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## South asia wildlife enforcement network

### To Strengthen Relations

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**USPA NEWS** - The Minister of Environment, Mr. Prakash Javadekar addressing a press conference on the 22nd BASIC Ministerial Meeting on Climate Change, in New Delhi on April 07, 2016.

### To Strengthen Ties With The Member Countries In Controlling The Trans-Boundary Wildlife Crime

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi has given its approval for India adopting the Statute of the South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network (SAWEN) and India becoming its formal member in order to strengthen ties with the member countries in controlling the trans-boundary wildlife crime through communication, coordination, collaboration, capacity building and cooperation in the region.

SAWEN, a Regional network is comprised of eight countries in South Asia: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. It aims at working as a strong regional inter-governmental body for combating wildlife crime by attempting common goals and approaches for combating illegal trade in the region.

Adoption of SAWEN statute envisions India being part of the regional inter-governmental body in combating wildlife crime in the region and beyond.

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