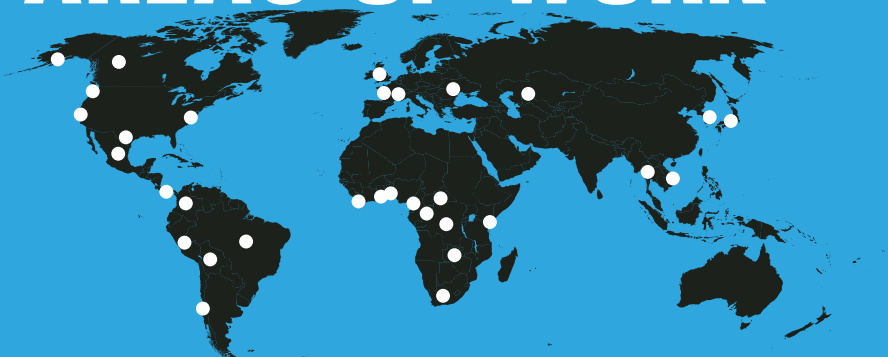


2025 IMPACT SNAPSHOT

In 2025, the Environmental Investigation Agency US continued to prove that bold action and relentless investigation can drive lasting change. Across five campaigns, our investigators, researchers, and advocates drove accountability for environmental crime, advanced transparency and traceability reforms, and built coalitions for systemic change. From exposing illegal timber and mercury trafficking networks to shaping global action on ocean noise and on super-pollutant emissions, EIA's work this year turned evidence into impact. As always, this progress was made possible through the steadfast partnership and generosity of our donors and supporters.

AREAS OF WORK



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FOREST



Decking the Forest reveals that timber from Colombia linked to illegal armed groups and **fueling 'slave labor'** was exported to the U.S., EU, and Canada, flagging major exporters and U.S. importers under the U.S. Lacey Act. Our report led to investigations by U.S. and Colombian governments into the matter.



Tricks, Traders, and Trees uncovers widespread illegal logging and corruption in the Brazilian Amazon, tracing illicit timber to **international markets** and identifying 30 importers implicated in the U.S. and the EU. Our investigation led to enforcement actions against logging companies and traders in Brazil and the EU.



A Path to Accountability documents how illegal cattle ranching drives deforestation in Colombia's national parks, with over 24,000 cattle grazing in protected areas and 200,000 from untraceable districts, highlighting the importance of a proposed **traceability bill** to curb deforestation-linked beef.

CLIMATE



EIA launched a new **Illegal Trade Bulletin** to raise awareness among U.S. industry and policymakers about illegal trade in super pollutant HFCs and ozone-depleting substances, featuring enforcement updates and guidance on identifying counterfeit refrigerants.



Parties to the Montreal Protocol addressed HFC-23 emissions and enhanced atmospheric monitoring. EIA's reports, **From Compliance to Climate Action**, **Persistent Problems**, and **A Bridge to the Future**, called for stronger global action on HFCs and fluorochemical pollution, and informed discussions on improving institutional strengthening.



EIA outlined clear pathways that advance the adoption of non-fluorinated refrigerants and align U.S. safety codes with international standards to support climate-friendly cooling, published in a white paper, **Enabling Ultra-Low GWP Cooling and Heating**, written in collaboration with a technical expert.

WILDLIFE



Horns on the Horizon examines South Africa's proposal for a domestic rhino horn market. EIA warns this will fuel poaching, weaken enforcement, and violate CITES policy, and we urge South Africa to abandon the plan and strengthen governance against wildlife crime.



With the Japan Tiger and Elephant Fund, EIA exposed Tokyo's persistent government **subsidies** to the ivory industry. Together, we continue to urge Japan, one of the last countries with a legal ivory market, to end its ivory trade by amending its species conservation law.



In **A Pivotal Player**, EIA's U.S. and UK Wildlife teams expose how crime networks use Vietnam to traffic ivory, rhino horn, and pangolin scales between Africa and Asia, urging systemic reforms and stronger anti-corruption measures to end its role as a trafficking hub.

OCEAN



At the 3rd UN Ocean Conference, EIA helped launch the first-ever **High Ambition Coalition for a Quiet Ocean**, co-led by Panama and Canada. With 38 countries signed on so far, the coalition aims to drive global action to reduce the impacts of underwater noise to vulnerable marine ecosystems from commercial shipping.



As part of an NGO coalition, EIA participated in a two-day Capitol Hill outreach event to brief members of Congress on the dangers of proposed changes to the **U.S. Marine Mammal Protection Act**, which threaten Cook Inlet beluga whale recovery, while also organizing a prior briefing to highlight the critical role marine mammals play in ocean health and coastal economies.



At the 10th Our Ocean Conference in Busan, South Korea, EIA co-hosted a side event and high-level reception with Panama and Belgium: "Solutions to Stem Ocean Noise Pollution and Protect Marine Biodiversity", which drew strong government participation and fostered new collaborations.

EXTRACTIVES



Crude Lies exposes environmental and human rights violations of Colombia's state oil company, Ecopetrol. Based on whistleblower documents named the "**Iguana Papers**," the investigation revealed over 300,000 environmental non-compliance records, illegal methane emissions, and water pollution.



Death Behind Closed Doors details the global operations of the Perenco Group, including an investigation into the 2024 explosion on Perenco's Becuna platform in Gabon, the deadliest offshore accident ever reported in Africa. The report reveals a broader pattern of apparent human rights abuses and environmental destruction.



Traffickers Leave No Stone Unturned uncovers the largest mercury smuggling operation into the Amazon – over 200 tons of mercury being trafficked from Mexico to illegal gold mines, fueling environmental destruction and violence. The report urges stronger enforcement under the Minamata Convention.



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