



South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network (SAWEN)

Region and countries of the network

South Asia region, SAWEN Member Countries include: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

Authorities involved

Police, customs, market supervision, sea guard police, tourism supervision, quarantine inspection, transportation ministry

Formal organization

Brief description

South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network (SAWEN) is a legitimate intergovernmental wildlife law enforcement support body launched in 2011 with aim to combat wildlife crime in South Asia through regional cooperation and collaboration having eight member countries namely - Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. It focuses on policy harmonization; institutional capacity strengthening through knowledge and intelligence sharing; and collaboration with regional and international partners to enhance wildlife law enforcement in the member countries. SAWEN operates its activities from the Secretariat based in Kathmandu, Nepal.

(Reporting) structure / decision-making process

General Assembly is the apex body for policy level decision. Executive Committee composed of at least all the focal persons has the mandate to provide policy level and executive level strategic direction to the Secretariat. The Secretariat will be headed by the Secretary General and has the support team for operation of the activities. The Secretariat performs activities in cooperation with focal persons and in collaboration with other similar, donor/ partner organizations.

Key activities

Aligning with the objectives, SAWEN organizes, supports and coordinates to carry out the capacity building activities, regional meeting of law enforcement officials, documentation, cooperation and collaboration with similar agencies. SAWEN will be organizing a side event during CITES CoP 18 on 22 August 2019 -which will be third in a row since CITES CoP 16 in Thailand

Key activities (continued)

Recently SAWEN and Global Tiger Forum (GTF)- an intergovernmental international organization of tiger range countries- inked a MoU for collaborative activities. Training to customs officials, investigation agency officials and armed police force officials of Nepal; follow up regional workshop related to wildlife prosecution by inviting SAWEN member countries prosecutors and judges; workshop inviting Bhutan, India and Nepal officials to discuss on

Key partners in the region

INTERPOL, GTF, UNODC, National Trust for Nature Conservation (NTNC) Nepal, WWF Nepal, the World Bank.

Website and other useful links

www.sawen.org

Network focal points

As per WEN focal points contact contained on CITES webpage

Other Network information— Structure

