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Topic: Analysing illegal wildlife trade in Uganda

This MSc opportunity offers collaboration with an NGO in Uganda that specialises in identifying and bringing to justice people involved in the illegal wildlife trade primarily at higher (non-local rural inhabitant) levels of the value chain. The NGO collects intelligence and facilitates the arrest of 4-5 suspects per month. However, there is an unused opportunity to interview and collect information directly from the suspects.

You will be expected to collaborate with the NGO to develop interview guidelines, a questionnaire or another data collection instrument to provide information about the organisation of the wildlife trade, the characteristics of the actors or behavioural economic information that can assist in regulating this trade. This could include using the theory of planned behaviour or choice experiments. The terms of the project will be specified in collaboration with the NGO and the supervisor at IFRO.

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