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# Reinforcement of Police and Customs in addressing wildlife and forest crime

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## 1. Challenges- Police

- Inadequate legislation
- Lack of clear responsibilities
- Limited investigative capacity
- Lack of relationship between agents and prosecutors
- Lack of coordination amongst law enforcement agencies
- Limited training
- Underequipped and understaffed
- Not a priority
- Demotivated
- Low pay
- Constant rotation
- Corruption





# 1. Challenges - Customs

- Customs fully oriented to the issue of revenue collection
- Customs not recognized as members of wider law enforcement
- No risk profiling of containers/passengers
- Transit shipments ignored
- Legislation not enforced
- Limited training/identification of suspicious cargo
- Infiltration by criminal syndicates at points of exit
- Enormous volume

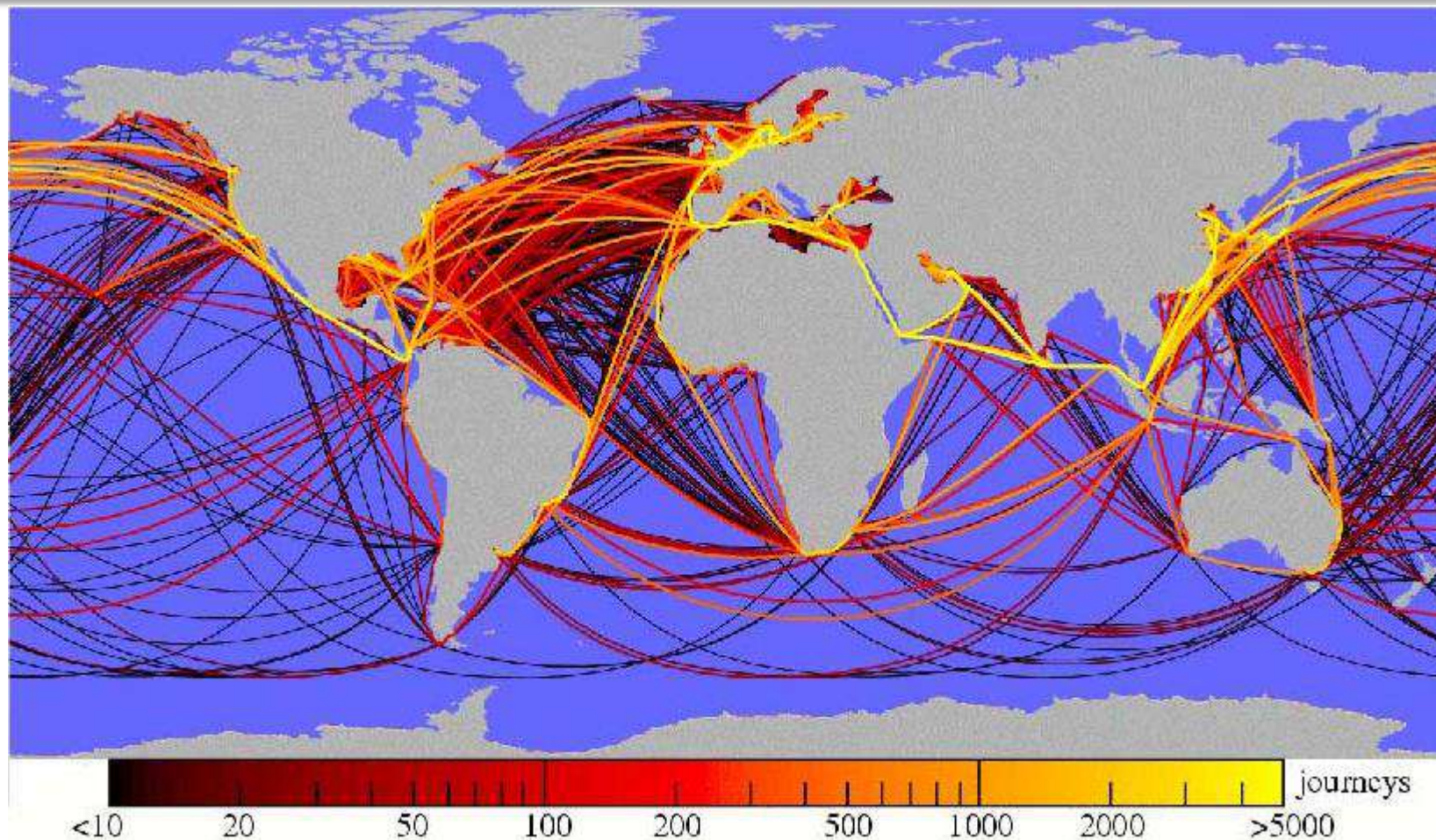


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2015: estimated 750 mill. Container throughput



## 2. What happened- Police

- Strong laws/penalties
- Awareness of roles and responsibilities
- Creation of special investigative units
- Building strong relationship between agents and prosecutors
- Multi-agency task force
- Crime became a policy and operational priority
- Vetted specialized enforcement units
- Increased pay, benefits and incentives
- Stability in post



## 2. What happened- Customs

- Raised awareness on the transnational organized crime threat and customs role
- Strengthened the operational relationship between customs and law enforcement agencies
- Established UNODC-WCO Container Control Programme
- Support in controlled deliveries and other investigative techniques
- Specialized training/i.e. contraband identification
- Mentorship
- Enforcement of legislation





### 3. Way forward

- Replicate best practices
- Serious crime
- Recognize the role of law enforcement in development
- Long-term commitment to enable institutional, structural change



Thank you for your attention!



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