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Environmental crime needs broader definition.

- Illegal fishing and trade
- Illegal mining and trade in minerals, including conflict diamonds
- Illegal logging and deforestation
- Illegal trade and poaching of wildlife and plants
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- Forgery
- Threat finance
- Terrorism

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