

Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center (TraCCC)



The Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center (TraCCC) is the first center in the United States devoted to understanding the links among terrorism, transnational crime and corruption, and to teaching, researching, training and helping to formulate policy on these critical issues.

Panel on The Illicit Trade in Wildlife

On Tuesday, 4 February, the Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center (TraCCC) will host a panel of three distinguished specialists on the illicit trade in wildlife:

Deadly Convergence: The Ivory and Gold of Minkebe (Gabon)

Richard Ruggiero

How Non-Governmental Organizations are Helping to Fight International Wildlife Trafficking

Kelvin Alie

Facilitating Investigations into Wildlife Crime

Gretchen Peters



Kelvin Alie

Kelvin Alie directs the Wildlife Trade Program at the International Fund for Animal Welfare and serves on the OECD Task Force on Charting Illicit Trade subgroup on Environmentally Sensitive Goods. A conservation professional for more than 15 years, Kelvin is leading the global expansion of IFAW's international wildlife trade program with a focus on: improving capacity for wildlife law enforcement, reducing the demand and consumption of endangered species along source, transit, and consuming states and, advocating for policies to better integrate animal welfare and conservation into wildlife trade policy and decision making. He is the recipient of the award for excellence in wildlife enforcement by the New York Wildlife Conservation Film Festival and helped pioneered a regional wildlife enforcement network in the Horn of Africa. Kelvin received a Master of Science degree in Biodiversity Conservation from the University of Hull (United Kingdom) in 1998 and a Master of Arts degree in Economics in 2003 from the City College of New York (CUNY).



Gretchen Peters

Gretchen Peters is TraCCC's Senior Fellow on Transnational Crime, and serves on the OECD Task Force on Charting Illicit Trade, for which she co-chairs the subgroup on Environmentally Sensitive Goods. She has conducted research and analysis on illicit networks in support of the U.S. Department of Defense, and served as a subject matter expert (SME) to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Counter-Narcotics and Global Threats and CENTCOM's J2, and has supported SOCOM's Counternarcotics and Transnational Threats team. She is the author of *Seeds of Terror*, a ground-breaking book that traced the role the opium trade has played in three decades of conflict in Afghanistan.



Richard Ruggiero

Richard G. Ruggiero is the Chief of the Branch of Africa at the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Division of International Conservation. He received a Ph.D. from Rutgers University in 1989 with a dissertation on the Ecology and Conservation of Elephants in Central Africa. His Master's research was on predator-prey relationships of lions and other large carnivores in the Central African Republic. During his 17 years of on-the-ground experience in Africa, he has also worked extensively in Kenya, Zimbabwe, Republic of Congo, and Gabon. His work currently focuses on: conservation policy; endangered species conservation; protected area design and management; wildlife security; the building of governance capacity related to wildlife conservation; and professional training.

Introduction given by Dr. Louise Shelley, University Professor and Director of TraCCC

Date: Tuesday, February 4th, 2013, 12:00-2:00pm
Location: Room 113, Founders Hall
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Arlington, VA 22201
(Virginia Square Metro Stop)

Attendees are welcome to bring lunch; beverages will be provided
To RSVP, Please click [here](#) or contact Stu Mackenzie at tracc@gmu.edu / 703-993-9757