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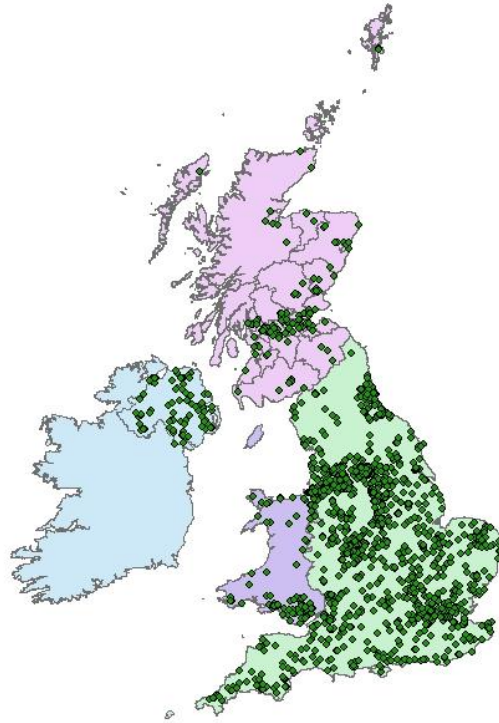
Illegal dismantling

Why is it important?

- Undermines environmental protection
- Undermines ELV Directive objectives
- Undermines legitimate ATF operators

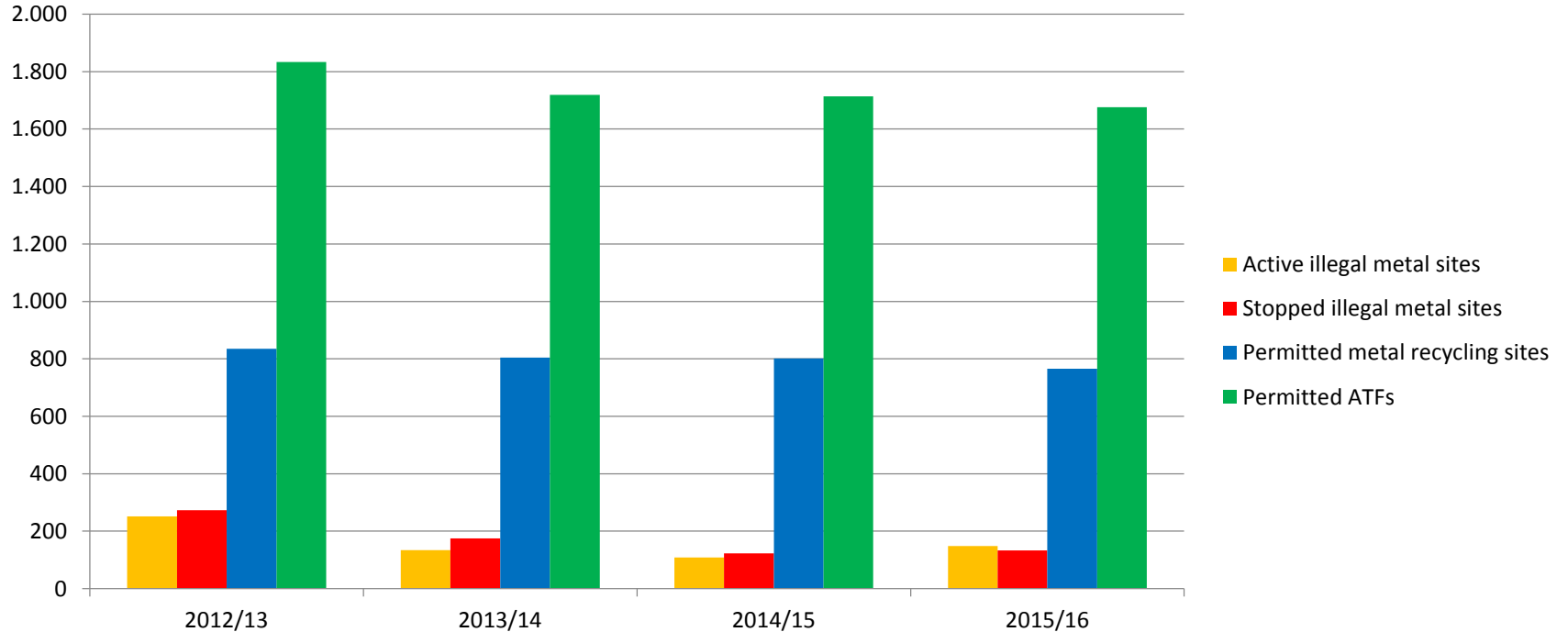


Permitted UK ATFs





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Environment Agency Sustainable Business Report (22 Sept 2016)

- 1,000 illegal waste sites identified in England last year
- 989 had been stopped
- 167 handling ELVs
- 48 high risk sites (HRS)
- 148 active illegal waste sites at end March 2016
- ELVs 3rd largest illegal waste stream

Illegal Dismantling

Two men operating illegally with no permit and infrastructure

- Dismantled around 200 vehicles
- Failure to store and dispose of depollution fluids correctly and lack of sealed drainage meant oil spill entered a nearby watercourse
- One jailed for 11 months and other for six months
- Landowner fined £2,000 and given 28 months to pay £28,000 costs

Man fined for storing crushed and baled ELVs without a permit

- Fine of £1,160 and legal costs of £3,116

Internet trading of spare parts

Online parts finder sites

- EA approached 6 sites that provide a platform for buyers looking for second hand vehicle parts.
- Companies asked to check those that are dismantling vehicles hold the necessary environmental permit.
- 2 sites clean bill of health and another part way through.
- 3 recent enquiries about applying for environmental permits likely linked to this work
- 3 trading sites not yet responded and will be chased

Internet trading of spare parts - eBay

EA undertaken exercise looking at eBay sellers of second hand parts in a sample geographic area

- 48 sellers of interest identified using key search terms and evidence of vehicles being dismantled for parts
- Screening process to establish permissions and checks to see whether other bodies also investigating
- Nearly 50% found not to have a permit
- Of those investigated, many 1,000s of items sold to value of £1.4m

Intention to use a number of interventions to disrupt and prevent illegal activity and roll out a wider programme

Insurance categorisation and auction houses

- Accident damaged vehicles that are written off by insurance companies categorised as Cat A, B, C or D
- Cat A & Bs cannot be put back on the road in the UK. They are waste and subject to waste controls.
- Cat C & Ds able to be repaired and used as vehicles. Not waste unless the intention is to dismantle them.
- UK auction houses will only sell Cat A & B to ATFs
- EA believe that some Cat C & D vehicles are being sold to buyers and subsequently dismantled illegally in the UK or shipped abroad for dismantling
- Intention to undertake further work to establish the facts

Thank You

