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Addressing Environmental Damage Through the Rome Statute: The OTP's New Policy and the Role of Earth Observation



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AGENDA

- What are the ICC and the OTP?
- Policy on Environmental Crimes?
- Our objectives HERE.
- How to integrate this with EO data?
- Q&A



THE ROME STATUTE

1998: Adoption by 120 countries

**2002: Entry into force after 60
ratifications**

2026: 125 States parties

The International Criminal Court

Location:

The Hague / The Netherlands

Coords:

52.105694°N, 004.317969°E

Established:

1998 – Rome Statute

Member states:

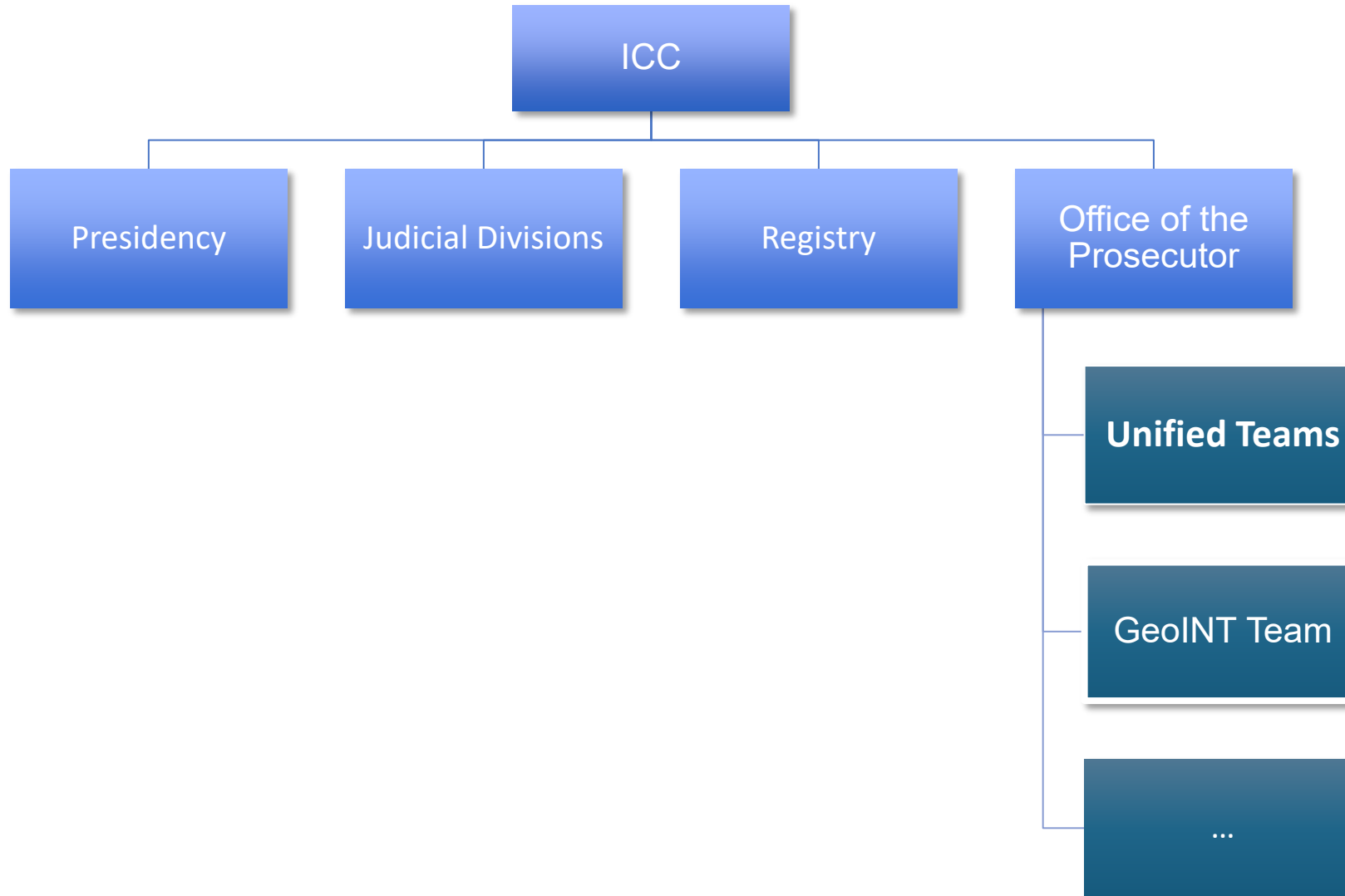
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Mandate:

Permanent criminal court to investigate and prosecute international crimes of **crimes against humanity, war crimes, genocide, and the crime of aggression.**

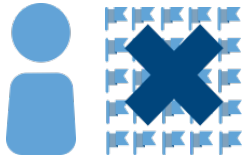


The components of the ICC and the OTP



OTP - Our Mandate

Examination → Investigation → Prosecution



Individual
criminal
responsibility



4 specific
crimes



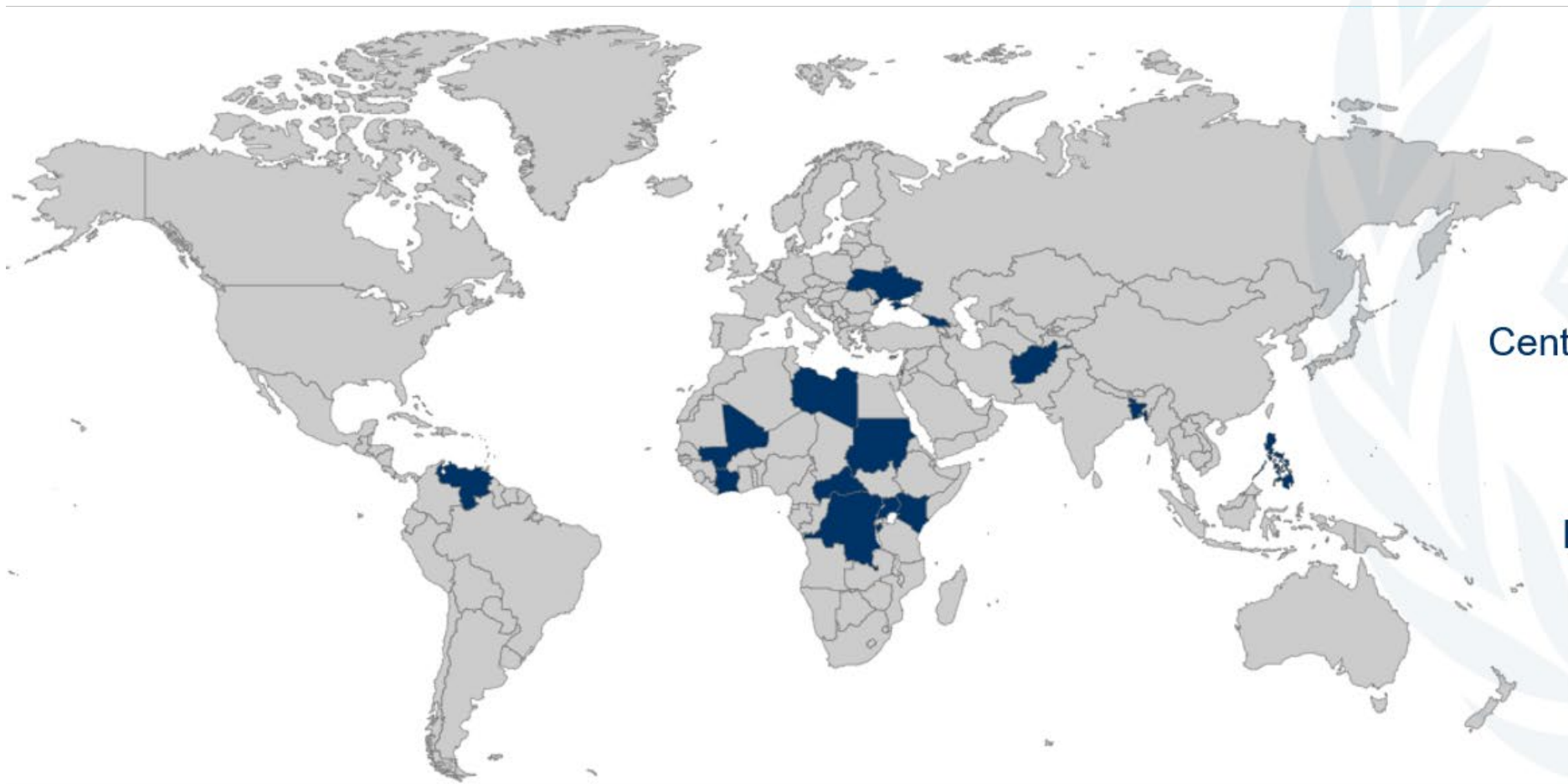
Created by an
international treaty
Rome statute 2002



Complements
national systems



17 INVESTIGATIONS



Democratic Republic of Congo

Uganda

Central African Republic

Darfur, Sudan

Kenya

Libya

Côte d'Ivoire

Mali

Central African Republic II

Georgia

Burundi

Bangladesh/Myanmar

Afghanistan

Palestine

Philippines

Venezuela I

Ukraine

Core mandate of the UT's and support teams

- 1.Evidence Collection**
- 2.Verification and Authentication**
- 3.Monitoring and Surveillance**
- 4.Accountability and Transparency**
- 5.Technology development for judicial processes.**



MoI between ESA and OTP - 2026

International Criminal Court's Post



International Criminal Court

421,205 followers

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The Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court and the European Space Agency (ESA) [European Space Agency - ESA](#) through its Centre for Earth Observation signed today a Memorandum of Intent, marking the formalisation of the partnership that will strengthen the Office's technical capabilities in carrying out its mandate.

Drawing on ESA's expertise in Earth observation data, the Office will enhance its ability to support investigations and judicial proceedings, including through the analysis of environmental damage and the development of innovative analytical capabilities.

This collaboration reflects the shared commitment of the Office and ESA to harness innovation in support of accountability, with the ultimate goal of delivering justice for victims of Rome Statute crimes.

Le Bureau du Procureur de la Cour pénale internationale et l'Agence spatiale européenne (ESA), par l'intermédiaire de son Centre d'observation de la Terre, ont signé aujourd'hui un protocole d'intention, officialisant un partenariat destiné à renforcer les capacités techniques du Bureau dans l'exercice de son mandat.

En s'appuyant sur l'expertise de l'ESA en matière de données d'observation de la Terre, le Bureau renforcera sa capacité à appuyer les enquêtes et les procédures judiciaires,



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POLICY ON ADDRESSING ENVIRONMENTAL DAMAGE THROUGH THE ROME STATUTE



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Key objectives:

To emphasise that numerous crimes under the Rome Statute may be committed by means of or may result in damage to the environment.



Defining “environmental crimes”

Crimes under the Rome Statute that are committed by means of or result in environmental damage

Category 1: Environmental damage constitutes an element of the crime

Category 2: Environmental damage is a means to commit the crime

Category 3: Environmental damage is a consequence of a crime.



Build recognition

To encourage and support national efforts to **investigate and prosecute environmental crimes** and other activities involving unlawful environmental damage.



To affirm the Office's commitment to rigorous investigation and prosecution of Rome Statute crimes that are committed by means of or that result in environmental damage, and **to establish an institutional framework that facilitates effective investigation and prosecution** of such crimes – including through recruitment, training, **external collaboration**, and meaningful implementation, monitoring, and evaluation measures.



To cooperate and coordinate with civil society organisations and other non-State actors whose expertise or access to information enables them to support law enforcement action at the international or national level;



Q&A

How does EO come into the domain of judicial processes for investigating environmental crimes?





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Thank you!

Questions? Remarks?

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