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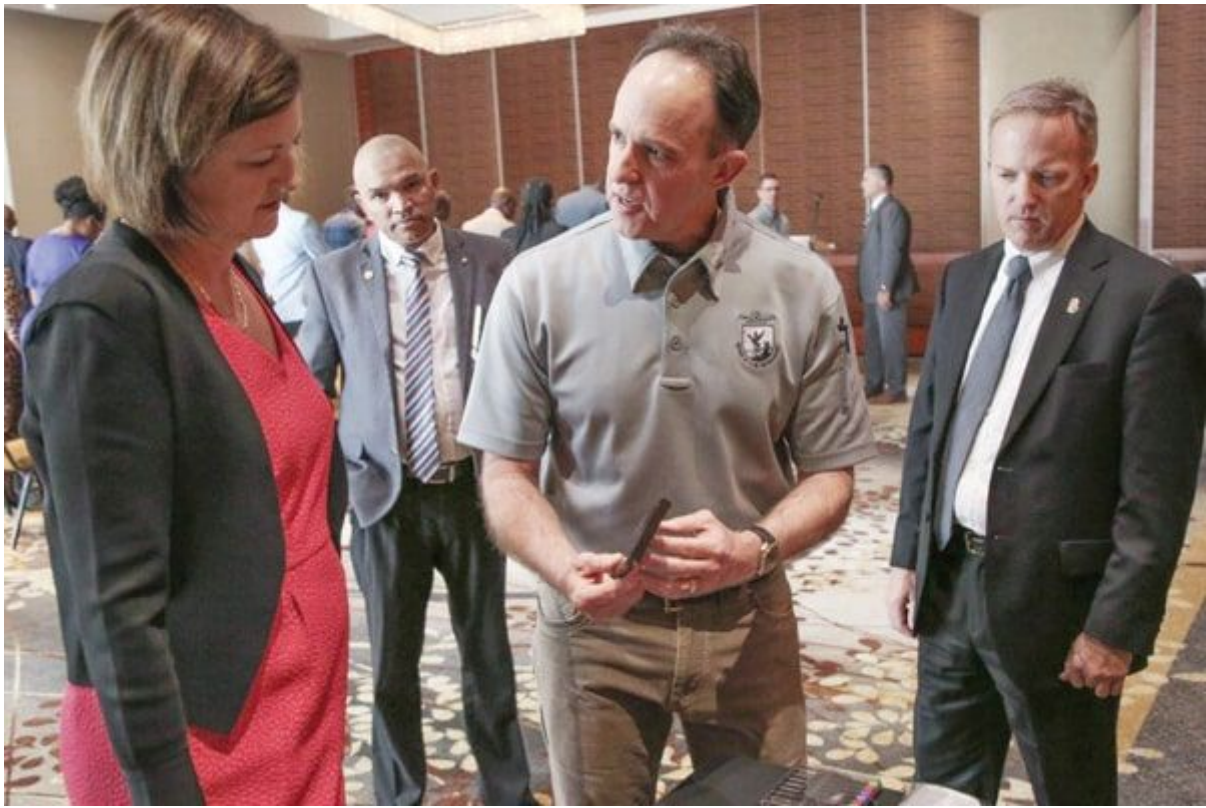
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The US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) in partnership with the US Department of State, conducted a successful Wildlife Trafficking Cybercrime Training Programme (WTCP) in Windhoek, Namibia.

The purpose of the training, which took place during January 27-31, 2020, was to strengthen global law enforcement relationships through the sharing of information related to the collection-preservation-examination-investigation of digital evidence in order to enhance the ability to combat worldwide illegal wildlife trafficking.

The training was conducted by three U.S.-based USFWS experts. The class consisted of seventeen participants from the Namibian Police Force. This one-week curriculum provided an overview of various cybercrime investigative topics related to wildlife trafficking which are reinforced through field exercises.

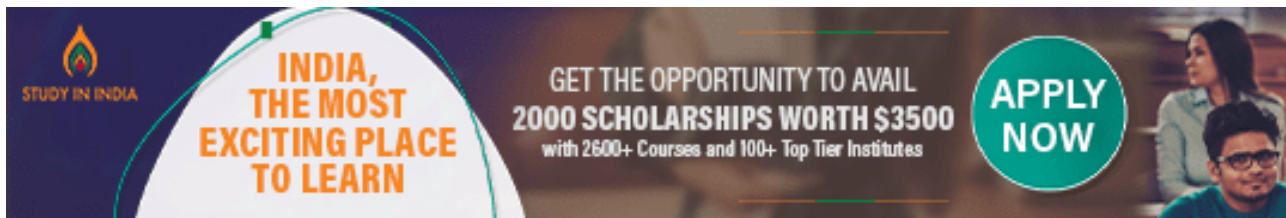


The curriculum focused on digital evidence; crime scene processing; basic cybercrime investigative techniques; e-mail, social media and online marketplace investigations. It also concentrated on the exchange of information and techniques used by USFWS in combating wildlife trafficking using cybercrime investigative techniques.

Participants were also given the opportunity to use online resources and investigative techniques that support wildlife investigations. Each participant received a cybercrime CSI kit, which contained tools such as a digital camera, a 1terabyte media storage drive, and multi flash card reader, and a tool kit.

The participants utilized the items in the kits during the numerous labs conducted throughout the training.

Caption: Viewing the toolkits provided to the seventeen participants are from the left US Ambassador, Lisa Johnson, Deputy-Commissioner Bartholomeus De Klerk, National Head of the Protected Resources Division at the Namibian Police, Ed Lewis, Special Agent in Charge with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and Ed Newcomer, Law Enforcement Attaché for Southern Africa with the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Photo: Contributed



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