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# Operation Thunder 2025

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## Context

- **Operation Thunder 2025** resulted in the **seizure of 30,000 live animals** trafficked illegally across borders.
- Coordinated action highlights the **global commitment to tackling wildlife crime**, especially during the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021–2030).

## Key Features

### 1 Coordinating Agencies

o **INTERPOL** – International criminal police organization facilitating cross-border cooperation.

o **World Customs Organization (WCO)** – Monitors and regulates customs enforcement to prevent illegal trade.

o **International Consortium on Combating Wildlife and Forestry Crime (ICCWC)** – Provides policy, operational support, and capacity building to combat wildlife and forestry crimes.

### 2 Objectives

o **Intercept and seize illegally traded wildlife and forestry commodities.**

o **Identify, disrupt, and dismantle criminal networks** involved in wildlife trafficking.

o **Protect biodiversity and endangered species** by enforcing international regulations and treaties.

### 3 Significance

o Supports **CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna)** commitments.

o Enhances **global collaboration** to tackle organized environmental crimes.

o Sends a deterrent signal to illegal wildlife traders, reducing pressure on threatened species.

### 4 Key Takeaways for India

o Strengthens India's efforts under **Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972** and **National Wildlife Action Plan**.

o Contributes to enforcement against poaching and illegal wildlife trade in India's **Western Ghats, North-East, and Himalayan regions**.

o Encourages **technology-driven monitoring**, including DNA tracking, satellite tracking, and coordinated intelligence networks.

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