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Environmental Crime as a New and Current Challenge for Polish Criminology

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Environmental Crime as a New and Current Challenge for Polish Criminology. The topic of this presentation is an analysis of new trends and challenges in environmental crime in Poland based on criminal and criminological knowledge. During the speech four faces of main topic will be presented: 1. The Global Threat to Humanity; 2. The Criminological-Legal Challenges; 3. The Research Challenges, 4. The Institutional Challenge. Firstly, it will be noted that the environment as an overriding and global value need the answer for research question whether environmental crime should be considered a global crime (maybe in the future a crime against humanity). The fight against environmental crime requires changes and the use of modern criminological techniques, what will be discussed during the presentation. Secondly, an environmental crime in criminological and legal aspects raises several challenges. It evolves both in legal-substantive terms (e.g. the perspective of the perpetrator and the subjective side of crime) and formal-legal terms (e.g. prevention, enforcement, prosecution and command). This research problem requires a comprehensive and interdisciplinary analyses, what will be shown during the presentation. The reference point will also be evidentiary activities carried out, in particular those of a detective nature, which can fulfil a preventive function. Here will be presented connection to use of modern technologies, i.e. artificial intelligence and electronic evidence. The overall conclusion is that modern research in the field of environmental crime is necessary from the criminal and criminological point of view, including general directions of the concepts (eg. new technologies, subjective side of crime and modern criminological techniques) and creation of bodies competent to fight environmental crime (institutional aspects).