
Preface

The impetus for this particular volume arose from the Transnational Environmental Crime (TEC) project based at The Australian National University (ANU), funded for part of its duration by the Australian Research Council (ARC) and the Australian Government's Department of the Environment (under its current name) as a partner organization. Many of the authors have been involved with that project in some capacity: as chief investigators, as visiting fellows, as PhD students, as research assistants, as contributors to workshops and conferences. In some way or another, we have worked with or, through conferences and workshops, engaged with all the authors. Indeed, our own collaboration began in March 2007 at a public forum on TEC in the Asia Pacific, convened by one of us (Elliott) at the ANU. As editors and as colleagues interested in the challenges of transnational environmental crime, we bring to this project different discipline backgrounds (International Relations and Ecology and Evolutionary Biology) and different professional experiences (academe and civil society).

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