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Wildlife Crime: Issues and Promising Solutions

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The poaching of wildlife for profit, pleasure, subsistence, or as a result of human–animal conflict has decimated wildlife populations—particularly those of at-risk species. Given the ease of poaching wildlife throughout the world and the significant demand for specific species and their derivatives, wildlife trafficking is among the most profitable illicit transnational industries (Moreto and Pires, 2018). Despite technological advancements to detect and prevent poaching and trafficking, current approaches to curb the trade have had limited success and are not working. This Special Issue has a broad objective of soliciting empirical research on the nature of the illegal wildlife trade; novel solutions to track, prove, and prevent wildlife crime; and evaluative research on enacted legislation or interventions that have the potential to be replicated in other contexts. Altogether, this volume of work is an effort to significantly contribute to our understanding of how the illicit trade operates and provide viable solutions to mitigate threats to protected wildlife.



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