



Grant Munro Miller, MBE

Rank: Senior Officer

Agency: Border Force UK

Position: Head of the National CITES Enforcement Team.

I have been a law enforcement officer specialising in Border Customs work for over thirty years. I have worked within investigation, Intelligence, and Anti smuggling roles across both Air, rail and maritime ports. I am currently head up the national CITES enforcement team . Based at Heathrow airport, this team enforces the UK's obligations to the CITES convention. The team was formed twenty five years ago in response to a health and safety incident involving concealed poison dart frogs. Since then the team has grown and is now regarded as being world leaders in this field of enforcement. In 2012 I took on the chairmanship of the UK's CITES priority delivery group, a group that controls and dictates the direction and pace of CITES enforcement in the UK, reporting direct to the Chief Constable with the lead for Wildlife crime. I represent the UK law enforcement at the EU Commissions Enforcement Working group. In 2015 I was the instigator of the participation of 25 member states in the global operation Cobra 3. This operation delivered unprecedented numbers of seizures across the member states and raised the profile of the Illegal wildlife trade.

In 2017 I was elected to the chair of the Interpol Wildlife Crime Working group. The corner stone for my work is about partnership with all involved in the transport sector and wildlife trade. Through this engagement positive relationships have been built with trade sectors that were previously seen as risk areas. Following a strategy of Prevention, enhanced Intelligence and effective enforcement activity, the UK has seen significant improvements in the threat level that the Illegal wildlife trade presents at the UK Border. This commitment to partnership working was evidenced in 2017 when I led a transport sector team to a conference with the Vietnamese government to explore transport sector / enforcement partnerships. IAG Cargo and The City of London Corporation (both ATA members) were key partners of the UK team.

I have trained around the world working with bodies like WCO, UNEP, UNODC, Europol and Interpol .

In 2016 I was appointed a member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) for services to the International Protection of Wildlife and Border Security. In 2014 I received a commendation from the World Customs Organisation. In 2013 I was awarded the WWF enforcement operation of the year, for the seizure and return of 13 San Salvador rock Iguana's