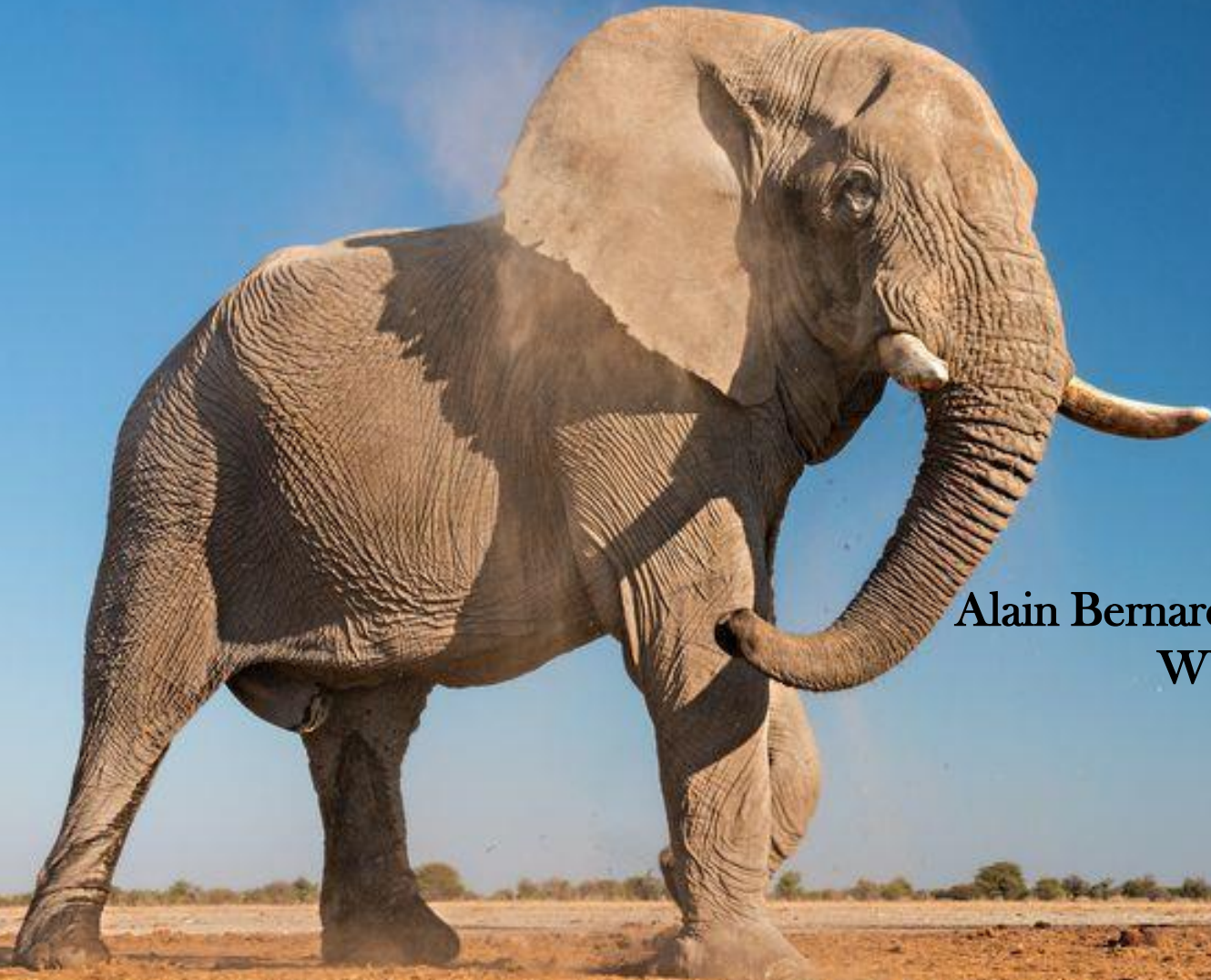


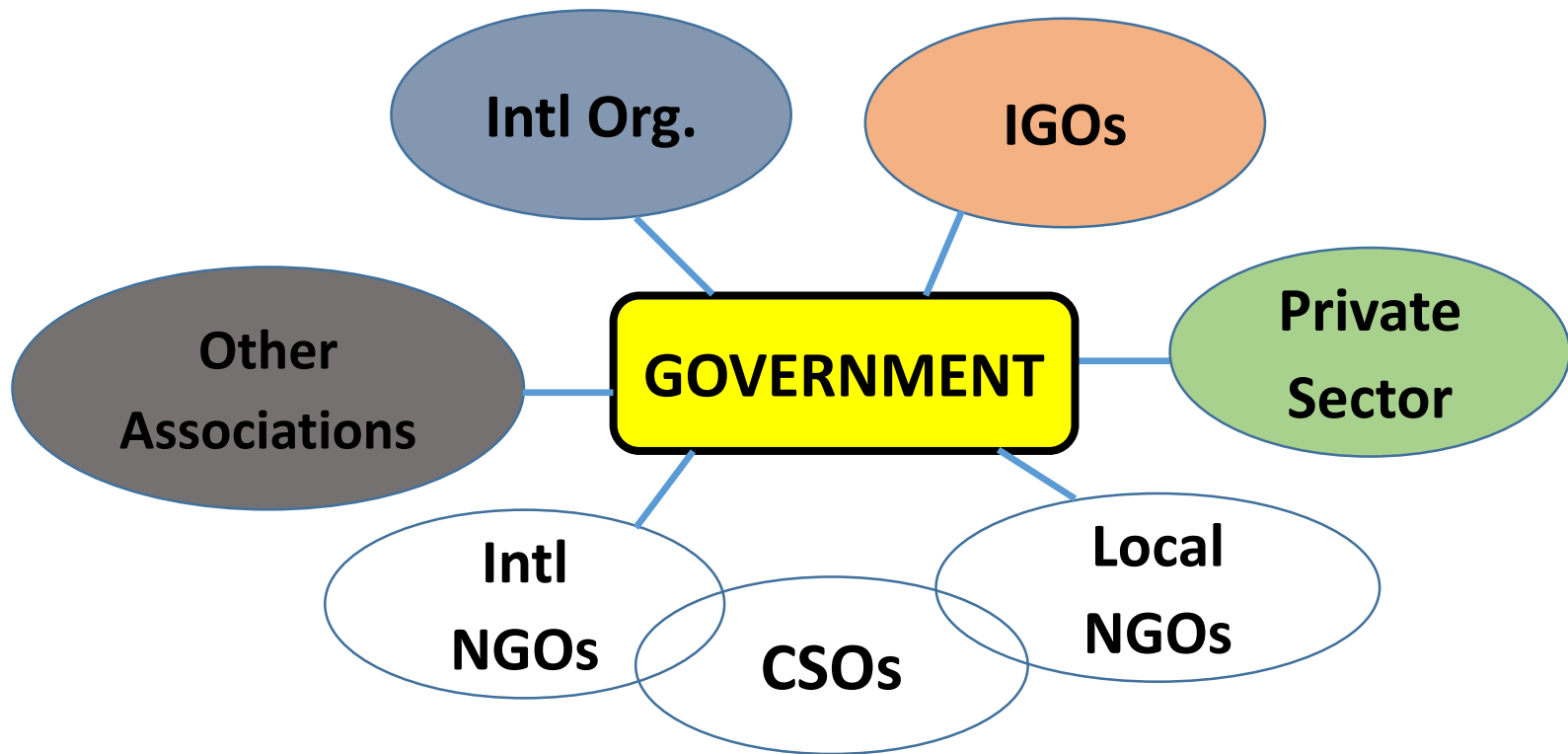
# The “Zero Poaching” approach and it’s applicability in Central Africa



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# THE CONTEXT

Multiple actors in conservation...





# THE CONTEXT

- Areas/aspects easy to cover
- No-go zones: too risky (branding, reputational), lack of capacity etc.
- Competition amongst actors
- Duplication of efforts
- Lack of/limited impact: increase in poaching



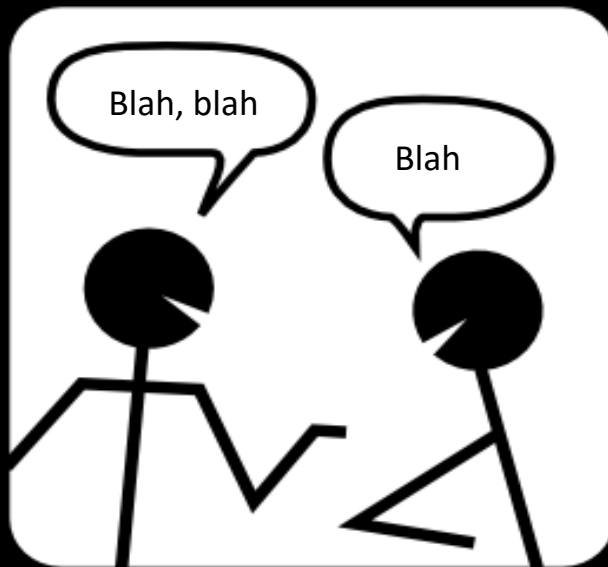


# DEFINITION

A site achieves **Zero Poaching** when:

- there are **no detectable** traces of poaching activity in that site
- over a **defined** period
- there is **no discernible** impact on a species in that site to recover and sustain a population

# MORE THAN A TITLE



People may say Zero Poaching is not achievable and there will always be some poaching no matter how good the enforcement

But Zero Poaching is not just about trying to get to absolute zero!

# MORE THAN A TITLE

Zero Poaching is:

- An approach to **minimize** poaching
- An **ambitious target** instead of a goal to achieve
- a **rallying call** for us to act **together** to **minimize** current species loss due to **poaching**

# REALISTIC GOALS

Countries can try to achieve Zero Poaching:



Over any defined **area**



For any **species**  
of concern



# SOUNDS IMPOSSIBLE?

**Nepal has already  
achieved Zero Poaching!**

In 2011 for rhinos

In February 2014 for  
tigers, elephants & rhinos

In May 2015 for rhinos

**If Nepal can achieve it so can other countries...**

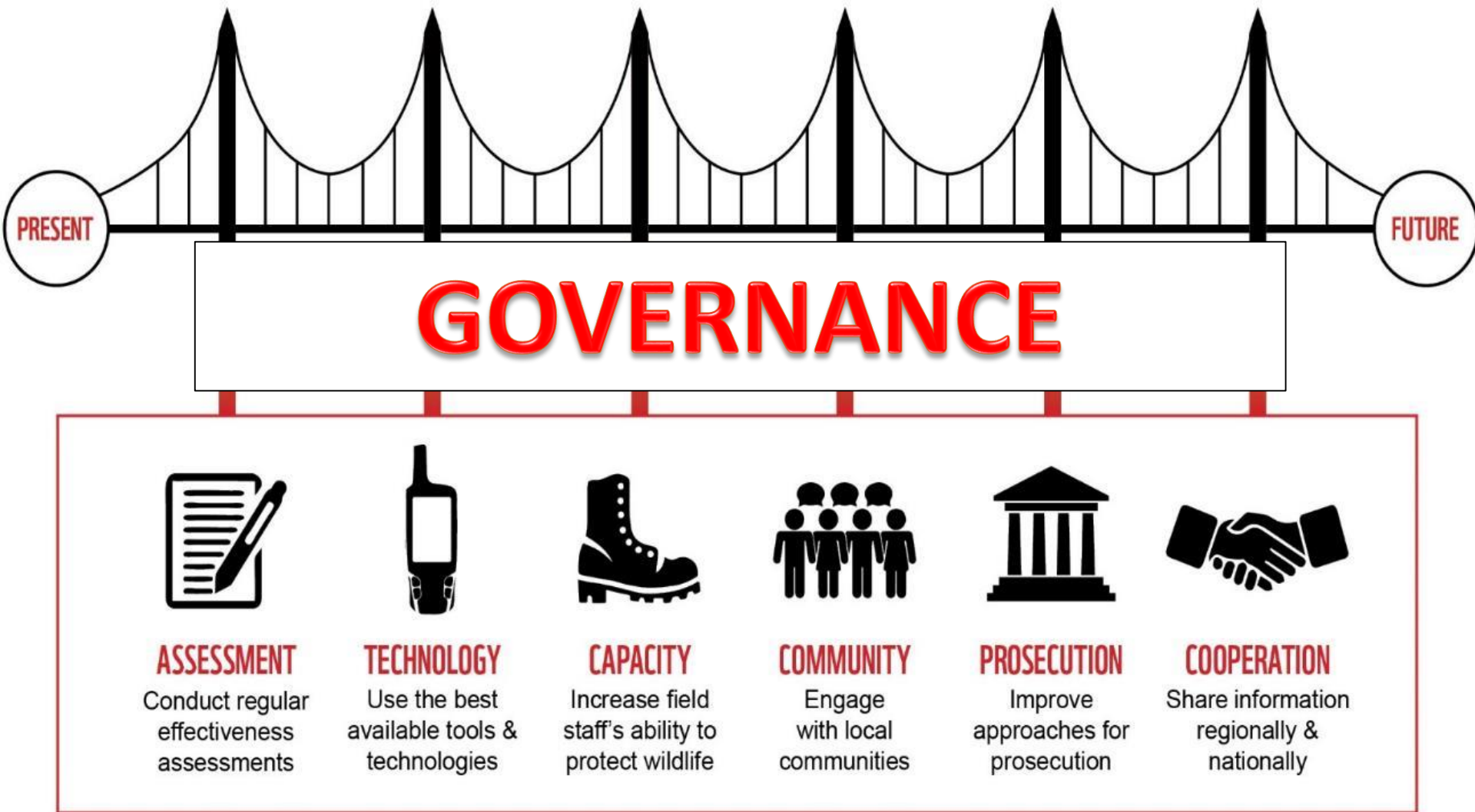




# MISSION

**Zero Poaching** will be driven forward through a strong **collaboration** of governments, IGOs, NGOs and civil society for the benefit of conserving **living natural resources** and securing the **future of people** who depend on them through the implementation of a framework composed of **six pillars**.

# BRIDGING THE GAP TO ACHIEVE ZERO POACHING



# SUPPORTERS



Asian Development Bank



SMART



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Wildlife Institute of India



UNODC  
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime



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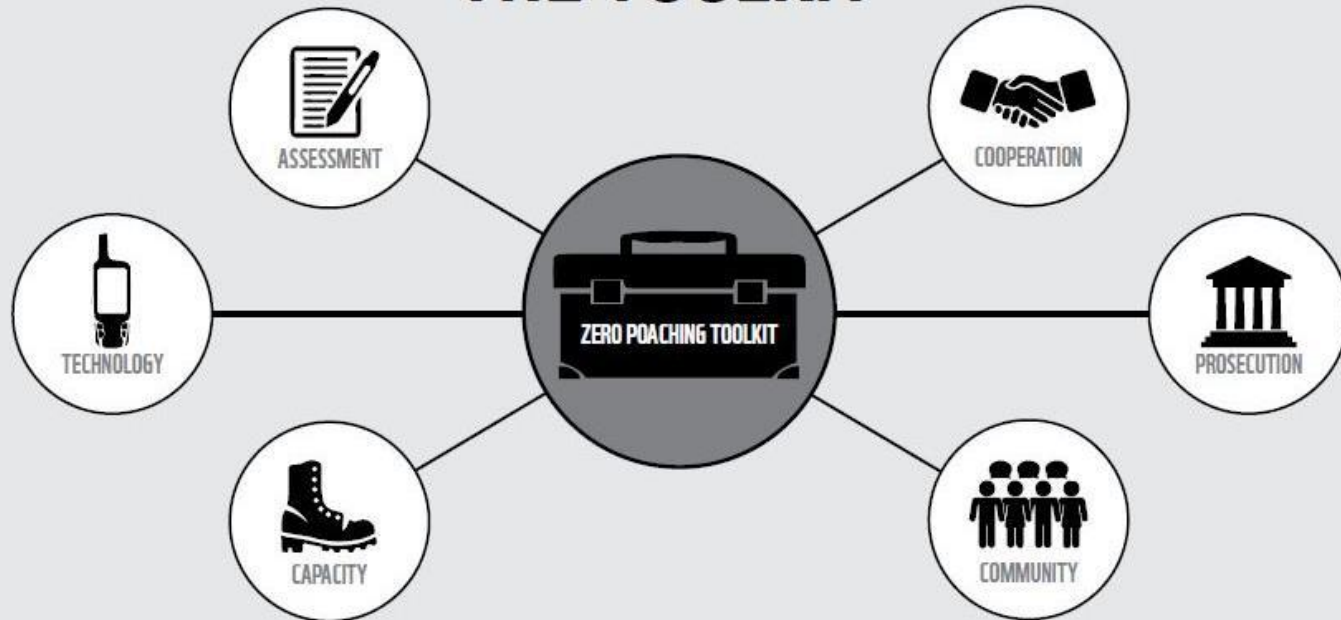


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the wildlife trade monitoring network



# THE TOOLKIT



*When used together, these tools can stop poaching.*

This Toolkit helps national and state agencies, protected area managers, rangers and other frontline protection staff close gaps in anti-poaching efforts. The tools are freely available and well supported by a host of organizations. Using this Toolkit sends a strong international message that a country is taking steps to ensure its natural capital and iconic species continue well into the 21st century and beyond.



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# THE TOOLKIT: ASSESSMENT

**Assessing how effective existing enforcement activities are is an essential starting point for achieving Zero Poaching**



*Close gaps in protection activities*



The tools below are recognized as the most practical ways to identify and close gaps in protection activities happening at the ground level. Each tool provides useful resources for the people responsible for carrying out anti-poaching work, however the largest benefits are when tools are used together.



## ASSESSMENT

Conduct regular  
effectiveness  
assessments

- CONSERVATION ASSURED
- IUCN MANAGEMENT EFFECTIVENESS EVALUATION (MEE)
- UNODC/ICCWC WILDLIFE AND FOREST CRIME ANALYTIC TOOLKIT
- NATIONAL AND SUB-NATIONAL WILDLIFE PROTECTION AUDITS

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## THE TOOLKIT: TECHNOLOGY

Using the most up-to-date technology gives enforcement administrators an edge in achieving Zero Poaching



*Implement useful and cost effective technology*



Adopting technologies can be a true game changer for stopping poaching. However with an increasing number of technologies available for anti-poaching work, finding the most useful and cost effective tools can be a challenge. The tools below cover a wide range from mobile tech and apps to dogs to DNA sequencing.



## TECHNOLOGY

Use the best  
available tools &  
technologies

- SMART: SPATIAL MONITORING AND REPORTING TOOL
- POACHER SURVEILLANCE TOOLS
- TRACKING & SNIFFER DOGS
- DEEP SEARCH METAL DETECTOR (DSMD)
- UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (UAV)
- INTERNET SURVEILLANCE
- 
- MOBILE PHONE TRACKING TOOLS



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# THE TOOLKIT: CAPACITY

**Increasing the ability and motivation of anti-poaching staff to protect wildlife is a key step towards achieving Zero Poaching**



*Train and motivate staff to provide the best protection*



Anti-poaching staff who are adequately trained, paid and looked after with decent housing, equipment and on-going mentoring will be motivated to succeed in their careers protecting wildlife. Using standardized training manuals helps improve staff skill levels; where possible countries should develop wildlife colleges and improve staff welfare. Countries that invest in their staff show a tangible investment in Zero Poaching.



## CAPACITY

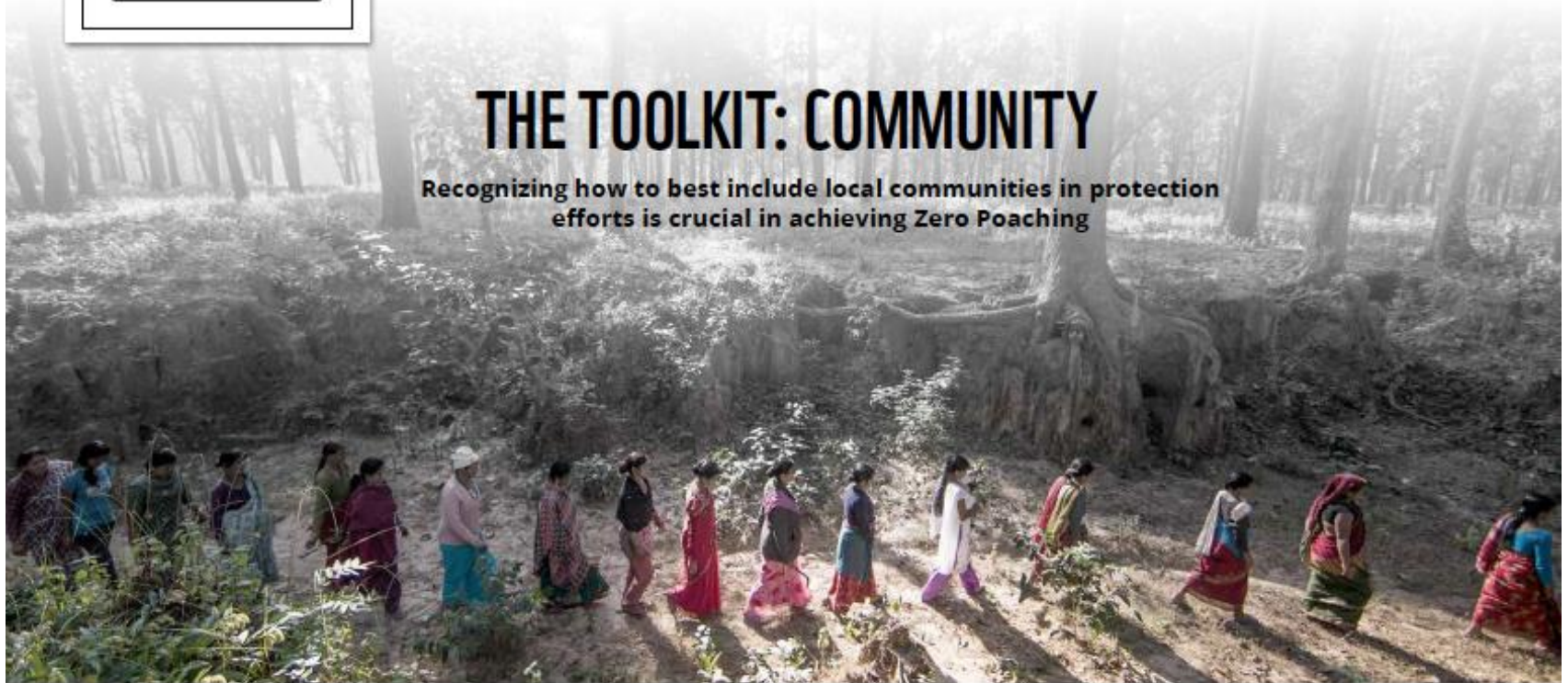
Increase field  
staff's ability to  
protect wildlife

- COMPETENCY STANDARDS FOR RANGERS
- NGO TRAINING SOURCES
- INSTITUTIONAL SOURCES
- IMPROVING WELFARE

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# THE TOOLKIT: COMMUNITY

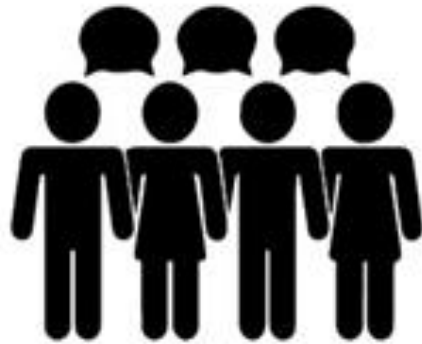
Recognizing how to best include local communities in protection efforts is crucial in achieving Zero Poaching



*Increase community involvement in protection efforts*



Securing the support and good will of communities living near those species targeted by poachers is critically important. By building partnerships and networks it is possible to not only understand the dynamics on the ground faster, but also to grow the number of individuals tackling poaching at multiple levels.



## COMMUNITY

Engage  
with local  
communities

- CRIME PREVENTION STRATEGIES
- HUMAN/WILDLIFE CONFLICT MITIGATION
- INFORMANT NETWORKS
- COMMUNITY HOTLINES



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# THE TOOLKIT: PROSECUTION

**A well-functioning judicial-criminal process is imperative for discouraging poaching activity and achieving Zero Poaching**



*Strengthen prosecution efforts to secure proper convictions*



Securing substantial convictions for wildlife crime is a crucial part of achieving zero poaching. A well-functioning judicial-criminal process with stiff penalties discourages poachers as well as encourages the enforcement officers who go to great lengths to make arrests.



## PROSECUTION

Improve  
approaches for  
prosecution

- IMPROVE LAWS TO PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES
- WILDLIFE FORENSIC GUIDELINES
- CASE TRACKING

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# THE TOOLKIT: COOPERATION

**Recognizing the needs of local communities and including them in protection efforts is central to accomplishing Zero Poaching**



*Improve and increase coordinated actions*



Cooperation is key to success. In an increasingly globalized world, the decisions and actions taken in one sphere have great potential for impact in another. Coordinated work across areas, departments and borders to identify key programs and avoid duplication can ensure best efforts are being made to bring poaching down to zero.



## COOPERATION

Share information  
regionally &  
nationally

- INTELLIGENCE GATHERING AND ANALYSIS TOOLS
- NATIONAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCY COORDINATION
- REGIONAL WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT NETWORK
- INTERNATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES
- INTERPOLS NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT SECURITY TASKFORCE (NEST)
- 124/7 INTERPOL GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS



# MEASURING PROGRESS

The overarching measure of progress for Zero Poaching is:

**to ensure countries are implementing the 6 pillars of the toolkit**

to measurably move towards Zero Poaching in all key sites for threatened species by 2020

# STRATEGY

- Mainstream Zero Poaching into international law enforcement and conservation strategies such as global species and wildlife crime led initiatives
- Support the development and delivery of National Zero Poaching Action Plans based on rapid assessments of implementation gaps
- Support the development and implementation of tools under the Zero Poaching Toolkit.

# ROLL OUT PLAN

## Step 1



Countries commit to attempt to achieve Zero Poaching



Decide on areas to be covered



What species of concern are in those areas?

# ROLL OUT PLAN

## Step 2

Zero Poaching  
collaborative groups formed

*Assist governments to bring together  
NGOs and regional bodies*



# ROLL OUT PLAN

## Step 3

### National plans drafted

*National plans drafted by appropriate government ministries/departments in collaboration with and supported by NGOs, IGOs. These will be aligned with existing conservation and wildlife law enforcement plans as far as possible*

# ROLL OUT PLAN

## Step 4

National plans implemented

*Funding alignment*

# ROLL OUT PLAN

## Step 5

Zero Poaching progress monitoring

*A robust monitoring and evaluation system is being developed to ensure proper and timely roll out of Zero Poaching*

# DO THIS TOO!



Seek champions for the cause

They can be literally anyone that has standing in your country's communities.

The higher the status, the better to give the highest profile for what is happening with Zero Poaching in your country.



# **ZERO** **POACHING** **or** **ZERO** **WILDLIFE**

