



END Wildlife Trafficking Act (S. 2385)

The Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt (END) Wildlife Trafficking Act will protect species susceptible to the illegal wildlife trade by establishing country-specific anti-poaching and anti-trafficking strategies, improving wildlife law enforcement capacity, encouraging demand reduction agreements with key countries, and supporting the development of community-based conservation.

Framework for Interagency Response

The Presidential Task force on Wildlife Trafficking will:

- Identify countries of concern that play a significant role in illegal wildlife trafficking
- Prepare a strategic plan that includes recommendations for addressing wildlife crime, taking into account any regional or national strategies for addressing wildlife crimes in a country of concern
- Coordinate efforts among Federal agencies and NGO partners to implement the strategic plan

Anti-Poaching Programs

This bill authorizes the Secretary of State and Administrator of USAID to provide countries assistance to improve effectiveness of wildlife law enforcement and adopt standards for professional ranger training.

The Secretary of State is authorized provide defense articles, services, and training to security forces of countries of concern.

Anti-Trafficking Programs

The State Department is authorized to design and implement transnational programs in countries of concern to disrupt wildlife trafficking routes and cartels.

The State Department is encouraged to implement bilateral agreements with China, Thailand, and Vietnam to reduce demand and combat wildlife trafficking.

International Cooperation and Global Partnerships

The Secretary of State and Administrator for USAID are encouraged to strengthen international cooperation to combat illegal wildlife crime by building partnerships with governments and NGOs and promoting participation of US agencies in wildlife crime enforcement operations.

Community-based Conservation

The State Department is authorized to provide support for community-based conservation programs that will assist with rural stability and greater security for people and wildlife.

Report on Wildlife Trafficking Measures

The Co-Chairs of Task Force and Director of National Intelligence will submit a report on wildlife crimes to Congress detailing the situational analysis of each country of concern and assessing the involvement of terrorist organizations in illegal wildlife trafficking.