

# Collection: Illegal Wildlife Trade (IWT) Challenge Fund

*Updated:* Minor change to update the number of projects and money allocated.

The UK government is committed to tackling the illegal wildlife trade. The Illegal Wildlife Trade Challenge Fund provides financial support to practical projects around the world which are:

- developing sustainable livelihoods and economic development, to benefit people directly affected by IWT
- strengthening law enforcement
- ensuring effective legal frameworks
- reducing demand for IWT products

The illegal wildlife trade is a criminal industry worth more than £17 billion each year threatening both wildlife and people.

Through the Challenge Fund around £18.5 million has been allocated to 61 projects.

Documents from [previous application rounds](#) are available for reference.