

Forensics of Wildlife Crime – Tuesday 10 October 2023

Tracy Alexander, Director of Forensic Services at the City of London Police

Tracy Alexander has worked in forensic science since 1992. Her original post with the Metropolitan Police Service Directorate of Forensic Services incorporated fingerprint expertise and crime scene skills after which she progressed to working on major homicide investigations. Her last role with the Met was head of the Forensic Intelligence Bureau where she worked on multiple projects including the National Ballistics Intelligence Service and DNA search tools for mass fatalities.

Her current post is Director of Forensic Services at the City of London Police, which comprises high tech digital and cyber crime, coronial investigations, scenes of crime, crime scene management, fingerprint bureau, chemical enhancement laboratory and collision investigation unit. Having been involved in some significant operations she is a specialist in disaster victim identification and mass fatality events.

Tracy is a Fellow of King's College London, the President of British Academy of Forensic Scientists, an advisory panel member of Inside Justice and a member of the Chartered Society of Forensic Scientists.

She is passionate about the provision of forensic intervention to tackle wildlife crime, with particular emphasis on rhino horn, ivory and pangolin scales. Training programmes in Africa are showing good results and will be progressed in other countries wherever possible. Recent work with Ukrainian colleagues has highlighted the need to assist them as much as possible, both with the investigation of mass graves and war crimes investigations.

