

Wildlife Trafficking Risk Assessment Module

The illegal wildlife trade is estimated to be worth billions of dollars annually. Some estimates place it among the top criminal activities globally, along with drug trafficking, arms smuggling, and human trafficking.



What is wildlife trafficking risk?

Wildlife trafficking risk refers to the likelihood of illegal trade in wildlife occurring in a particular region or involving specific species. Factors that contribute to this risk include the demand for exotic animals or their parts, weak law enforcement, corruption, limited resources for conservation efforts, and inadequate legal frameworks. High wildlife trafficking risk areas are often those with valuable or rare species, lax regulations, and connections to global markets where these illegal products are in demand. Strategies to mitigate these risks involve strengthening enforcement, raising public awareness, and implementing effective conservation strategies.



What is a wildlife trafficking risk assessment?

A wildlife trafficking risk assessment is a systematic evaluation of the likelihood and potential impacts of illegal wildlife trade occurring in a particular region, with a specific focus on identifying vulnerabilities, threats, and areas of concern. This assessment is typically conducted to inform conservation efforts, law enforcement strategies, and policy decisions related to wildlife protection.

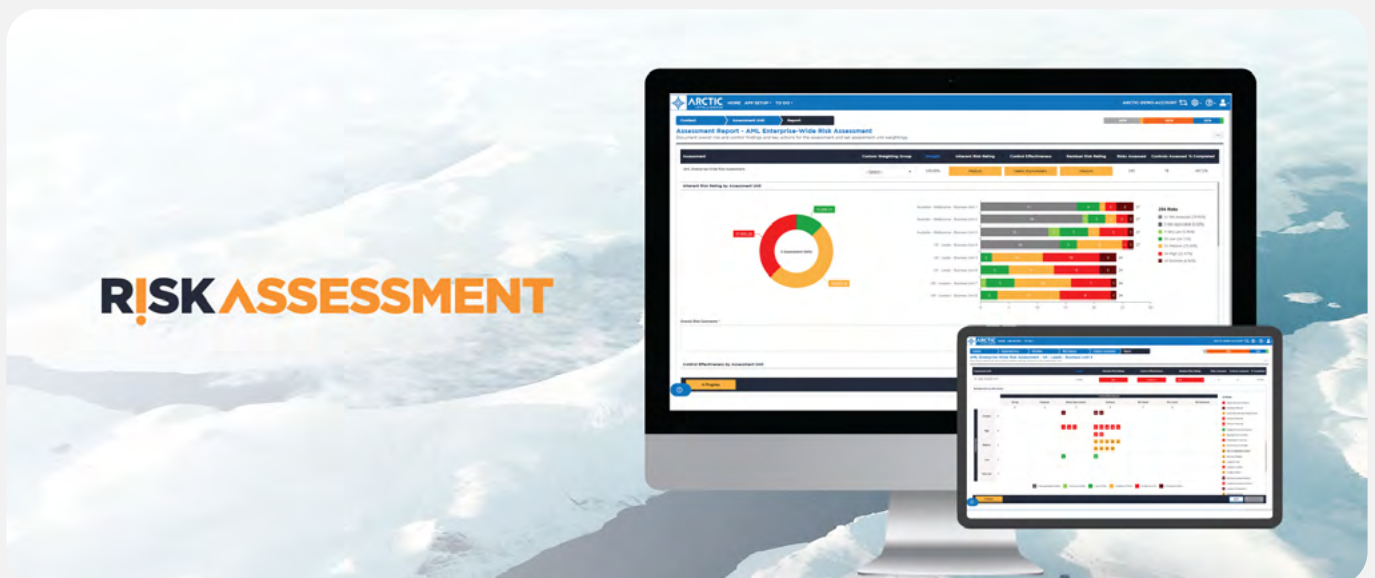
Who should consider conducting a wildlife trafficking risk assessment?

-  Government agencies.
-  Conservation organisations.
-  Non-governmental organisations (NGOs), and Research institutions.
-  Pet trade, exotic goods markets (Businesses in industries that could inadvertently contribute to wildlife trafficking).

About Arctic Intelligence's Risk Assessment Platform

Arctic Intelligence's [Risk Assessment Platform](#) has been designed for larger companies to conduct risk assessments for financial crime and other risk domains. The platform is highly-configurable and can be tailored to your organisation's risk assessment methodology, risk and control libraries relevant to your business and execute these across multiple countries, operating groups or business units. This process produces real-time dashboards and reports aggregated across the organisation.

The Risk Assessment Platform is commonly used to digitise manual spreadsheet-based models and also to automate the inherent risk assessment process by ingesting data from file uploads or API feeds.



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Key Features

To help manage your enterprise-wide risks, whatever the risk domain you're assessing

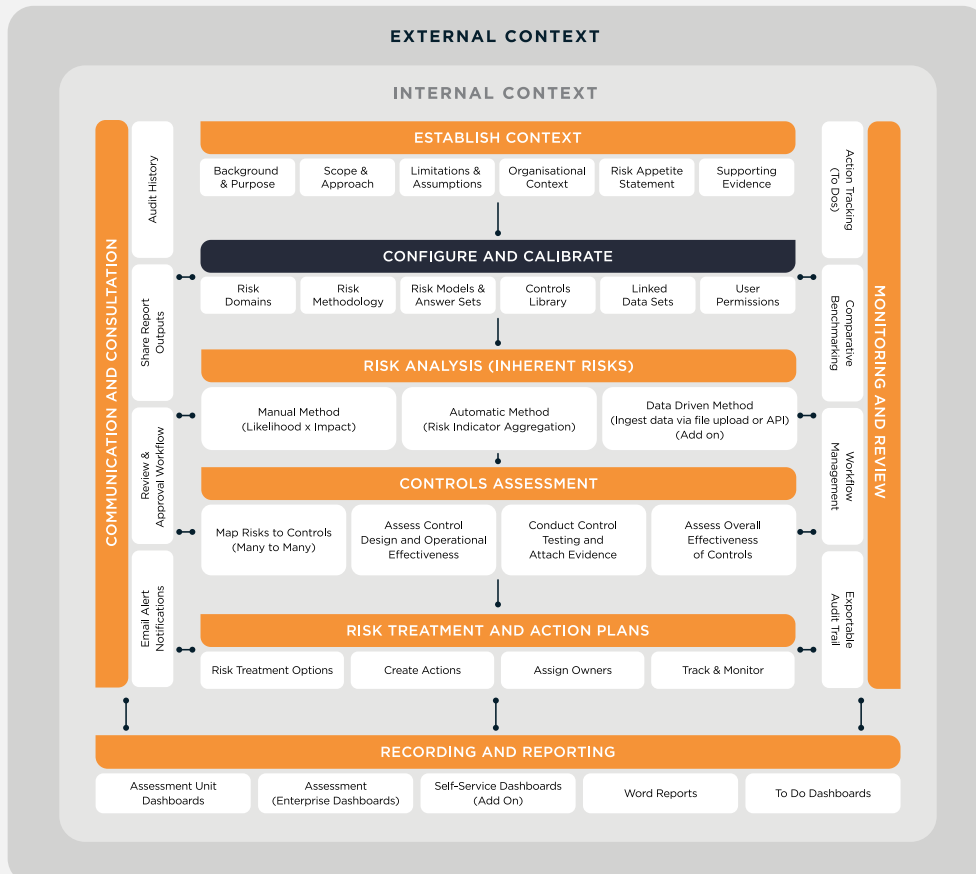
- Highly configurable so you can tailor the platform to suit your needs
- Import your own risk and controls or use our expert-built risk domains
- Flexible risk methodology, tailored to your risk-based approach
- Auditable workflow process for conducting risk analysis and controls assessment
- Digitise and automate by ingesting data via API or file upload
- Track, monitor and report on actions, issues and incidents
- Real-time dashboards and analytics, with exportable reports
- Fully hosted in a secure cloud with dedicated support

Why choose the Risk Assessment Platform?

- Fully configurable risk analysis and controls assessment platform
- Automate risk assessments by ingesting data, improving efficiency
- Expert-built content modules with hundreds of risks and controls
- Real-time analytics, approval workflows and fully auditable
- Digitise spreadsheet-based approaches, improving quality
- Save time and money, reducing compliance costs

How it works

The diagram below visualises recognised industry best risk assessment practices overlaid against the features within the Risk Assessment Platform that supports these processes.



What is the structure of the wildlife trafficking risk and control module?

We've developed a wildlife trafficking risk and control module. The three main risk groups contained in the wildlife trafficking risk modules are detailed below. It can also be fully tailored to suit your organisation by modifying content, applying weightings, determining answer set values and calibrating risk thresholds.

1. Customer Risk

Evaluate the wildlife trafficking risk posed by your customer based resulting from exposure to higher risk industries and higher risk countries.

2. Business Risks

Evaluate the wildlife trafficking risk posed by your business operations, particularly where your business operates in or through higher risk countries.

3. Transaction Risk

Evaluate the wildlife trafficking risk posed by your customer transactions, particularly transactions that are considered higher risk from a wildlife trafficking perspective.

Other factors contributing to the likelihood of wildlife trafficking

- **Market demand:** the level of demand for wildlife and their products in consumer markets can drive trafficking activities
- **Species rarity and value:** rare or high-value species are often targeted by traffickers due to their potential for high prices
- **Enforcement capacity:** the effectiveness and capacity of law enforcement agencies to combat wildlife trafficking play a crucial role in deterring illegal activities
- **Corruption:** the extent of corruption within enforcement agencies, governments, and local communities can facilitate wildlife trafficking
- **Habitat loss:** degradation and loss of habitat can force wildlife into vulnerable situations, making them more susceptible to trafficking
- **Economic factors:** socio-economic conditions and poverty can drive people to engage in illegal activities, including wildlife trafficking
- **Supply chain networks:** the complexity of supply chains, from poaching to the final consumer, influences the ease of trafficking and the ability to track illegal products
- **Cultural and traditional practices:** cultural beliefs and traditional uses of wildlife products can perpetuate demand for illegal trade
- **Legislation and policies:** the strength and enforcement of wildlife protection laws and policies is critical in deterring trafficking
- **Border control and transportation:** the ease of crossing borders and transportation networks affect traffickers' ability to move wildlife and their products
- **Awareness and education:** the level of awareness and education among local communities, consumers, and law enforcement personnel can impact trafficking rates

About Arctic Intelligence

Arctic Intelligence is a multi-award winning, RegTech firm that specialises in audit, risk and compliance software related to financial crime compliance and risk management.

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