

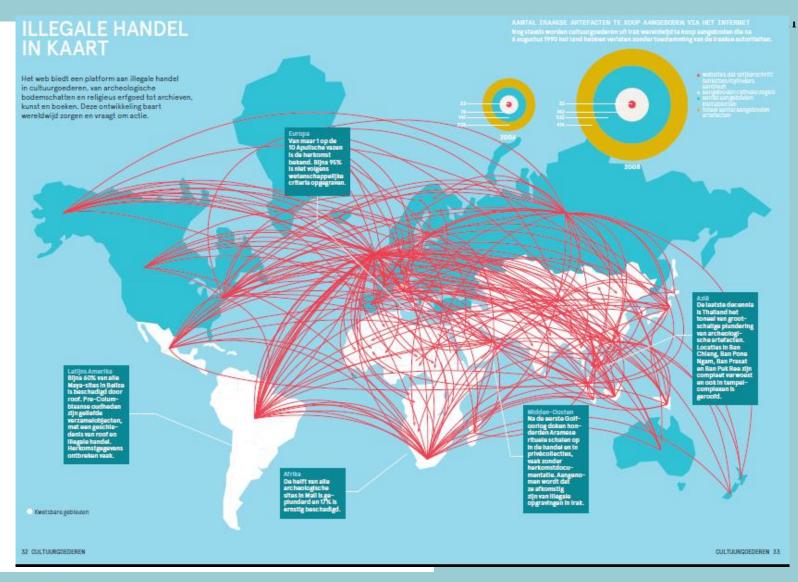


Ministerie van Onderwijs, Cultuur en Wetenschap

#### The role of the enforcement bodies in preventing illicit trade

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#### **Customs and Culture**

#### **Mission Customs**:

- Checks and ensures the safety, integrity and taxation of the cross-border movement of goods
- Domestic and EU excise duties

#### **Mission Culture:**

- Supervision of legally protected cultural objects
- Central authority for European and UNESCO legislation (1970, 1954) and sanction measures Iraq and Syria
- Authorization of export licences





## 20 years cooperation with Customs

Since 1995 cooperation with Dutch Customs (formally since 2000, Agreement between the Ministries of Finance and Culture: policy and enforcement)

- Policy and Executive level
- Special contact persons
- Exchange of information
- Training/education
- Risk analysis
- Pilot projects

>> Effective and efficient





# **Risk Analysis**

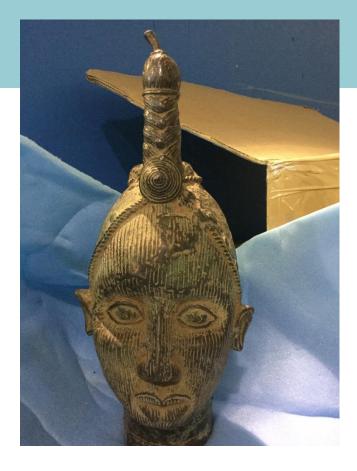
















## Due diligence and provenance

Cf. legislation and soft law ➤ EU Working Group on Provenance

ICOM Code of Ethics Museums CoE Archives, Archaeology Codes of Conduct Art Trade (UNESCO) Heroglyphic text in dark ink, Height 16cm. An excellent piece. \$1700 Aust. Galleries

Fine Quality Ramesside Canopic Jar in Glazed (buffed)

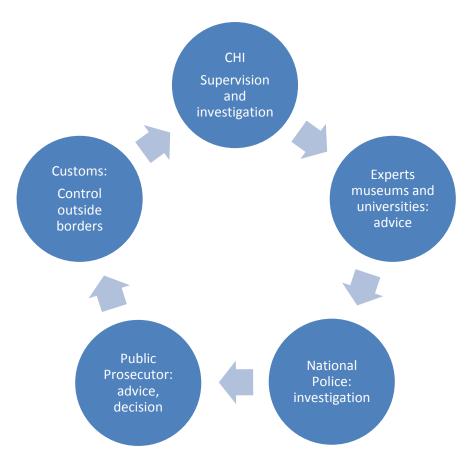
Terracotta

Origin: Egypt Provenance: Private Australian collection, collected before 1970. Aangekocht in 1999 Galllery

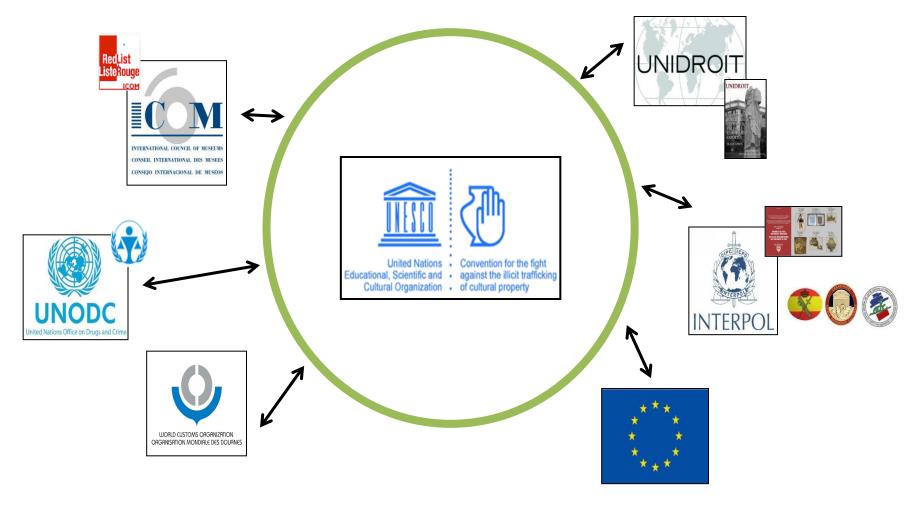
Dialogue with Art trade

- •• Check the provenance of ALL objects in the inventory
- •• The museum inventory, stating for each object a.o. how it was acquired and from whom/where, should be accessible to the public
- •• Exercise due diligence when considering an acquisition or loan: verify ownership, is current holder legitimately able to transfer title or lend
- •• Not just a matter of legal self-protection, but of conscience





# **International Cooperation**





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