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ASEAN SOMTC Working Group on Illicit Trafficking of Wildlife and Timber

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Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC)

- ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC) is under the ASEAN Political-Security Community
- AMMTC mandate is to facilitate cooperation, coordination within ASEAN to combat transnational crime

- SOMTC is responsible for implementing and monitoring AMMTC decisions
- 10 areas of cooperation under the purview of SOMTC

AMMTC
(Ministerial level)



SOMTC
(Policy level)



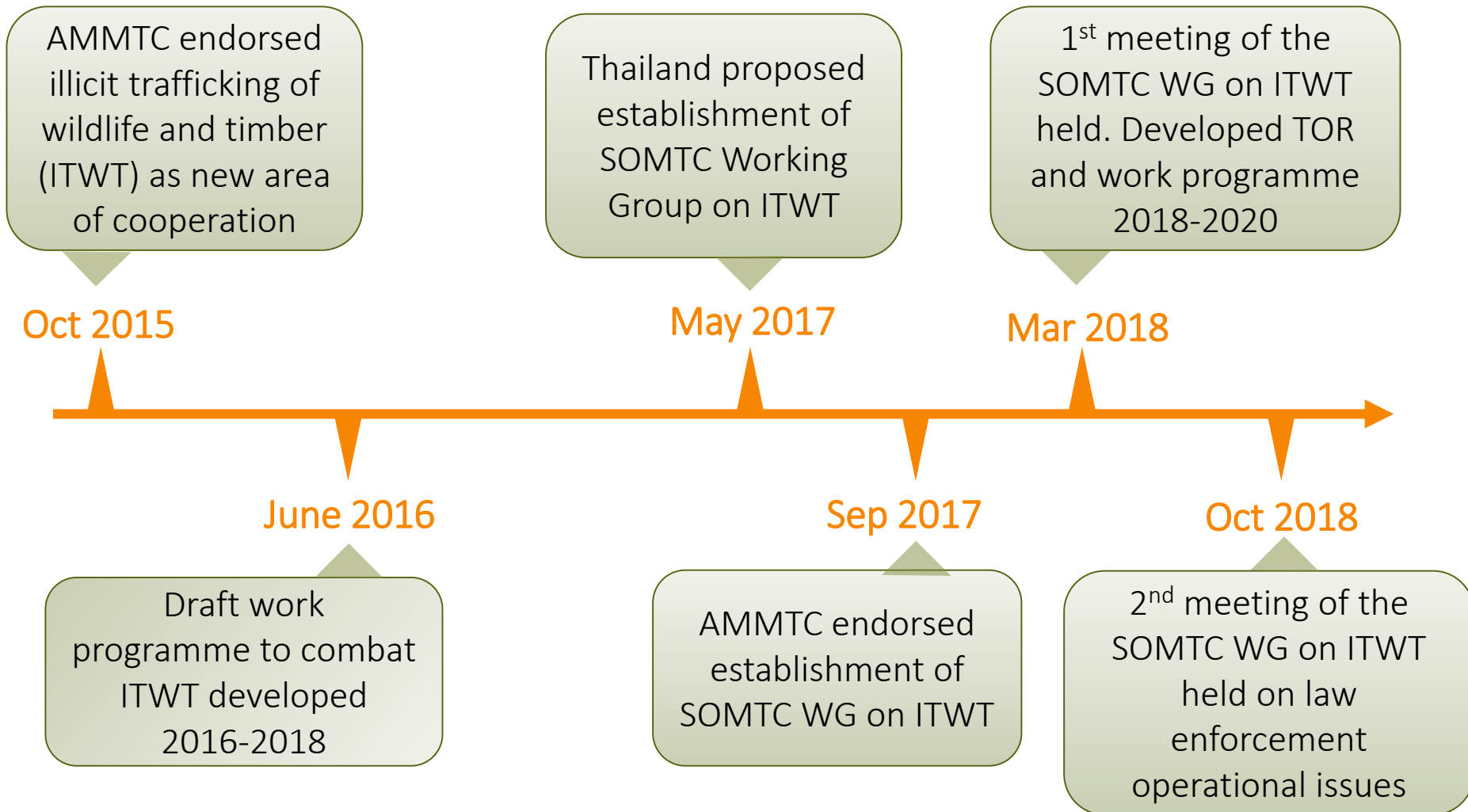
SOMTC areas of cooperation

ASEAN Member State voluntary lead shepherd	Area of cooperation
Cambodia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arms smuggling
Indonesia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Terrorism• Money laundering
Malaysia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sea piracy• Human smuggling
Philippines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trafficking in persons
Singapore	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cybercrime• International economic crime
Thailand	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Illicit drug trafficking• Illicit wildlife and timber trafficking

(adopted in Oct 2015)



Development of SOMTC Working Group





Role of the SOMTC WG

- **Purpose:** To develop a coordinated law enforcement response to the most serious forms of wildlife and timber trafficking in the region
- **Scope:**
 - Strengthen regional and international cooperation;
 - Establish WG contact points in each AMS; organize regular meetings to discuss ongoing cases.
 - Facilitate exchange of information, intelligence, experience
 - Guide and monitor implementation of the SOMTC Work Programme component on combating illicit trafficking of wildlife and timber
 - Complement the work of the ASEAN Working Group on CITES and Wildlife Enforcement
- **Management:** Minimum of one WG meeting per year



Political-Security Community

Foreign Ministers Meeting (AMM)
SEANWFZ Commission
Defense Ministers Meeting (ADMM)
Law Ministers Meeting (ALAWMM)
Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime (AMMTC)
Regional Forum (ARF)

Economic Community

Economic Ministers Meeting (AEM)
Free Trade Area (AFTA) Council
Investment Area (AIA) Council
Finance Ministers Meeting (AFMM)
Ministers Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF)
Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM)
Ministerial Meeting on Minerals (AMMin)
Ministerial Meeting on Science and Technology (AMMST)
Telecommunications and information technology (TELMIN)
Transport Ministers Meeting (ATM)
Meeting of the ASEAN Tourism Ministers (M-A TM)
Mekong Basin Development Cooperation (AMBDC)
ASEAN Center for Energy
ASEAN -Japan Centre in Tokyo

Socio-Cultural Community

Ministers Responsible for Information (AMRI)
Ministers Responsible for Culture and Arts (AMCA)
Education Ministers Meeting (ASED)
Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management (AMMDM)
Ministerial Meeting on the Environment (AMME)
Conference of the Parties to the ASEAN Agreement on Transboundary Haze Pollution (COP)
Health Ministers Meeting (AHMM)
Labour Ministers Meeting (ALMM)
Ministers on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (AMRDPE)
Ministerial Meeting on Social Welfare and Development (AMMSWD)
Ministerial Meeting on Youth (AMMY)
Conference on Civil Service Matters (ACCSM)
ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity

Investigating agencies

AMS	Focal points in AWG-WE	Primary investigation agency	Coordinating agency in SOMTC
Brunei	Department of Agriculture and Agrifood	Royal Brunei Police Force	Royal Brunei Police Force
Cambodia	Forestry Administration	Forestry Administration	Ministry of Interior
Indonesia	Directorate of Investigation Forest Protection	Indonesian National Police	Ministry of Home Affairs
Lao PDR	Division of Forest Resource Conservation	Department of Forest Inspection (but also Environmental Crime Police)	Ministry of Public Security
Malaysia	Biodiversity and Forest Management Department	Department of Wildlife and National Parks	Ministry of Interior
Myanmar	Nature and Wildlife Conservation Division	Myanmar Police Force	Myanmar Police Force
Philippines	Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau	Philippines National Police	Centre on Transnational Crime
Singapore	Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority	Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority	Ministry of Interior
Thailand	Department of National Parks, Wildlife ...	Royal Thai Police	Royal Thai Police
Vietnam	CITES Management Authority	Vietnam Police	Vietnam Police



Comparative priorities of the ASEAN working groups

ASEAN WG CITES and LE

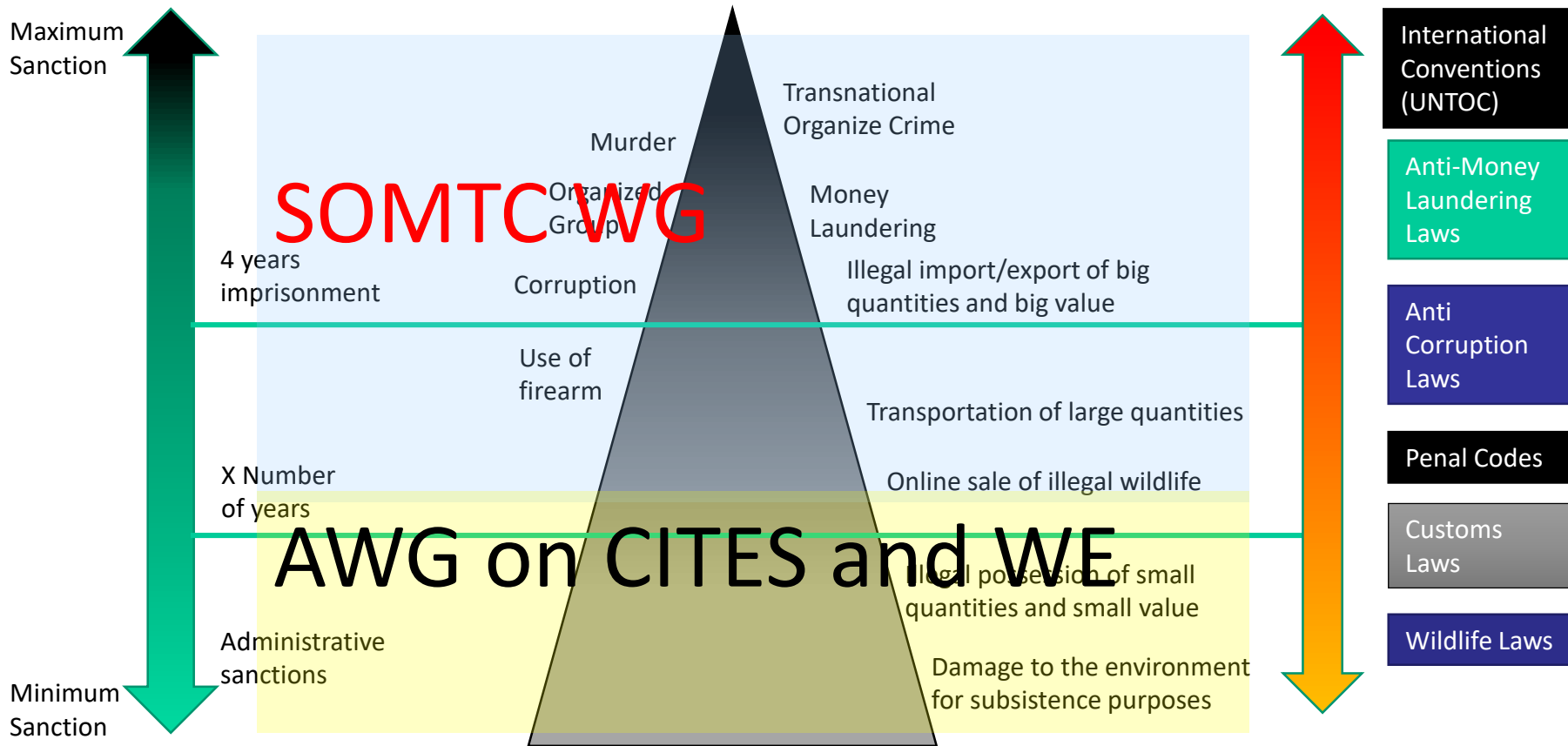
- Regulatory and legal matters
- Law enforcement
- Capacity building
- Policies (trade regulations, breeding facilities)
- Demand reduction

SOMTC WG on ITWT

- Regulatory and legal matters
- Law enforcement
- Capacity building
- Information exchange
- Extra-regional cooperation



Wide range of offences



Comparative advantages

Functions	AWG CITES	SOMTC WG
Wildlife regulations and regional standards	X	
Criminal laws on transnational crimes		X
Compliance with wildlife trade policies (CITES)	X	
Standards on wildlife forensics	X	
Demand reduction campaigns	X	
Law enforcement cooperation on serious wildlife violations (regional and inter-regional)		X
Collection of law enforcement information/intelligence		X



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