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Organised wildlife trafficking to be considered a 'serious crime' across the EU

Wildlife trafficking is a serious crime, and poaching has reached unprecedented levels for some species in recent years.

It is now considered the fourth largest transnational organised crime (after the trafficking of drugs, humans and counterfeit goods) – and it happens right under our eyes, with the **EU both a major destination and a transit point in the global wildlife trade**.

A few weeks ago, the European Commission launched its **EU Action Plan against Wildlife Trafficking**, which WWF strongly supported.

It details a **robust set of measures** that will allow the EU to fight the illegal trafficking of wildlife products more effectively, both in the EU and globally.

WWF is very pleased to see that the Action Plan includes measures for all EU countries to consider organised wildlife trafficking a serious crime, which can be **sentenced with at least four years imprisonment**. It also proposes concrete measures to improve capacity and cooperation between the enforcement services within and between EU member states.

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Thank you for a 'shining a light on climate action' for Earth Hour 2016! 🌍🔍



This year's Earth Hour saw the **BIGGEST celebration for our planet ever**, with **178** participating **countries** and territories, and over **1.23 million individual actions** taken to help **#ChangeClimateChange**.

Over **400 iconic landmarks** all over the world dimmed their lights to celebrate Earth Hour, including the Eiffel Tower (Paris), the Atomium (Brussels), Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament (London), and the Empire State Building (New York).

We asked people to pledge to take climate action.... and many European Institutions and politicians answered showing their support.

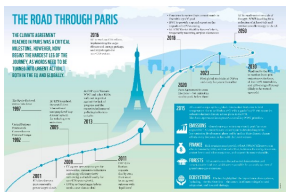
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