

Report

The First Meeting of the South Asia Experts Group on Illegal Wildlife Trade

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1. Background

In May 2008, the eight Environment Ministers of South Asia at the 11th Meeting of the Governing Council of the South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme (SACEP) in Jaipur, India, announced their support for the formation of a South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network (SAWEN). Under the “Jaipur Declaration”, the Ministers also urged for the establishment of the South Asia Experts Group on Illegal Wildlife Trade, consisting of relevant technical representatives from the eight member countries, which would meet periodically to provide a forum for the development of regional programmes through networking, sharing and effective dissemination of knowledge and information. The Ministers also mandated the Experts Group to develop a detailed work programme for implementing the South Asia Regional Strategic Plan on Illegal Wildlife Trade. Additionally, regional co-operation on “wildlife conservation and combating illegal trade in wildlife and bio-resources” has been included as a focal component in the scope of work under the *Convention on Cooperation on Environment in South Asia*, proposed by India at the meeting of South Asia’s Environment Ministers held in India in October 2009. This Convention was signed at the 16th Summit of the South Asian Association for Regional Co-Operation (SAARC) in Thimpu, Bhutan in April 2010.

In addition, a meeting held during the Kathmandu Global Tiger Workshop in October 2009 in Nepal among the representatives from South Asia’s tiger range countries (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, and Nepal) also acknowledged the dire need of SAWEN and agreed to move forward to materialize it. Nepal expressed willingness to host a secretariat for SAWEN in Kathmandu, and Nepal's proposal was agreed in principle by the four tiger range countries, acknowledging that this offer would be shared with the remaining four South Asia countries. South Asia’s initiative to create SAWEN was also discussed at a workshop session during the 1st Asian Ministerial Conference on Tiger Conservation, held in Hua Hin, Thailand in January 2010. This push for regional networking was appreciated by all tiger range countries and the international community engaged in tiger conservation.

2. Introduction

The First Meeting of the South Asia Experts Group on Illegal Wildlife Trade was held from May 17 - 19, 2010, in Kathmandu, Nepal. The meeting was hosted by the Government of Nepal - Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation and supported by Nepal’s Department of Forests and Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation, as well as the National Trust for Nature Conservation, WWF Nepal and TRAFFIC. Funding support for the meeting was generously provided by the

Department of State, US Government. The major goal of this Experts Group Meeting was to strengthen regional co-operation among the eight South Asian countries in combating illegal trade of wild animal and plant species, and to form a regional network to prioritize such actions on wildlife law enforcement.

The meeting was attended by over 80 participants, including representatives from the governments of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka¹. Inter-governmental organizations represented at the meeting included ICPO-Interpol, the World Customs Organization (WCO), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme (SACEP), the Program Co-ordination Unit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Wildlife Enforcement Network (ASEAN-WEN PCU), IUCN and the World Bank². Non-governmental organizations represented at the meeting included TRAFFIC, WWF, National Trust for Nature Conservation, Wildlife Conservation Nepal and Wildlife Watch Group. Please see attached participants list (Appendix I).

The meeting was officially opened and closed by the Honourable Mr Deepak Bohara, Minister of Forests and Soil Conservation, Government of Nepal. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Yuba Raj Bhusal, Secretary, Ministry of Forest and Soil Conservation. Mr Shyam Bajimaya, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation, Government of Nepal, with assistance from Mr Sabri Zain and Mr. Samir Sinha from TRAFFIC, facilitated the meeting.

This Report highlights the key outputs and “road map” of near-term actions to be taken forward by member countries. Full proceedings of the meeting will eventually be produced, containing a detailed enumeration of the Experts Group’s discussions, particularly on the content of a future work programme.

3. Presentations

The meeting began with country presentations from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Each of the country presentations gave an overview of national and regional issues related to wildlife trade management and illegal wildlife trade; a description of key agencies involved in wildlife law enforcement and their responsible mandates; successes and challenges in wildlife law enforcement; and the country’s vision for the structure of a regional network for wildlife law enforcement in South Asia.

¹ The Republic of Maldives was also invited, but was unable to attend the Experts Group meeting.

² The CITES Secretariat was unable to attend the meeting, but provided important inputs into the development of the agenda and pertinent reference documents for discussion by the Experts Group.

These country presentations were complemented by a number of presentations from inter-governmental organizations involved in wildlife law enforcement at the regional and international levels, including ICPO-Interpol, WCO, UNODC, and the ASEAN Wildlife Enforcement Network. TRAFFIC made presentations demonstrating examples of priority species for action on illegal wildlife trade, as well as examples linking law enforcement on anti-poaching with anti-trafficking.

Please see attached final meeting agenda for further details (Appendix II).

4. Working Groups

Two Working Group sessions were held during the Experts Group meeting. These examined: (i) the Structure, Coordination and Function of a Regional Law Enforcement Network for combating illegal wildlife trade in South Asia; and (ii) the Development of a Regional Work Programme for combating illegal wildlife trade in South Asia.

The Working Group session on Structure, Coordination and Function examined the elements in a draft Memorandum of Agreement on a South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network which had been prepared by the CITES Secretariat and served as a guide for discussions during the working group session (Table 1).

Table 1: Working Group session on Structure, Coordination and Function

Group 1 - Structure	Group 2 - Coordination	Group 3 - Function
a. Composition	a. National inter-agency cooperation	a. Capacity-building
b. Structure – Secretariat and Committees	b. Focal points and focal point communications and information exchange	b. Awareness-raising
	c. Meetings	c. Information-sharing
	d. International Cooperation	d. Intelligence-sharing

The second Working Group session on Development of a Regional Work Programme looked at some of the functions and priority activities that emerged from the first Working Group session above. It examined in greater detail the potential activities in terms of regional law enforcement responses; addressing information, capacity and

technical gaps; and how to engage with other countries involved in global wildlife trade, and issues such as demand reduction in those countries (see Table 2 below).

Table 2: Working Group session on development of a regional work programme

Group 1 - Targeting Regional Law Enforcement Responses	Group 2 - Crucial Gaps (Information, Capacity, Technical) and how to address them	Group 3 - Partners to Work with South Asia's Regional Wildlife Enforcement Network
<p>a. Identify poaching hotspots</p> <p>b. Map illegal wildlife trade routes</p> <p>c. List key transit points and end-use markets</p> <p>d. Species focus – singular or plural?</p> <p>e. How should operational investigations be planned and executed?</p>	<p>a. Research and Information</p> <p>b. Training and Capacity Building</p> <p>c. Technical and Equipment</p> <p>d. Communications and Public Outreach</p> <p>e. Funding</p>	<p>a. Identifying non-SAARC countries and strategy for engagement (e.g. China, US, EU, ASEAN, Middle East) and how to structure engagement (dialogue, exchanges, communication, advocacy)</p> <p>b. How does South Asia WEN catalyze demand reduction action outside the region?</p>

All Working Groups met in plenary, where the findings were discussed and outcomes and recommendations agreed upon.

5. Outcomes

a. Secretariat

It was decided by consensus that a Permanent Secretariat for the South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network (SAWEN) will be needed, with a Secretary-General leading it and physically hosted in one of the member countries. However, to take the process forward in the interim period, it was decided that the Government of Nepal would facilitate the Secretariat functions. For this, Mr Megh Pandey, Deputy Director General, Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation, was nominated to provide interim support for the operationalising and rolling out the SAWEN “road map” as agreed below, with assistance from WWF Nepal, NTNC and TRAFFIC.

b. Road Map

The Government of Nepal, generously volunteered to be the Coordinator of the “road map” leading up to the formal establishment of the Secretariat. The outline for this “road map” is as follows:

By September 2010:

- Focal points/persons from each of the member countries will be identified and confirmed by member countries. At least, two focal points will be identified by each member country: one should be a designated representative from the CITES Management Authority and another should be from a relevant agency working on wildlife enforcement issues that is authorized by the CITES Management Authority.
- A full report of this first Experts Group meeting will be reviewed, finalized and distributed to all meeting participants and focal points.
- The Government of Maldives, which was unable to attend this meeting, should be fully informed of the outcomes of the Experts Group deliberations.
- On-going discussions on the meeting outcomes will continue electronically among the meeting participants via an e-mail list.
- Participants will discuss opportunities for any joint training projects and activities that can be conducted in the next few months.
- Preparations will be initiated for the next meeting of the South Asia Experts Group on Illegal Wildlife Trade. TRAFFIC was requested to continue its ongoing assistance in the preparation of the next meeting.
- Fundraising efforts will continue to support the outcomes of this Experts Group meeting.

By January 2011:

- The next meeting of the South Asia Experts Group on Illegal Wildlife Trade will be held, at which the South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network (SAWEN) will be formally operationalized. The Government

of Bhutan has kindly offered to host this meeting. Observers will be invited from among relevant partner countries outside of South Asia, IGOs, and non-governmental organizations with a long-term presence and commitment to the South Asia region.

- A donor roundtable meeting will be held in conjunction with that meeting, to highlight SAWEN's objectives, plans and activities to potential donors and partners.
- A Work programme for SAWEN and the SAWEN Secretariat will be agreed.
- Acknowledging Nepal's offer to host, a decision will be made regarding the location for the SAWEN Secretariat.
- The Terms of Reference for the Secretary-General of SAWEN will be finalized.
- The recruitment process for the Secretary-General will commence accordingly.

c. SAWEN Structure

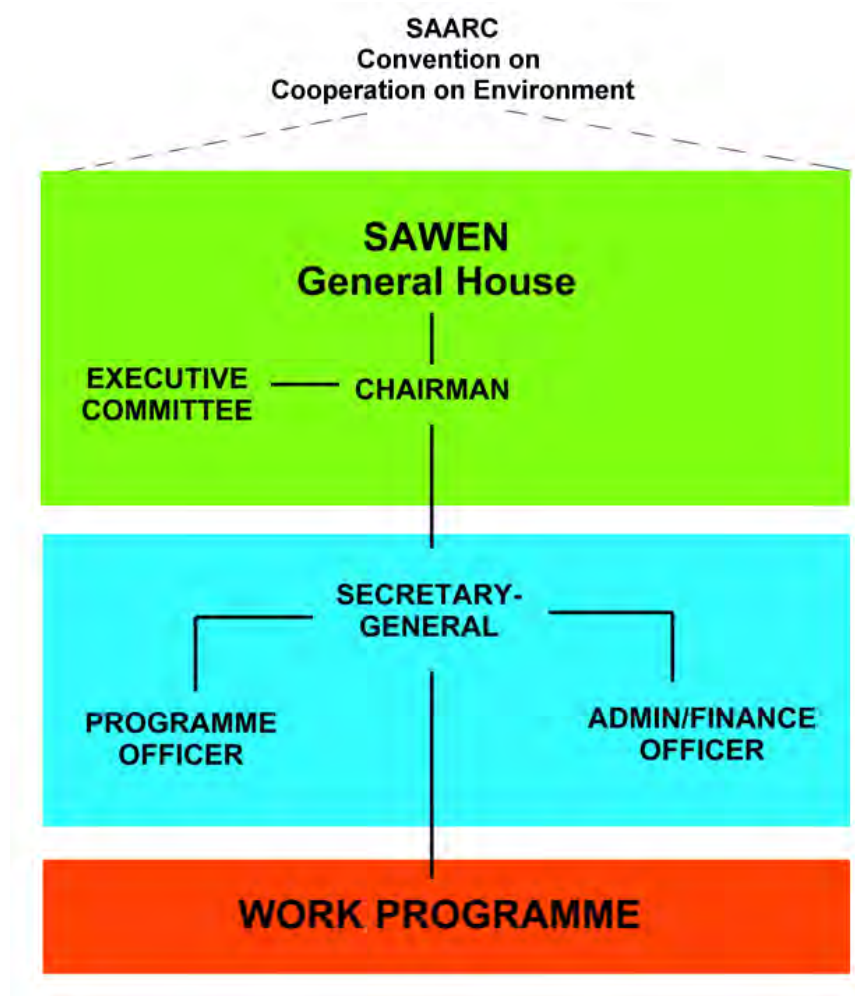
It was noted that the South Asia Experts Group on Illegal Wildlife Trade will, on the formal establishment of the proposed Secretariat, henceforth become the South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network (SAWEN). Proposed structure of SAWEN is given in Figure 1.

SAWEN will be led by a Chairman. This position will be occupied on a rotational basis every year among the eight South Asia member countries.

Day-to-day operations of the General House of SAWEN will be managed by an Executive Committee, which will consist of one representative from each of the member countries.

SAWEN will support the work of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) by contributing to regional cooperation under the SAARC Convention on Cooperation on Environment with respect to "wildlife conservation and combating illegal trade in wildlife and bio-resources", specifically mentioned under the scope of the above mentioned Convention. The Experts Group also acknowledged the need for SAWEN to retain a strong level of autonomy and flexibility in its operational structure to allow it to address the pertinent wildlife enforcement issues without being overly constrained by bureaucracy.

Figure 1: Proposed structure for the South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network



¹ The General House of SAWEN would consist of the designated national focal points and any other additional representatives authorized by the respective national governments to attend meetings of SAWEN and participate in its discussions

d. Secretariat Structure

It was decided that the Secretariat will be led by a Secretary-General, assisted by a programme/technical officer and an administrative/finance officer.

The Government of Nepal had previously offered at the Global Tiger Workshop in Kathmandu (October 2009) to host the offices of the proposed Secretariat and this offer will be further discussed, taking into consideration the required approvals from the relevant Ministries in the member countries.

The Secretary-General will report to the Chairman of SAWEN mentioned above.

e. Secretary-General Terms of Reference

It was decided that the Secretary-General of SAWEN should be a dynamic, and experienced professional. The following responsibilities will be included in his/her Terms of Reference:

- Strategic Planning
- Coordination (among member countries)
- Networking (with external audiences)
- Administration
- Funding development

f. Funding

TRAFFIC International will continue to provide strategic financial and technical assistance under a current grant from the US Department of State, in the process leading up to the establishment of the SAWEN Secretariat. TRAFFIC will also work with SAWEN member countries to help identify 'seed money' for the proposed Secretariat from other potential sources, such as the World Bank and USAID, amongst others discussed by the Experts Group.

It was recommended that the next meeting of this Experts Group include a Donor Roundtable Meeting as a side event, where potential donors could be invited and briefed on SAWEN plans and activities. The possibility for annual contributions from member countries for the running of SAWEN should be explored. It was noted that such contributions and other in-kind contributions would be a good demonstration to potential donors of member countries' commitment to the successful implementation of SAWEN.

Other fundraising strategies discussed included:

Showing results: It was noted that the successful implementation of projects and activities by SAWEN that demonstrated good and tangible results and impacts would encourage potential donors to support its efforts. Operational planning for such activities should be conducted as soon as possible, including any joint training that could be delivered in the next six months.

Visibility: SAWEN should increase its visibility with donors by producing awareness and promotional materials and enhancing media opportunities. Production of general awareness materials on the wildlife trade priorities of South Asia, for example, could enhance the importance of the issue in the region with potential donors. TRAFFIC has offered to assist member countries with developing these initial materials for regional profiling and outreach.

Themes: Fundraising activities could be focused on particular themes that could be of strong interest to potential donors. These include the combating of organized trans-national crime networks and improving law enforcement and governance over natural resources; as well as wider nature conservation approaches, such as protecting biodiversity as part of natural resource management approaches, Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD), watershed and ecosystem management, sustainable economic development, human health and disease prevention, and development of alternative livelihoods.

Regional cooperation: It was noted that some donors now prefer funding projects on a regional basis rather than on a country-by-country basis, and that South Asia should take the opportunity of highlighting this initiative being taken by the member countries to cooperate and address issues together at the regional level.

g. Work Programme

A number of potential activities were identified for SAWEN's work programme in terms of regional law enforcement responses; addressing information, capacity and technical gaps; and how to engage with other countries and issues such as demand reduction in those countries. These are summarized in Table 3 below.

Table 3: Development of a regional programme for combating illegal wildlife trade in South Asia

<p style="text-align: center;">Enforcement Responses</p> <p>Hotspots, Trade Routes, Markets, Transits, Species, Operational Planning and Implementation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Addressing Gaps</p> <p>Research & information, training and capacity building, technical and equipment, communications and outreach, funding</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Partnerships</p> <p>Partner countries, advocacy engagement, IGOs, NGOs, Demand reduction</p>
<p>a. ‘Hotlist’ of hotspots & priority species per country should be further developed</p> <p>b. ‘Red line’ analysis of priority trade routes per country, and across the regional/global trade chain should be conducted</p> <p>c. Enhance strategic analysis to maximize impact of any enforcement interventions</p> <p>d. Pilot joint operations within SAWEN and with external destinations</p> <p>e. Target operations will require solid tactical analysis</p> <p>f. Focus on intelligence-led operations, developing joint operational processes, and joint intervention teams from within SAWEN member countries</p> <p>g. Strong systematic approach should be prioritized, incorporating feedback for adaptive management</p>	<p>a. Analysis of crime trends & statistics</p> <p>b. Links to be strengthened between field & policy coordination</p> <p>c. Training and use of forensics</p> <p>d. Incorporate criminal sociology analysis</p> <p>e. Engage expertise and resources for species ID</p> <p>f. Sensitize other stakeholders</p> <p>g. Emphasize joint agency training and standardization of approaches, including training of trainers</p> <p>h. Evaluate use of new technology & communications tools</p> <p>i. Improve understanding of target audiences for public awareness outreach</p> <p>j. Costing for Secretariat, meetings, operational planning</p> <p>k. Develop SAWEN Web portal</p>	<p>a. Priority countries at present China, ASEAN, EU, US, Middle East – but will change over time, so important to have review and analysis of trade patterns</p> <p>b. Look for entry points through existing FTAs, bi-laterals,</p> <p>c. Examine transport sectors between SAWEN countries, and linking to end-use markets</p> <p>d. SAWEN should aim for regional presence in international forum</p> <p>e. Examine wider context for wildlife trade – climate change, health, ecosystem services, economic valuation of trade</p> <p>f. Link SAWEN to organisations and treaties working on trans-national crime</p> <p>g. Examination of demand drivers; attitudinal surveys, consumer market sectors</p> <p>h. MOUs with IGOs/NGOs as partners for outreach</p> <p>i. Design public awareness materials that demonstrate the scale of the problem in South Asia, and engage consumer countries</p> <p>j. Enhance national legislation, share best-practices</p> <p>k. Ensure monitoring of impacts at national as well as regional levels</p>

Appendix I: List of participants

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Appendix II: Final Agenda

DAY I – May 17, 2010				
Towards a Regional Wildlife Law Enforcement Network in South Asia				
Time	Title	Details	Format	Lead / Speaker
08:00 ~ 09:00	Workshop Registration	Registration of the Participants	Admin	DNPWC /WWF Nepal
09:00 ~10:20 Inaugural Session		Chair person of the Inaugural Session Mr Yuba Raj Bhushal, Secretary, Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation		MC
5 min		Seating arrangements		MC
10 min	Welcome Address	Welcome Address and objectives of the meeting	Speech	Mr Shyam Bajimaya Joint Secretary, MoFSC, Govt of Nepal
5 min		Remarks by ICPO-INTERPOL	Speech	Mr Emile Lindemulder, Environmental Crime Programme, ICPO-INTERPOL
5 min		Remarks by co-organizers	Speech	Mr Samir Sinha, TRAFFIC
5 min		Remarks by co-organizers	Speech	Mr Anil Manandhar, Country Representative WWF Nepal
15 min	Inaugural Address	Address by Chief Guest	Speech	Hon. Deepak Bohara, Minister of Forests and Soil Conservation, Government of Nepal
5 mins		Vote of Thanks	Speech	Mr Krishna P. Acharya Joint Secretary, MoFSC, Govt of Nepal
10 min		Remarks from the Chair	Speech	Mr Yuba Raj Bhushal, Secretary, MoFSC, Govt of Nepal
15 min	Coffee Break			
5 min	Business Arrangements	Business and Housekeeping	Announcement	MoFSC / WWF- Nepal

Session 1 10:40 ~ 12:30	Country Presentations on Illegal Wildlife Trade Chair - Sri Lanka		Each Country to prepare a 15 minute presentation on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National and regional issues related to wildlife trade management and illegal wildlife trade • Description of key agencies involved in wildlife law enforcement and their responsible mandates • Successes and challenges in wildlife law enforcement • Vision for the structure of a regional network for wildlife law enforcement in South Asia 	
10:40 ~ 11:00	Country Presentation	Afghanistan	Presentation	
11:00 ~ 11:20	Country Presentation	Bangladesh	Presentation	
11:20 ~ 11:40	Country Presentation	Bhutan	Presentation	
11:40 ~ 12:00	Country Presentation	India	Presentation	
12:00 ~ 12:30	Questions from Plenary and remarks by the chair		Q & A	Chaired
12:30- 13:30	Lunch Break			
Session 2 13:30~ 15:10	Country Presentations on Illegal Wildlife Trade (cont'd) Chair : Bhutan			
13:30 ~ 13:50	Country Presentation	Maldives	Presentation	(unable to attend)
13:50 ~ 14:10	Country Presentation	Nepal	Presentation	
14:10 ~ 14:30	Country Presentation	Pakistan	Presentation	
14:30 ~ 14:50	Country Presentation	Sri Lanka	Presentation	
14:50 ~ 15:10	Questions from Plenary and remarks by the chair		Q & A	Chaired
15:10 ~ 15:25	Coffee Break			

Session 3 15:25~ 17:00	The Need for Regional Collaboration on Combating Illegal Wildlife Trade			
	Chair : India			
15:25 ~ 15:40	The Road to Kathmandu - precedents and priorities for regional collaboration		Presentation	TRAFFIC
15:40 ~ 16:00	Case studies from Nepal - a source and transit point in South Asia		Presentation	DNPWC/ WWF Nepal
16:00 ~ 16:20	Sharing Experiences from South East Asia - ASEAN-WEN	Strategic and operational lessons from wildlife enforcement networking in Southeast Asia	Presentation	Mr Suraphong Chaweepak, ASEAN-WEN Program Co- Ordination Unit / Ms Onkuri Majumdar, ASEAN- WEN Support Program
16:20 ~ 16:40	International Structures and Systems for Law Enforcement	International Networking to Combat Wildlife Crime	Presentation	ICPO-Interpol - on behalf of the International Consortium on Combating Wildlife Crime (ICWC)
16:40 ~ 17:00	Questions from Plenary and remarks by the Chair		Plenary Discussion	Chaired
1700- 1710	Housekeeping Issues		Announcements	MoFSC / WWF- Nepal
	End of day 1			
1800 onwards	Dinner			Welcome Dinner hosted by MoFSC/WWF Nepal/TRAFFIC

DAY II – May 18, 2010				
Structuring a Regional Wildlife Enforcement Network in South Asia				
Time Slot	Title	Details	Format	Lead / Speaker
Session 4	The Need for Regional Collaboration to combat Illegal Wildlife Trade (cont'd) Chair: Pakistan			
09:00 ~ 09:20	World Customs Organization	Recommendations on role and structure for South Asia networking on combating wildlife crime, and how this links to WCO and ICCWC	Presentation	Mr. Hui Fu World Customs Organization
09:20 ~ 09:40	UNODC	Recommendations on role and structure for South Asia networking on combating wildlife crime, and how this links to UNODC and ICCWC	Presentation	Mr. Venkata Rama Sastry UNODC South Asia
09:40 ~ 10:00	ICPO-INTERPOL	Recommendations on role and structure for South Asia networking on combating wildlife crime, and how this links to INTERPOL and ICCWC	Presentation	Mr. Emile Lindemulder, ICPO Interpol
10:00 ~ 10:15	Questions from Plenary, remarks from the Chair		Q & A	Chaired
10:15 ~ 10:50	Draft Memorandum of Agreement for South Asia	Consideration of a Draft MoA to guide networking in South Asia	Presentation, facilitated discussion	Mr Sabri Zain, TRAFFIC
10:50 ~ 11:00	Introduction to working group session	Structure and rules for working groups		
11:00 ~ 11:15	Coffee Break	Extended into working groups		

Session 5		Working Groups to determine Structure, Function and Co-Ordination of a regional law enforcement network for combating illegal wildlife trade in South Asia		
11:00 ~ 12:00	Group work	Topic Detail		
	<i>Working Group 1: Agreeing a framework for a South Asia wildlife enforcement network</i>	Regional structure, governance, South Asia coverage, member agencies, content of framework agreement	WG	Group Facilitator
	<i>Working Group 2: Defining Operational Protocols for a regional wildlife enforcement network in South Asia, including national to International communication and co-ordination</i>	National focal points, protocols for information exchange, inter-agency links between field and national levels, national-to-international connectivity within a regional network	WG	Group Facilitator
	<i>Working Group 3: Co-Ordination of Regional Work Program and institutional mechanisms</i>	Prioritised activities, capacity building and technical needs, institutional mechanisms for regional co-ordination	WG	Group Facilitator
12:00 ~ 13:30	Lunch Break			
13:30~14:15	Group Work Continues		WG 1, 2, 3	

Session 6	Plenary Chair : Nepal			
14:15 ~ 14:45	WG 1	Presentation	Plenary	Rapporteur WG 1
14:45 ~ 15:15	WG 2	Presentation	Plenary	Rapporteur WG 2
15:15 ~ 15:45	WG 3	Presentation	Plenary	Rapporteur WG 3
15:45 ~ 16:00	Questions from Plenary and remarks by the chair		Facilitated Discussion	Chair
16:00~16:15	Coffee Break			
16:15 ~ 16:30	Discussion on draft outputs from Day 2	Agreement on consensus components from Working Groups	Facilitated Discussion	Chair
16:30 ~ 17:00	Planning for Day 3	Prioritise elements for further deliberation on Day 3	Facilitated Discussion	Chair
18:00 onwards	Dinner			

DAY III – May 19, 2010				
Development of a Regional Work Programme for Combating Illegal Wildlife Trade in South Asia				
Time Slot	Title	Details	Format	Lead / Speaker
Session 7	Development of a Regional Work Programme Chair: Nepal; Co-Chair: Afghanistan			
09:00 ~ 09:20	Introductory Recap	Working Group Outputs from Day 2 - Structure of a Regional Work Program for South Asia	Presentation	Facilitator
09:20 ~ 09:40	Examples of Priority Species for Action on Illegal Wildlife Trade	Examining regional wildlife trade linkages, species and geographic points of intervention	Presentation	TRAFFIC
09:40 ~ 10:00	Linking Law Enforcement Action - where Anti-Poaching and Anti-Trafficking combine	Stopping the wild fauna and flora from getting poached requires close co-ordination between local, national and international levels	Presentation	TRAFFIC

10:00 ~ 10:15	Q&A, plenary discussions		Q & A	Chaired
10:15 ~ 10:45	Review of draft framework text - feedback from SthAsia countries	Finalising a framework of agreement for a regional wildlife enforcement network in South Asia	Facilitated Discussion	Chaired
10:30 ~ 10:45	Objectives for group work		Instructions from Facilitator	Chaired
10:45 ~ 11:00	Coffee Break			
11:00 ~ 12:00	Group work			
	Working Group 1: Priority Species and Trade Routes for Action	Identification of poaching hot spots, illegal wildlife trade routes, and end-use markets - co-ordination of operations and discussion of 'special investigations groups'	WG	Group Facilitator
	Working Group 2: Identification of crucial gaps - information, capacity, technical - and means to address these gaps	What are the needs of the South Asia countries in terms of - research and information - training and capacity building - technical and equipment - funding	WG	Group Facilitator
	Working Group 3: Identification of partners to work with South Asia's regional WEN	Discussion of engagement with non-South Asia countries, inter-governmental organisations, technical experts, NGOs, donor agencies	WG	Group Facilitator
12:00 ~ 13:30	Lunch Break			
13:30~14:15	Group Work Continues			

Session 8	Plenary			
	Chair : Nepal Co-Chair: Bangladesh			
14:15 ~ 14:45	WG 1	Priority actions, routes	Presentation	Rapporteur WG 1
14:45 ~ 15:15	WG 2	Gap Analysis	Presentation	Rapporteur WG 2
15:15 ~ 15:45	WG 3	Partnerships	Presentation	Rapporteur WG 3
15:45~16:15	Discussion and Q&A, remarks by the Chair	Agreement on Structure and Content of regional work programme priorities	Facilitated Discussion	Chaired
		Agreement on framework agreement		
16:15 ~ 16:30	Any Other Business			
16:30 ~ 16:45	Coffee break			
Session 9 - Closing Session				
Chair – Mr Yuba Raj Bhushal, Secretary, Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation, Govt. of Nepal				
	Closing remarks by TRAFFIC (workshop organiser)			
	Closing remarks by Department of Forests			
	Closing remarks by Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation			
	Closing remarks by Chair			
	Vote of Thanks - India			
	Vote of Thanks – Pakistan			
	Closing remarks by Chief Guest: Hon. Minister Deepak Bohara, MoFSC, Government of Nepal			