

Hawke and Raphael argue that: very low levels of prosecution for SECTT¹⁷³ crimes were attributed to two main factors: corruption in the judicial system and reluctance among victims to report cases or testify, due to fear or reprisals or belief that they themselves are responsible for the crime.¹⁷⁴ Out of the five cases listed below, it is in only one case that a travelling sex offender is charged, prosecuted and is stringently punished for his actions.

Progress has been made by various stakeholders to ensure that all forms of sexual exploitation of children are criminalised. However, stringent mechanisms need to establish to ensure that the judicial system and the law enforcement sector ensure effective laws and stringent enforcement mechanisms so that child sex tourism is prevented, children are protected and that offenders are harshly punished.

¹⁷³ Sexual Exploitation of Children through Travel and Tourism

¹⁷⁴ Hawke A & Raphael A *The Global Study Report on Sexual Exploitation of Children in Travel and Tourism* (2016) 45.