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COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)

CORRUPTION

Mistrust of NGO expertise hampers the fight against corruption enabling wildlife and timber crime

Justin Gosling – Environmental Investigation Agency: 18 December 2023

Corruption not only facilitates environmental crime but is also a major impediment to law enforcement and criminal justice.

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Mongolia strengthens independent policy despite debt and corruption

Mendee Jargalsaikhan and Enkhbayar Namjildorj – East Asia Forum: 28 December 2023

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Julieta Pelcastre – Diálogo: 20 December 2023

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Erin Snodgrass – Business Insider: 19 December 2023

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has radically altered its criminal underworld, a report has found. Drug traffickers have been forced to find new routes into and out of the country and the war has also led to a spike in synthetic amphetamines and opioids.

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Like his father, Hun Manet vows to end illegal logging

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Anjan Sundaram – Vox: 20 December 2023

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Iyola Adrian – The Crypto Times: 22 December 2023

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Farzaneh Badiei – Tech Policy: 18 December 2023

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