First Workshop on International Wildlife Crime Enforcement Capacity Building and Exchange

Call for Applications

Time: November/December 2020 (5 Days)

Place: Nanjing, China

Main Language: English

(Interpretation to other languages may be arranged upon request)

China's Nanjing Forest Police College (NFPC) and Global Environmental Institute (GEI) are thrilled to announce the First Workshop on International Wildlife Crime Enforcement Capacity Building and Exchange. This workshop will be held in November/December of 2020. The application procedure is now open till August 15, 2020.

International wildlife trafficking is increasingly threatening global conservation efforts. The World Bank estimates that illegal logging, fishing and wildlife trade have an estimated value of 1 trillion USD or more per year, while the loss in ecosystem services is not economically priced. While a majority of countries around the globe have become members of the UN Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES) and have been strengthening their legislation on controlling wildlife trade, for many countries, enforcement of these laws to combat illegal wildlife trade remains a challenge. Transnational organized groups have continued to try crimes with more advanced techniques, therefore calling for even more sophisticated enforcement systems both domestically and internationally to counter the crimes. Cross-country enforcement cooperation is also urgently needed in order to effectively track and investigate criminals and carry out raids, seizures and arrest to disrupt the trade.

Under the backdrop of China's development of Green Belt and Road as well as ecological civilization, the combat against illegal wildlife trade is one of the most important commitments that China seeks to fulfill so as to help protect global ecosystem and biodiversity. In addition to strengthening domestic legislation, policies and enforcement, China is also willing to take the leadership in global governance on combatting illegal wildlife trade through enhancing cooperation with other countries. NFPC and GEI are initiating the "International Wildlife Crime Enforcement Capacity Building Program" to help contribute to the exchange and capacity building of wildlife enforcement officers from China and other relevant countries.

The "International Wildlife Crime Enforcement Capacity Building and Exchange Program" aims to

- 1) share up-to-date enforcement practices against wildlife crimes in China and around the world;
- 2) engage frontline enforcement officers from around the world to exchange and learn from each other, and to spark innovation on future cross-country enforcement cooperation.

Contents covered by the First Workshop will include but are not limited to:

Ecological security and wildlife enforcement

- International and Chinese wildlife crime policies and legislations
- Enforcement techniques: investigation and interrogation, intelligence analysis, wildlife product identification and verification
- Wildlife cybercrime
- Inter-agency coordination to combat wildlife crime
- International cooperation to combat wildlife crime

This workshop will last for 5 days and will take place in <u>Nanjing, China</u>. The specific date of the workshop will be announced later once the application procedure is completed. The workshop will be mainly conducted in English. Interpretation to other languages may be arranged upon request.

As space is limited for the 2020 workshop, 25 participants will be selected on a merit basis. However, all are welcome to submit applications as there will be future workshop opportunities that may consider applicants from this round.

Qualification for Participants:

- Currently working as an enforcement officer in charge of wildlife crime issues, at the forestry and wildlife authority, police Customs, or Border Control;
- At least 3 years of working experiences as an enforcement officer;

Applications:

Please send the following documents to qbzx@nfpc.edu.cn

- 1. Filled Application Form (Link to download at the end of this webpage)
- 2. Resume
- 3. One Recommendation Letter
- 4. Needs Assessment Survey (Link to download at the end of this webpage)

Workshop Organizers

Nanjing Forest Police College (NFPC)

Nanjing Forest Police College is a specialized police college that cultivates high quality wildlife law enforcement officers. Under the direction and supervision of the Ministry of Public Security, NFPC shoulders a unique and significant mission in police and forestry education in China, by not only training wildlife law enforcement officers but also performing advanced research on wildlife crime and wildlife law enforcement techniques to improve the capacity of the enforcement bodies. The College offers programs within the field of forest and wildlife law enforcement, with the aim to build a personnel training system with characteristics of forest police and fire prevention.

NFPC looks highly on international exchanges of academics and research, and has established connections with institutions and individual police and forest fire prevention colleagues from countries and areas around the world.

NFPC currently hosts 10 schools and departments, which are:

- School of Public Security
- School of Criminal Investigation,
- School of Criminal Science and Technology,
- School of Police Management
- School of Information Science and Technology
- School of Police Command and Tactics
- Department of Trends of Thought and Political Affairs,
- Department of Fundamental Education
- Department of Driving Training
- Department of Continuing Education

There are also research and training centres in the college, with

- Training Centre of the Endangered Wildlife Import and Export Management of the PRC
- Research Centre of the Law of Forest Police of the National Forestry and Grassland Administration (NFGA)
- Institute of the Endangered Wildlife Crime of the NFGA
- Research Centre of the Law of Forest Police of the NFGA
- Forensic Identification Centre of the NFGA
- Police Training Centre of the NFGA
- Professional Education Research Centre of the NFGA
- Forest Fire Engineering Research Centre of the NFGA
- Information Technology Innovation Alliance of Prevention and Control of Forest and Grasslands
 Disasters
- Police Aviation Training Centre
- Secretariat of the Standardization Technical Committee of the National Forest Fire Fighting.

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Global Environmental Institute

Global Environmental Institute (GEI) is a Chinese non-profit, non-governmental organization founded, registered, and based in Beijing, China since 2004. Our mission is to design, execute and support

market-based models and policy recommendations that solve environmental problems in order to achieve development that is economically, ecologically and socially sustainable.

GEI's programs cover climate change, low-carbon development, ecological protection, marine conservation, responsible overseas investment, and green finance. In these areas, we work alongside key policymakers, scientists, civil society leaders, local communities, and companies to foster dialogues and innovative solutions to protect the environment and enhance economic opportunity in China and the developing world. Besides projects in, GEI also worked in other developing countries including Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, Mongolia, Vietnam, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Cameroon, Congo, Mozambique, Ghana, and Liberia.

On combating international illegal wildlife trade, GEI has been working towards the goal to disrupt the global wildlife trafficking supply chain. Through conducting policy studies, promoting policy dialogues, facilitating wildlife crime enforcement cooperation, GEI aims to facilitate policy coordination and joint enforcement actions between China and other key supply chain countries. Meanwhile, GEI is also exploring mechanisms to engage and mobilize local communities in wildlife conservation and anti-poaching activities.

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