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*Elephant in Tarangire National Park. Wildlife trafficking threatens Tanzania's rich biodiversity and wildlife tourism.  
Photo: Nadine Sunderland*

## TANZANIA

# INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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The International Technical Assistance Program, led by the U.S. Department of the Interior with assistance from USAID, addresses wildlife trafficking in Tanzania that threatens the country's rich biodiversity. East Africa, including Tanzania, has emerged as a major hub for wildlife trafficking due to its unique wildlife and relatively well-developed transportation infrastructure. As a result, well-armed poachers and highly organized trafficking syndicates have decimated populations of target species such as elephants, rhinos, big cats and pangolins.

In response to these pressing challenges, the International Technical Assistance Program incorporates interventions that support and strengthen conservation in Tanzania through:

- Training wildlife-focused law enforcement and members of Government of Tanzania institutions on conducting effective wildlife crime investigations.
- Assessing the feasibility and Tanzania's capability and need for wildlife forensic labs in country
- Strengthening Tanzanian regulations to meet minimum compliance with the Convention on Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), which serves as an international framework for preventing the illegal trade of wildlife.
- Improving information sharing between conservation and anti-trafficking efforts in source regions of illegal wildlife products (East Africa) and destination regions (Southeast Asia).

## RESULTS

The International Technical Assistance Program has completed the following activities:

- Assessed anti-poaching and countering wildlife trafficking interventions in Tanzania to outline challenges and opportunities for improving impact.
- Trained 20 Tanzanian wildlife professionals on crime scene investigations and evidence collection.

**BUDGET** \$1.75 million

**DURATION**

May 2015 – May 2020

**ACTIVITY LOCATIONS**

National

**IMPLEMENTING PARTNER**

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