

Destroying our planet. Fueling instability.

Understanding the threats of **nature crimes** to fight back.

Nature crimes

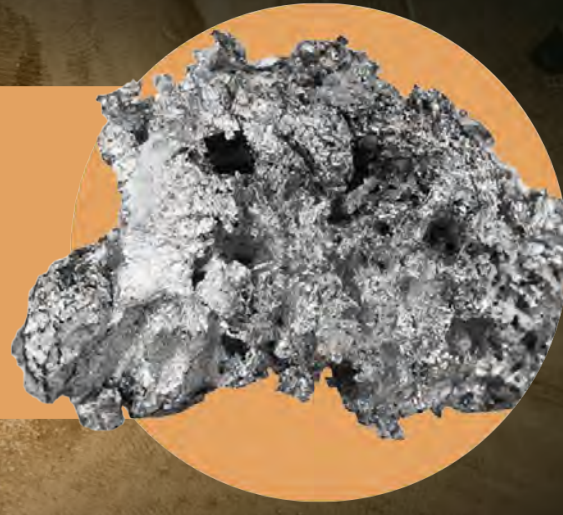
involve illegal activities that **exploit and destroy natural resources**, severely impacting ecosystems, communities, and the global environment.

These crimes—including **illegal logging, mining, wildlife trafficking**, crimes linked to **illegal fishing**, and **land conversion**—are often linked to **organized crime networks** that profit from environmental destruction, leading to widespread ecological harm and social instability.



Wildlife trafficking is a lucrative market for organized crime, often linked to drug and arms trafficking. This crime drives species to extinction, disrupts ecosystems, and deprives communities of vital resources.

Illegal mining in protected areas and indigenous lands fuels severe environmental degradation and water contamination. Criminal groups exploit these activities, using violence to displace local communities and intensify land conflicts.



Illegal logging by criminal groups fuels deforestation, biodiversity loss and disrupts indigenous livelihoods. This crime also increases disease risks as humans and wildlife are forced into closer contact.

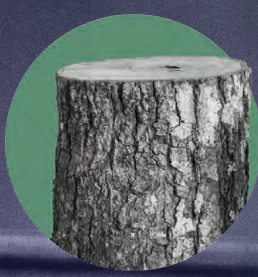
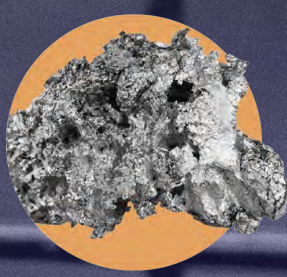
Crimes linked to **illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing** are often driven by criminal organizations. These activities deplete fish stocks, threaten food security, and destroy coastal livelihoods communities.



Land conversion for agriculture or development leads to deforestation and community displacement. Criminal networks profit from these land grabs, which destroy habitats, erase cultural heritage, and increase vulnerability to natural disasters.

Nature crimes are not just environmental offenses; they are a global security threat. These crimes **exacerbate climate change, deplete natural resources**, and **destabilize communities**, creating conditions ripe for further criminal activities and corruption.

The destruction of the environment can lead to **conflicts over resources, weaken governance**, and **foster violence**, including assassinations of environmental defenders.



To fight nature crimes, we must first understand them.

Educate yourself and others, recognize the signs, and spread awareness.