

EU LEGISLATION ON WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING, DEFORESTATION AND ILLEGAL LOGGING, AND COMBATTING ASSOCIATED CRIME

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I. Background Documentation

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16	Regulation (EU) No 1143/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2014 on the prevention and management of the introduction and spread of invasive alien species, OJ L 317, 4 November 2014
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18	Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 792/2012 of 23 August 2012 laying down rules for the design of permits, certificates and other documents provided for in Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein and amending Commission Regulation (EC) No 865/2006, OJ L 242, 7 September 2012
19	Directive 2010/63/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 September 2010 on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes Text with EEA relevance, OJ L 276, 20 October 2010
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188	Joint Investigation Teams: Practical Guide, 16 December 2021

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191	Report on Eurojust's casework in asset recovery, 12 February 2019

F. Useful Links

F1. Tools, Networks

192	EUR-Lex Environment and climate change
193	CITES Secretariat CITES Trade Database no 338/97
194	Operational Facility for Fighting Illicit Waste Trafficking - 2nd Newsletter
195	ENVICRIMENET LIFE+ SATEC Project
196	European Network of Prosecutors for the Environment (E.N.P.E)
197	The European Union Forum of Judges for the Environment (EUFJE)
198	The European Union Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law (IMPEL)
199	4 Networks Conference E-Zine, Cooperation & Strengthening Environmental Enforcement, 28-29th September 2023
200	THEMIS: Illegal Wildlife Trade Toolkit
201	European Crime Prevention Network (EUCPN)
202	The European Union Trade in Wildlife Information eXchange (EU-TWIX)
203	Species+ database
204	Successful Wildlife Crime Prosecution in Europe (SWIPE)

205	The Shipment of Waste Enforcement Actions Project (SWEAP) • SWEAP Factsheets for industry
206	European Union Action to Fight Environmental Crime

F2. Environmental Organisations Websites

207	WasteForce Project
208	Nature Crime Alliance
209	Basel –Secretariat for International Movements of Waste
210	ClientEarth
211	National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

F3. EU Institutions and Agencies

212	European Commission • The European Green Deal • DG Environment • DG Climate Action • DG Justice and Consumers • DG Taxation and Customs Union • DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries • Combating environmental crime • Wildlife Trade
213	European Council and Council of the European Union
214	European Parliament
215	European Environment Agency (EEA)
216	European Border and Coast Guard Agency (Frontex)
217	European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA)
218	Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU)
219	European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO)

220	European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF)
221	European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training (CEPOL)
222	Europol • Environmental Crime • Illicit trafficking in endangered plant species and varieties • Illicit trafficking in endangered animal species • Secure Information Exchange Network Application (SIENA)
223	Eurojust • Environmental crime