Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)

It is India's chief anti-smuggling intelligence, investigations and operations agency. It is headed by a Director General of the rank of Special Secretary to the Government of India. It works to secure India's national and economic security by preventing the outright smuggling of contraband such as firearms, gold, narcotics, Fake Indian Currency notes, antiques, wildlife and environmental products.

It is also a part of the following –

1. Cabinet Secretariat's National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention,
2. Ministry of Home Affairs/NIA's special wings on Left Wing Extremism Financing,
3. Various inter-ministerial committees on Terror Financing, Coastal Security,

Recently, DRI has busted a wildlife smuggling syndicate that smuggled different varieties of macaws. Those exotic and highly endangered birds had been smuggled via the Indo-Bangladesh border without any licit documents. The joint operation was carried out in coordination with the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) and the Customs Department at the Kolkata airport.

WCCB – Wild life crime control Board

It a statutory body under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to combat organized wildlife crime. The Wild Life (Protection) Amendment Act, 2006 provisions came operational in the year 2008. UNEP has also awarded WCCB with Asia Environment Enforcement Award, 2018. WCCB is also partnering with United Nations University and CIESIN-Earth Institute at Columbia University through the Wildlife Enforcement Monitoring System Initiative.

Macaws

Macaws are long-tailed, often colorful, New World parrots. They are popular in aviculture or as companion parrots, although there are conservation concerns about several species in the wild.

They are native to Central America and North America (only Mexico), South America, and formerly the Caribbean. Most species are associated with forests, especially rainforests, but others prefer woodland or savannah-like habitats. A macaw's facial feather pattern is as unique as a fingerprint. The largest macaws are the hyacinth, Buffon's (great green) and green-winged macaws. Many of the Macaw species lies between Vulnerable, Endangered or Critically Endangered under IUCN.