

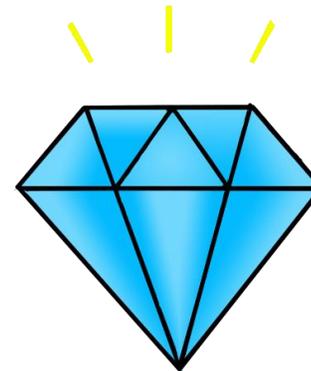


ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME IN RURAL AREAS

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ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

- Crimes against nature
- Specific characteristics
- Global problem / threat
- Organized crime



7 TYPES OF ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME



RURAL AREA

- Everything that is not urban.



Less populated

2 main industries – agriculture and forestry



- **AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY**

Pesticides

Illegal logging

- **ILLEGAL WASTE DUMPING**



- Environmental crime is often perceived as less important - irrelevant,
- Crime rate is unknown - unreported, unperceived, unpunished,
- Main causes: poverty, fight for survival, lack of legal income options



COOPERATION BETWEEN LOCAL AND NATIONAL AUTHORITIES

- Higher efficiency
- Data exchange
- Straightforward reporting
- Identification and restoration of critical areas



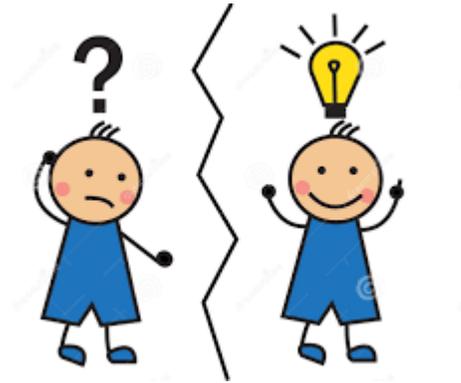
ALTERNATION OF LEGISLATION

- Obsolete → unified
- New waste laws
- Simplify processing and punishing offenders
- Founding organisations



EDUCATION: WORKSHOPS, LECTURES

- Main focus - ecological crime
- Stress the importance of the issue at hand
- Explanation of the consequences
- Offer possible solutions



LEGAL INCOME OPTIONS

- In areas where environmental crime is the only source of income
- Systematic changes – more legal options
- Reduction of organized crime activity



MEDIA

- More attention, positive news
- Reporting about environmental crimes
- Corruption
- Local problems





CONCLUSION