PARTNER WITH THE NATIONAL WHISTLEBLOWER CENTER TO COMBAT WILDLIFE CRIME.

Environmental crime is the fourth largest illicit trade in the world behind narcotics, counterfeit goods, and human trafficking. Wildlife crime impacts livelihoods and security. Our mission is to leverage whistleblower law as a tool to combat wildlife trafficking.

Incentivizing whistleblowers, those with insider knowledge, will revolutionize the detection of wildlife crime, increase effective law enforcement and help combat the global extinction crisis.

Illicit wildlife trafficking is an annual $69-199 billion business, according to a United Nations Environment Program and INTERPOL Environmental Crime Report. This figure includes illegal trade in fishing and timber.

How can we work together?

- **Sharing expertise.** We know whistleblower law. Together we can more effectively work to combat wildlife crime.
- **Information.** You are our global eyes and ears on-the-ground. If your network has evidence of wildlife crime we can help navigate the laws to safely and confidentially make a report.
- **Advocacy.** Help us expand and strengthen whistleblower reward laws to combat wildlife crime.
“It has been found in case after case that the most effective technique for combatting this type of crime [wildlife trafficking] is purchasing evidence and information through informants and offering cash rewards to private citizens for useful information.”

- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Testimony to the U.S. Congress

U.S. citizens, foreign nationals, and NGOs can report wildlife crimes that occur outside of the U.S. and be eligible for rewards under U.S. whistleblower law provisions.

These robust whistleblower reward laws include the False Claims Act, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, Lacey Act, and Endangered Species Act.

Report illegal activity relating to the trafficking of:

- Terrestrial wildlife, including elephant ivory and rhinoceros horn.
- Marine wildlife, including sea mammals, and illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing.
- Plants, including illegal logging and timber importation.

NWC received a Grand Prize Award in 2016 in the Wildlife Crime Tech Challenge for creating a confidential and anonymous online platform to report wildlife crime. The Challenge was an initiative of USAID in partnership with the National Geographic Society, the Smithsonian Institution, and TRAFFIC.