



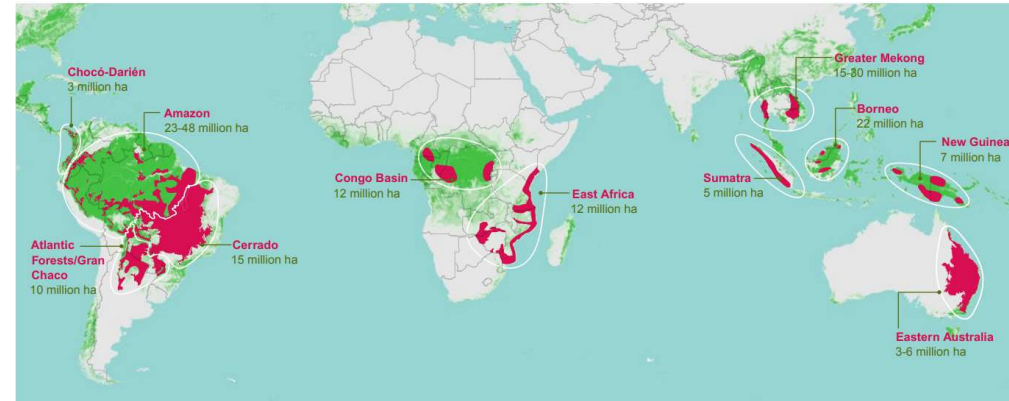
Envi-Crime / law enforcement

New Interpol / WWF project





Facts and figures Deforestation



- **Deforestation continues – 7 to 13 Mio. ha/a**
- **Mostly in the tropics (deforestation fronts)**
- **second largest source of CO₂-emissions**
- **Major driver of species loss**



Facts and figures - Environmental Crime - Forest Crime

- **Environmental Crime increases fast**
→ 44 % since 2014
- **Envi-Crime (organized crime) third biggest crime**
→ huge profit – small risk



Importance and Dimesion of the Problem

- According to Interpol 15-30 % of all wood traded globally is illegal
- 60-90 % in the tropics
- Envi-Crime is increasing – law enforcement is weak (everywere)
- **If we want to stop deforestation**

We need to also work on envi-crime / illegal logging



Interpol / WWF-DE project 2019-2021

- EU-DG-home; ISF (Internal Security Fund)
- Forest Crime
- Eastern Europe

[EU Forest Crime Initiative](#)



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Interpol / WWF-DE project on envi-crime

- **German Ministry of Environment**
- **Start: Nov. 2024**
- **Focus: Envi-Crime**
- **5 Mio. EUR**
- **Interpol: 4.5 Mio / 42 Countries**
- **WWF focus: Cameroon; Peru**



**With the first trees cut –
culture starts.**

**With the last trees cut –
culture ends.**

Gustave Flaubert; (French Poet, 1821 – 1880)

