



## **Raising awareness on Environmental Liability Directive in Slovenia**

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# Wild life crime - Slovenia



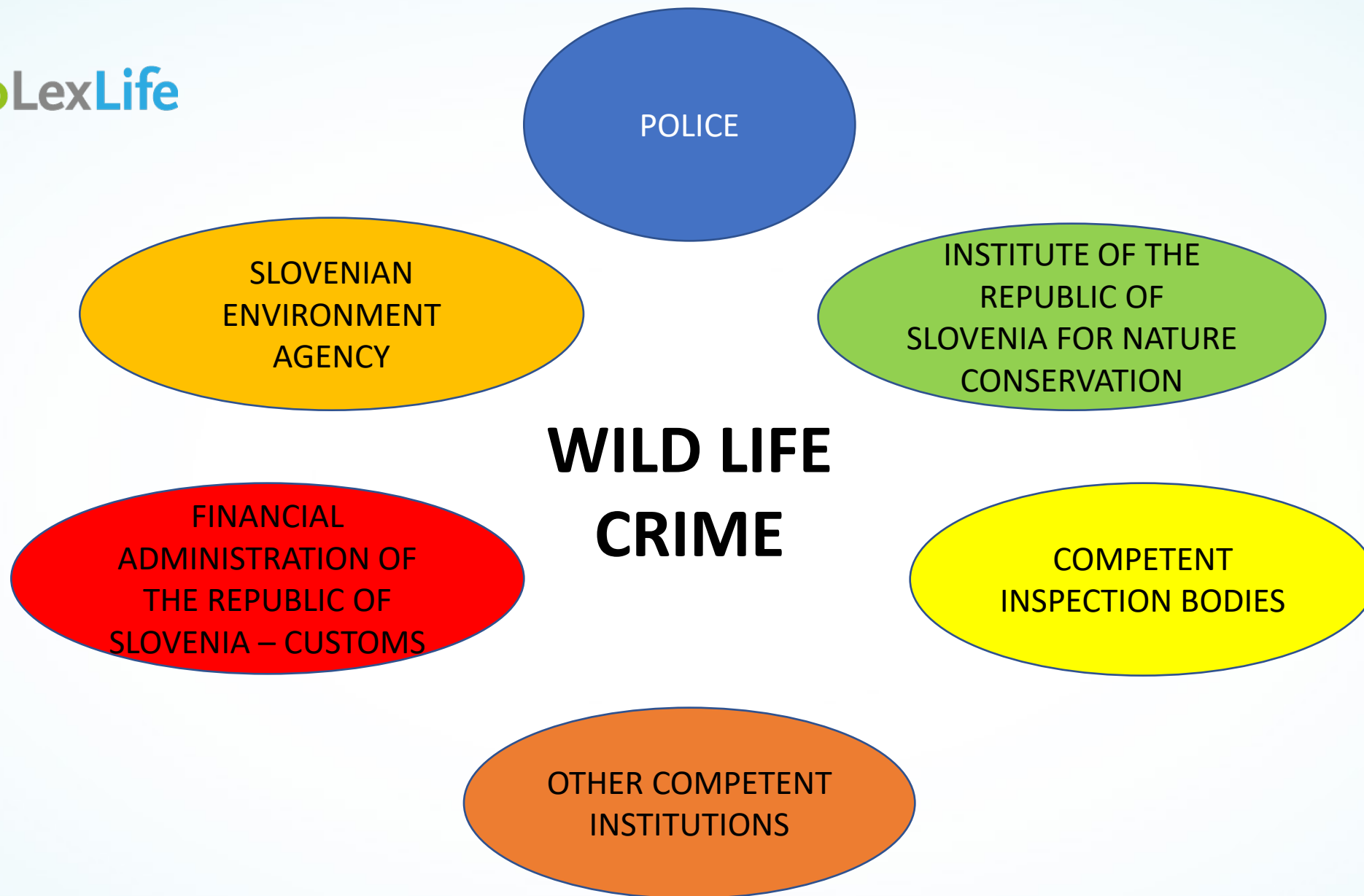
# Wild Life Crime

## Unlawful Handling of Protected Animals and Plants

### Article 344

Whoever illegally possesses, seizes, damages, kills, exports, imports or trades in **protected wild animal or plant species**, or **their parts**, or **products made therefrom**, shall be punished by imprisonment of **up to five years**.

If the object is of **major or exceptional nature protection significance**, or if the act was committed within a **criminal association** for the commission of such criminal offences, the perpetrator shall be punished by imprisonment of **not less than six months and not more than ten years**.



# Wild Life Crime

**The Police** detects wild life crime:

- On the basis of **applications** or **its own findings**;
- In most cases while **inspecting vehicles**;
- Mainly in relation to **illegal import or export of protected animals**, especially **dead specimen of birds** (illegal transportation from Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina to Italy).

Slovenia is mostly a **transit country**.

# Wild Life Crime

The Police has not detected any special pattern or period in which there would be more criminal offenses.

Unlawful Handling of Protected Animals and Plants	2014	2015	2016	2017
Criminal charges	4	15	10	11

# Actions against wildlife crime

- Slovenia implemented **CITES** in the year 2000;
- CITES protects over **150 species, which live in Slovenia** (bear, wolf, peregrine falcon, Nigritella rhellicani, ordinary bell, cyclamen ...);
- **Slovenian Customs authorities** every year discover also many cases of illegal imports of:
  - land turtles,
  - caviar,
  - date mussel,
  - ivory.
  - coral,

Most CITES specimens are seized **at the airport**.



# Actions against wildlife crime

- Slovenia participated in the **IMPEL project „Hunting tourism“** in 2016 and 2017;
- Regarding wildlife trafficking, the **Inter-agency Working Group** is working at the national level:
  - including Police, environmental inspection, Customs and management authorities with support of the scientific authorities (Institute of RS for Nature Conservation).



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# About EcoLex Life

Environmental Liability Directive – ELD (Directive 2004/35/EC)



It is based on the  
**„POLLUTER-PAYS PRINCIPLE“**

The polluters that have caused environmental damage or an imminent threat of such damage are liable for implementing the necessary **preventive** and **remediation actions** and paying for their **costs**.



# Environmental Liability Directive

The Directive defines "**environmental damage**" as damage to:

- **protected species and natural habitats,**
- **damage to water** and
- **damage to soil.**

**Environmental damage** - the negative change in a natural resource must be **measurable** & damage must be assessed as **significant**!

**Who can be liable?** - any **natural** or **legal**, private or public person who operates or controls the occupational activity

# Environmental Liability Directive

## STRICT LIABILITY

Operators involved in **dangerous** occupational activities  
(listed in Annex III of the ELD)

These operators can be held liable for damage to:

- **Protected species and natural habitats**
- **Water**
- **Land**

These operators can be held liable even **without** having to establish their **fault or negligence**

## FAULT-BASED LIABILITY

Operators involved in **all other** occupational activities

These operators can be held liable only for damage to:

- **Protected species and natural habitats**

**Fault or negligence** needs to be established for the operator to be held liable

# EcoLex Life project objectives

- **Raise awareness** among key stakeholders regarding **Environmental Liability Directive** – ELD (Directive 2004/35/EC) and **influence change in their behaviour**;
- Identify the **shortcomings in the implementation** of the ELD in Slovenia and prepare **suggestions for improvements**;
- Establish **dialogue** among key stakeholders;
- Assist in the development of **ELD specific insurance policy**;
- Transfer **good practice** from abroad.



# About EcoLex Life

**Project is supported by LIFE,**  
the EU's funding instrument  
for the environment and  
climate action.

**Coordinating beneficiary:**

- TAX-FIN-LEX d.o.o.

**Associated beneficiary:**

- Pristop Media d.o.o.

**Duration of the project:**

- Start date: 15/07/17
- End date: 31/12/19

**Project budget:**

- Total budget: 1.303.848 €
- EU financial contribution: 59,97%
- MOP financial contribution: 10%



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# Online platform with four interconnected tools

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# 1. EcoClipping

- **Emailing notification service** on individually selected environmental topics of user interest.
- It covers:
  - ✓ **news on environmental legislation;**
    - Official Journal of the EU;
    - Slovenian Official Gazette;
    - Parliament etc.
  - ✓ **environmental news from different sources;**
  - ✓ **eco-thought;**
  - ✓ **information on the ECOLEX LIFE project activities.**

EcoClipping, tedenski pregled od 30.10.2018 do 5.11.2018

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Spoštovani,

pošljamo vam informacije o zakonodajnih novostih [z vaših izbranih okoljevarstvenih področij](#), povezave do okoljskih novic z različnih spletnih strani ter novosti o LIFE programu in projektu EcoLex Life.

Podrobnosti so dostopne na portalu [EcoLex Life](#) z vašim uporabniškim imenom in geslom.

Lep pozdrav!

Uredništvo EcoClippinga

#### Eko novice

Naslov	<a href="#">Helping swifts and bats find a place to nest</a>
Datum objave na viru	30.10.2018
Datum klipinga	05.11.2018

#### Ostali spletni viri

Naslov	<a href="#">Ogrožen nastanek Antarktičnega rezervata, ogrožena prihodnost vseh nas</a>
Datum objave na viru	03.11.2018
Datum klipinga	05.11.2018

Naslov	<a href="#">[Blog] Živa se javlja iz Nigerije: »Keep the oil in the soil«</a>
Datum objave na viru	05.11.2018
Datum klipinga	05.11.2018

Naslov	<a href="#">S kurjenjem dovolj suhega lesa do znatnega prihranka sredstev za ogrevanje</a>
Datum objave na viru	04.11.2018
Datum klipinga	05.11.2018

Naslov	<a href="#">Oceani absorbirajo več toplote, kot so verjeli do zdaj</a>
Datum objave na viru	01.11.2018
Datum klipinga	05.11.2018

Naslov	<a href="#">Zelen promet je priložnost za Slovenijo</a>
Datum objave na viru	05.11.2018

## 2. Collection of environmental legislation

- The **first comprehensive online collection** of currently applicable environmental legislation in Slovenia;
- All documents are **consolidated** and **linked to related documents**:
  - EU regulations;
  - national regulations;
  - case-law;
- A detailed explanation of the content and requirements of **the Environmental Liability Directive**.

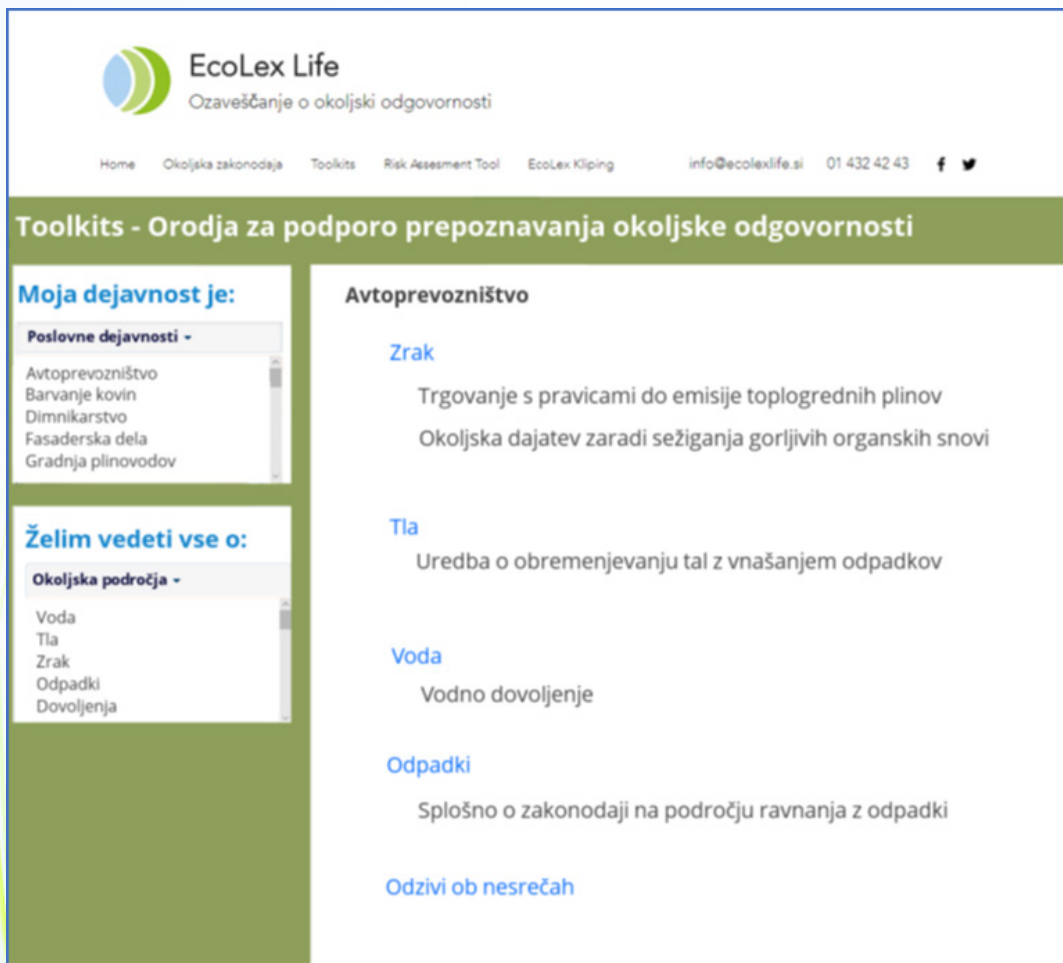


# 3. Environmental guide

**Sector-specific** toolkit, which will describe requirements of the environmental legislation.

Each individual user will get:

- **description of rights and obligations** by which he is bound and
- some **useful tips** regarding how to act.



## 4. Risk assessment tool



The screenshot shows the 'Risk Assessment Tool - Orodje za oceno tveganja za povzročitev okoljske škode' (Risk Assessment Tool - Tool for assessment of the risk of environmental damage). The interface includes a header with the EcoLex Life logo and navigation links. The main section has three dropdown menus: 'Dejavnost' (Activity) with options like 'Avtoprevoznništvo', 'Barvanje kovin', 'Dimnikarstvo', 'Fasaderska dela', and 'Gradnja plinovodov'; 'Področje' (Region) with options like 'Ljubljanska kotlina', 'Zasavje', 'Šaleška dolina', 'Območje vodotoka', and 'Priobalni pas'; and 'Naslov' (Title). Below these are two questions: 'Ali pri svoji dejavnosti uporabljate, proizvajate, shranjujete ali odlagate nevarne snovi, strupene materiale ali druge strupene onesnaževalce?' (Do you use, produce, store or dispose of dangerous substances, toxic materials or other toxic pollutants?) and 'Ali pri svoji dejavnosti sežigate nevarne odpadke?' (Do you incinerate dangerous waste?). The results section shows 'REZULTAT: Ocena vašega tveganja za ovzročitev okoljske škode je: MAJHNA' (Result: Assessment of your risk of environmental damage is: LOW) and provides a link to 'Razlaga metodologije' (Explanation of methodology) and 'Kako lahko zavarujete svojo odgovornost za nastanek okoljske škode?' (How can you secure your liability for environmental damage?).

The main purpose of this tool is to provide users with an **assessment of their risks of causing environmental damage.**

It will be available as an **interactive application.**

Users will receive the key information for managing their **environmental** and **financial** risks.

# Visible results of the project

- Regional **workshops** on raising awareness on ELD;
- **International Conferences**;
- **New cooperation** between some of the key stakeholders;
- Monthly **3,700 views** of EcoLex online platform;
- On average, about **40 new registrations** for EcoClipping per month;
- **Special ELD workshop** for representatives from public institutions;
- ...

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