

UK Illegal Wildlife Trade Challenge Fund

1. The UK is committed to protecting endangered animals and plants from poaching and illegal trade to benefit nature, people, the economy and protect global security.
2. The Illegal Wildlife Trade Challenge Fund (IWTCF) has committed over £27m to 91 projects around the world, in over 50 countries, since 2014 to tackle the IWT and, in doing so, to contribute to poverty reduction in developing countries.
3. The IWTCF provides flexible funding to innovative and scalable solutions to drive transformational change. The illegal wildlife trade is a complex, fast changing and varied problem which traditional approaches that focus on the supply side and anti-poaching alone have so far largely failed to address. The IWTCF intends to stimulate the development of innovative and unconventional solutions to IWT that are responsive and relevant to local contexts. Successful interventions can then be scaled, facilitating a pipeline of proven projects for investment to support global efforts.
4. Applications for the next funding round of IWTCF will launch shortly and we look forward to inviting innovative proposals from a diverse range of organisations. Please visit iwt.challengefund.org.uk for more information.