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Wildlife Law Enforcement Briefing

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Summary

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Cameroon – LAGA

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Republic of the Congo – PALF

- 4 traffickers sentenced to 2 years in jail. They were arrested in October with 3 elephant tusk.
- 3 traffickers sentenced to 2 years in prison. They were arrested in January with a leopard skin.
- The Coordinator held discussions with the Director General of Forest Economy on the court judgments that were passed this month, against wildlife traffickers.
- The Legal Team held meetings with several judicial, gendarmerie, wildlife and prison officials on ongoing court cases and to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.

Togo – EAGLE Togo

- The Coordinator held a meeting with the Head of the Port Customs Brigade to establish contact and set up collaboration in the wildlife fight against trafficking.
- He met with the Commander of the Maritime Brigade to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife trafficking at maritime borders.
- He participated at a panel discussion organized by the Anti-Corruption Commission (HAPLUCIA), to mark the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

Senegal – EAGLE Senegal

- The Coordinator, Assistant Coordinator and Head of Investigation Department travelled to Guinea to provide operational assistance to the EAGLE Guinea project, against wildlife trafficking.
- The Team participated at a training for 32 sub-officers at the Gendarmerie National Training Centre for Judicial Police. They presented modules on combating wildlife crime.
- The training of a member of the EAGLE Guinea who arrived the country started. He shall be returning to join the Team in Conakry at the end of the training.

Côte d'Ivoire – EAGLE Côte d'Ivoire

- The Deputy Director of LAGA continued his stay in Côte d'Ivoire to assist the Team following the departure of Gaspard Julien-lafferriere, the former Coordinator.
- The Head of the Legal Department followed up the various pending cases which are being handled by examining judges.
- She equally held a meeting with a UCT official following the successful operation carried out against the Koumassi ivory trafficking network.

Guinea - EAGLE Guinea

- A team led by the EAGLE Senegal Coordinator arrived in Conakry to provide operational support against wildlife trafficking.
- The Team followed up on the registration application filed with the National Department for the Regulation and Promotion of Association (SER-PROMA), attached to the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralization

Uganda - EAGLE Uganda

- The Legal Team followed up on court cases from Operations in 2020 and 2024.
- The Interim Coordinator worked on a draft MoU with UWA.

THE EAGLE Network

EAGLE: Eco Activists for Governance and Law Enforcement, is a network of members across Africa, who are replicating effectively a program and operational model to undertake wildlife law enforcement, which is based on the LAGA-Cameroon model, trailed, practiced and tested since 2003. The EAGLE Network currently operates in nine African countries and keeps expanding.

The over-arching objective of the EAGLE Network is: *Developing civic activism and collaborating with governments and civil society to improve the application of national and international environmental legislation, through a program of activities: investigations, arrests, prosecutions and publicity. Through this, EAGLE aims to generate a strong deterrent against the illegal*

trade in wildlife, timber and related criminal activities, including corruption.

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