

NSCR Annual Report 2025

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About NSCR

NSCR conducts independent scientific research into crime and law enforcement. Our research is substantively innovative, methodologically state-of-the-art and contributes to the solution of major societal issues in the field of security and justice. NSCR operates at the intersection of theory, practice and policy. We focus on traditional and new forms of crime, testing theories and developing new investigative tools.

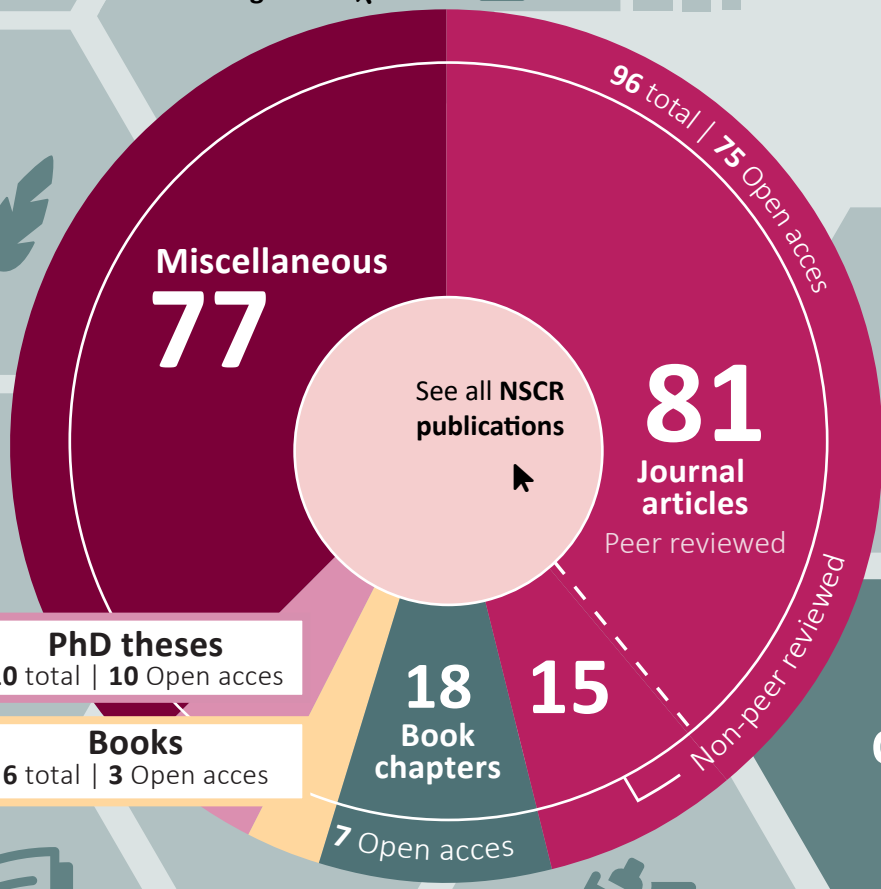
NSCR Research program

Our research program is based on four leading questions: Who commits crime and why? Where, when and how is crime committed? What are the consequences for victims? How does society respond to crime? Those four research questions form the basis for our research groups.



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PhD theses
10 total | 10 Open acces

Books
6 total | 3 Open acces

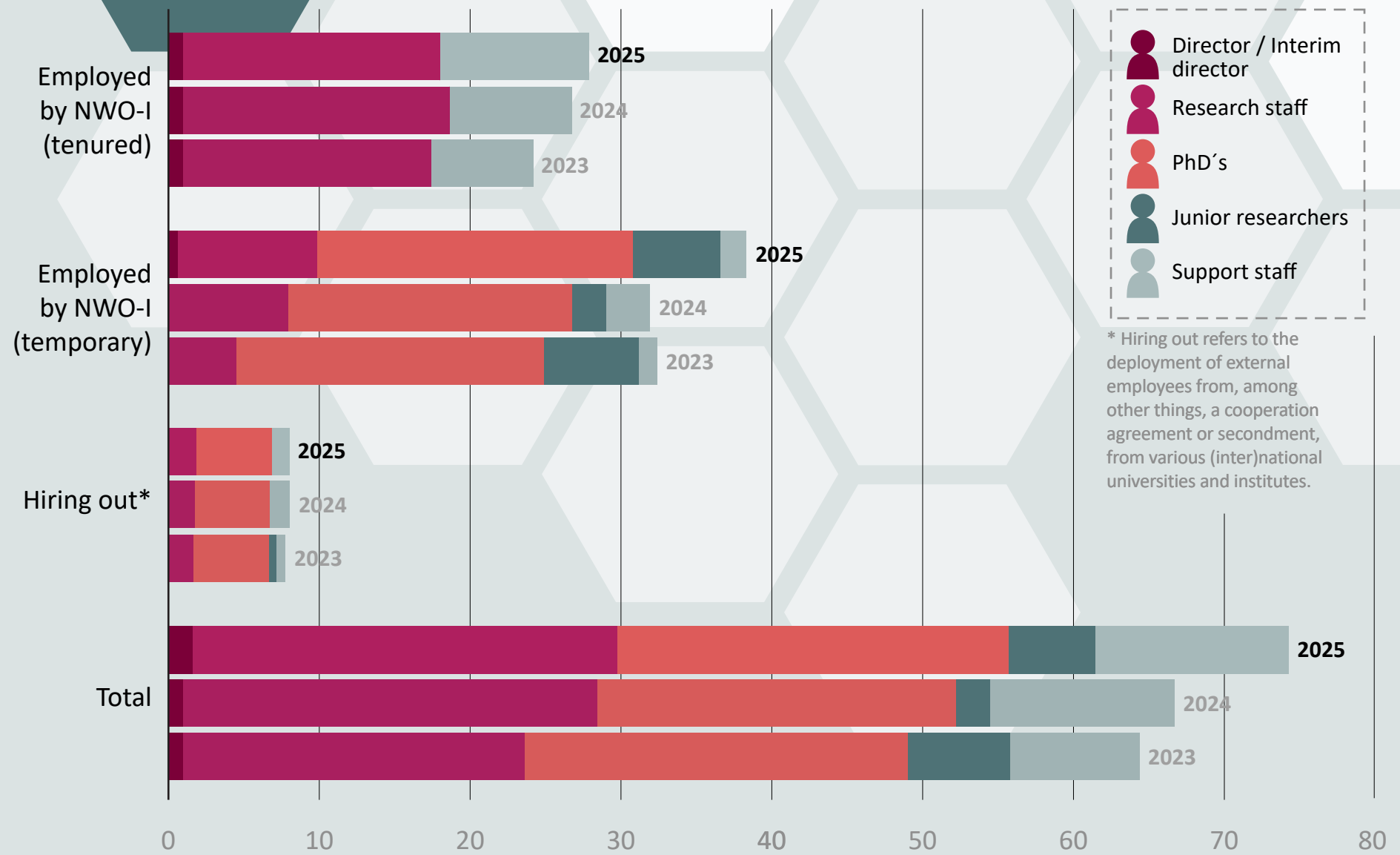
18 Book chapters
7 Open acces

15
Non-peer reviewed

81 Journal articles
Peer reviewed

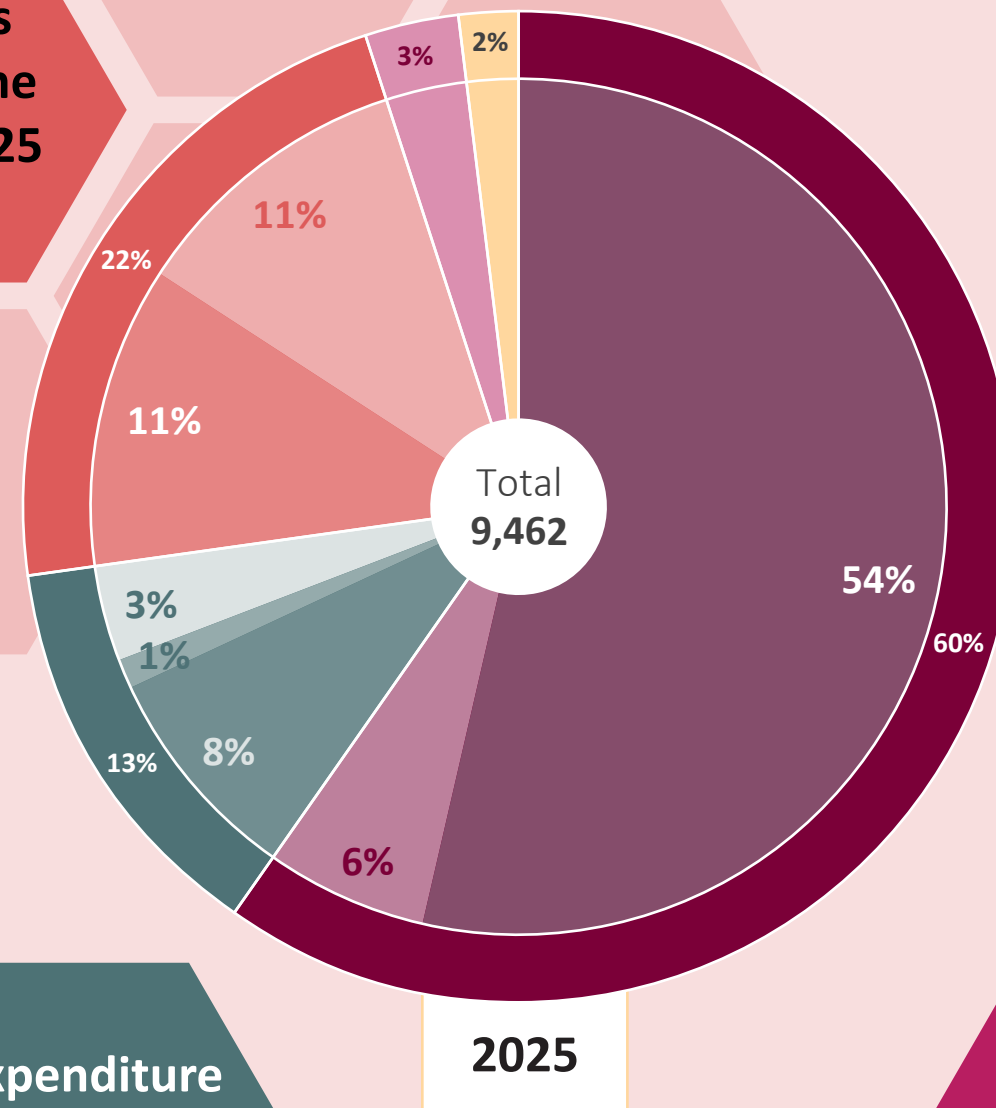
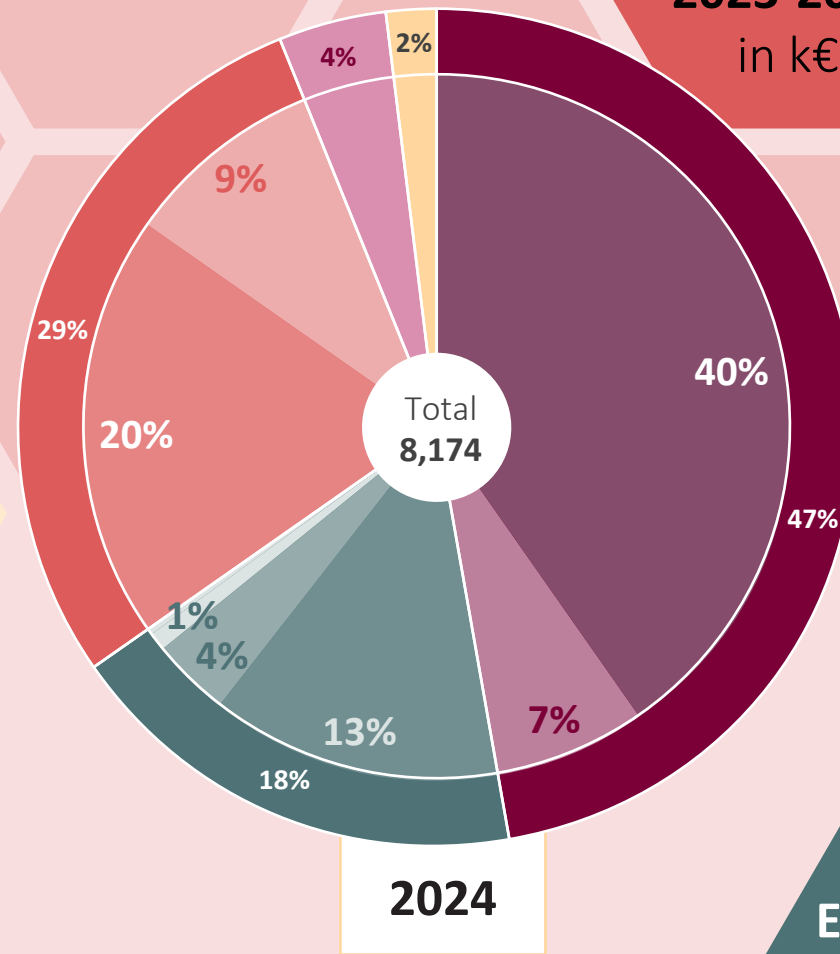
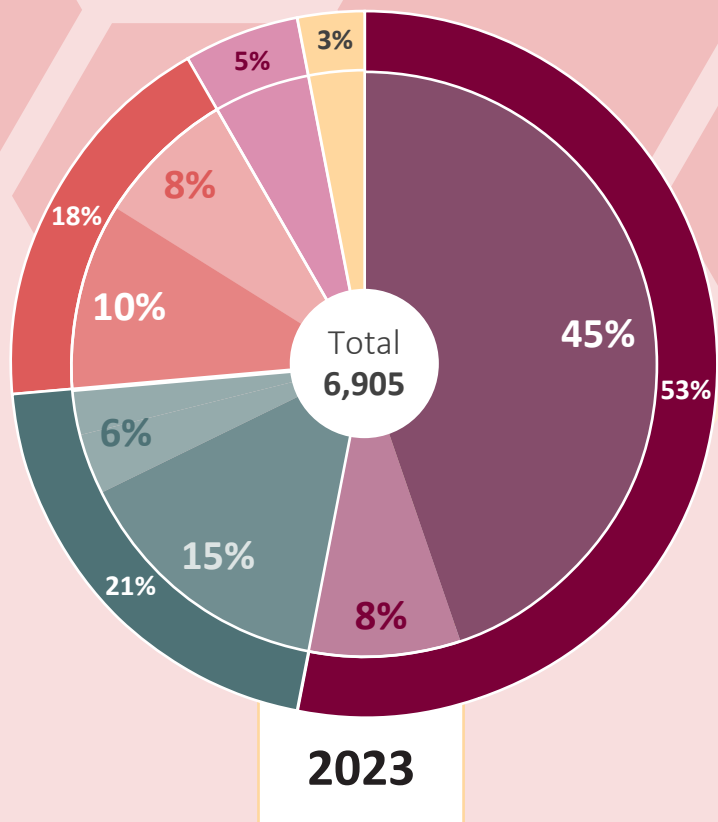
Output

Staff (in fte) 2025 average



* Hiring out refers to the deployment of external employees from, among other things, a cooperation agreement or secondment, from various (inter)national universities and institutes.

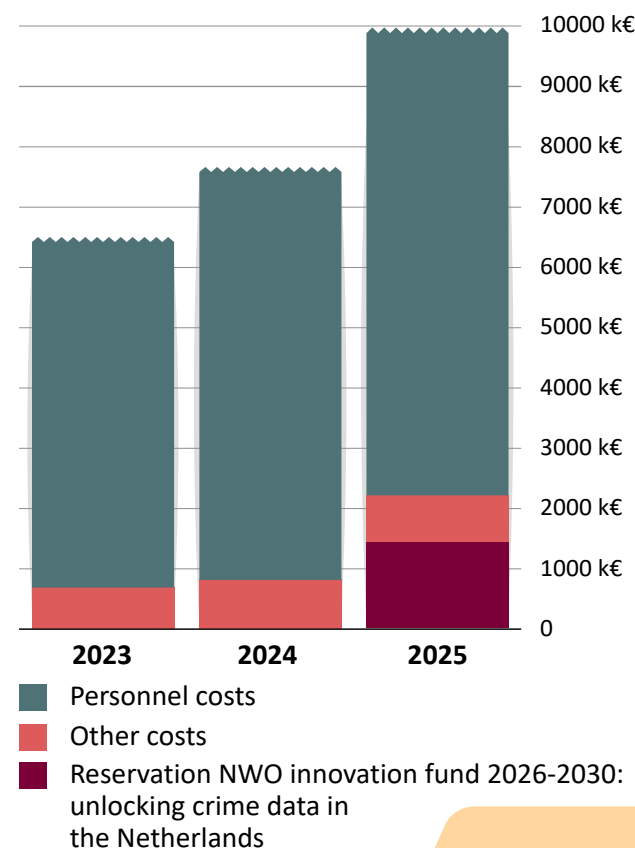
Sources of Income 2023-2025 in k€



- Direct funding**
 - NWO
 - VU Amsterdam, cash & in-kind contributions
- Program funding**
 - De Nationale Politie & Politieacademie
 - Fonds Slachtofferhulp Stichting Slachtofferhulp NL
 - Ministerie van J&V Halt
 - J&V - Raad voor de kindbescherming
 - De 3 Reclasseringsorganisaties
- Research grants**
 - NWO
 - Other subsidy providers
- Contract research**
- Other**

Expenditure 2023-2025* in k€

* Including the valuation of in-kind contributions from VU Amsterdam for staff and accommodation



Highlight of 2025



NSCR develops data infrastructure for research into environmental crime

Illegal fishing is a particularly urgent form of environmental crime worldwide, with an estimated value of between US\$11 billion and US\$36 billion and disastrous consequences for marine life.

Through the Fishing in Troubled Waters project, the NSCR promotes research into environmental crime, and in particular illegal fishing in the Netherlands. Despite its growing social importance, much remains unknown about the nature, extent, and consequences of environmental crime in the Netherlands, including illegal fishing in Dutch waters.

Within this project, the NSCR connects various disciplines and areas of expertise within the research community and is working on the development of a data infrastructure for research into environmental crime in the Netherlands.



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