policies that include:
 - criminal investigation and judicial action
 - prevention and recovery of affected areas
- ✓ Development of coordination mechanisms and cooperation synergies between projects, programmes or other actions implemented by civil society, international organisations and development cooperation agencies.

Operational level

- ✓ Creation of the Network of Police Specialised in Environmental Crimes in Latin America and the European Union (Jaguar Network)
- ✓ Support for the AIAMP anti-illegal mining network
- ✓ Support with EUROPOL and other European and Latin American security forces and bodies, to coordinate and launch joint investigations and operations against wildlife, wood and mercury trafficking.



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AGAINST ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES



Since early 2018, at the initial request of a group of countries in the Amazon basin, an area of influence that was later expanded, the European Union's EL PAcTO Programme has been working with the institutions responsible for fighting environmental crime.

OBJECTIVES



- ✓ Harmonise police and judicial investigations and procedures.
- ✓ Develop harmonised laws and regulations.
- ✓ Strengthen inter-institutional and inter-country coordination and cooperation.
- ✓ Improve international police and judicial information sharing.



SOUTH-SOUTH AND TRIANGULAR COOPERATION: THE JAGUAR NETWORK

Institutionally formalised at the beginning of 2019, the Jaguar Network is made up of security forces and bodies from seven Latin American countries, five European Union countries, as well as Europol, and four candidate countries. The Network is a series of institutional contact points designed to reinforce the fight against environmental crime by means of sharing strategic information, the modus operandi of criminal organisations and new investigative techniques and criminal prosecution in this area.

WHERE

Latin America

Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama and Peru.

European Union

Germany, Spain, France, Italy and Portugal.

Europol-EnviCrime EMPACT



SUCCESS STORIES

Operation Archimedes

Thanks to the Jaguar Network's connections, the Brazilian Federal Police has improved information and experience sharing to better fight against timber trafficking between Brazil and other Latin American countries and the European Union. One example of this was Operation Archimedes, which was coordinated internationally through Europol and Interpol, and which has allowed the relaunch of South-South and Triangular cooperation, benefiting both regions in the fight against timber trafficking. This has been achieved using sophisticated investigation methods to detect money laundering, transport of illegal goods by sea and corrupt public officials.

Comprehensive public policies

Support for inter-ministerial work to support comprehensive public policies that cover everything from prevention to rehabilitation of affected areas through criminal investigation and prosecution and resilience-building.

Illegal trafficking of wild flora and fauna

Reinforcement of international police and judicial cooperation, and developing investigative skills to fight wildlife trafficking, deforestation and timber trafficking.

Illegal mining

Help in intercepting and tracing minerals from illegal mining. Encourage the sharing of good experiences at the South-South and Triangular level.

CITES authorities and security forces

Enhanced coordination between CITES central authorities and security forces, particularly those located in border areas, ports and airports, to better identify and manage wildlife trafficking.

Fight against money laundering and corruption

Strengthen units specialising in environmental crimes by incorporating investigative techniques to fight money laundering, cybercrime and the fight against corruption.

