



EAGLE

January 2025
EAGLE Network

Wildlife Law Enforcement Briefing

- ✓ *3 ivory traffickers arrested in 2 countries*
- ✓ *2 traffickers arrested with 4 tusks in the north of Côte d'Ivoire*
- ✓ *An ivory trafficker arrested with 2 tusks in Congo*



An ivory trafficker arrested with 2 tusks in Congo.



2 traffickers arrested with 4 tusks in the north of Côte d'Ivoire.

Summary

2 traffickers arrested with 4 tusks in the north of Côte d'Ivoire. They are a part of a ring trafficking ivory from Burkina Faso. The traffickers, concealed the elephant tusks in a bag and a backpack, rode a motorcycle from a locality a few kilometers from the border and arrived the Ferkessedougou, a border town, where they attempted to trade the tusks. The elephants were allegedly killed in Burkina Faso, in an area with jihadists activities.



2 traffickers arrested with 4 tusks in the north of Côte d'Ivoire.

An ivory trafficker arrested with 2 tusks in Congo. He was attempting to sell the elephant tusks. He travelled over 300 km with the elephant tusks concealed in a backpack. He used a motorcycle to arrive the place of transaction and was instantly arrested, handcuffed and whisked away.



An ivory trafficker arrested with 2 tusks in Congo.

Cameroon – LAGA

- The Deputy Director returned to the country following a two-month mission with EAGLE Cote d'Ivoire where he assisted the Team following the departure of their Coordinator in November last year.
- Recruitment was intensified with one candidate for investigations starting the test and training period.
- The Legal Team held meetings with judicial and wildlife officials on ongoing cases in several courts and to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.

Republic of the Congo – PALF

- An ivory trafficker arrested with 2 tusks. He was attempting to sell the elephant tusks. He travelled over 300 km with the elephant tusks concealed in a backpack. He used a motorcycle to arrive the place of transaction and was instantly arrested, handcuffed and whisked away.
- The Coordinator held discussions with Head of the Forests and Environment Programme of the European Union Delegation in Brazzaville on activities carried out by PALF and to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.
- He held a meeting with officials of the Aspinall Foundation to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.
- The Legal Team held meetings with several judicial, gendarmerie, wildlife and prison officials in the Departments of Cuvette and Niari. They also carried out legal follow-up of various cases before the courts, jail visits and provided assistance to authorities in legal proceedings.



Togo – EAGLE Togo

- The Coordinator held a meeting with the Director of the Central Office for the Repression of Illicit Drug Trafficking and Money Laundering (OCRTIDB) to discuss trafficking cases and to strengthen collaboration in the fight against trafficking in endangered wildlife species.
- He met with the Heads of the Forestry Brigade and Wetlands Management and Development Section to discuss the best way to deal with cases of seizure of live species and to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.

Senegal – EAGLE Senegal

- The Team followed up the administrative procedures on the Memoranda of Understanding with the Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development and the Directorate General of Customs.
- The training of a member of EAGLE Guinea who arrived the country in December last year continued. He shall be returning to join the Team in Conakry at the end of the training.

Côte d'Ivoire – EAGLE Côte d'Ivoire

- 2 traffickers arrested with 4 tusks in the north of Côte d'Ivoire. They are a part of a ring trafficking ivory from Burkina Faso. The traffickers, concealed the elephant tusks in a bag and a backpack, rode a motorcycle from a locality a few kilometers from the border and arrived the Ferkessedougou, a border town, where they attempted to trade the tusks. The elephants were allegedly killed in Burkina Faso, in an area with jihadists activities.
- The Deputy Director of LAGA came to the end of his mission in Côte d'Ivoire where he assisted



the Team following the departure of Gaspard Julien-laferriere, the former Coordinator. Several activities have been planned in this regard. While in Cameroon, he shall continue to supervise the



Team on a daily basis and carry out regular visits to assist the project grow to the next level.

- The Head of the Legal Department followed up the various pending cases which are being handled by examining judges.

- Jean Jacques Aman was appointed to the position of Interim Assistant Coordinator. He shall manage some activities of the Team until the appointment of a Coordinator.

Guinea - EAGLE Guinea

- The Team followed up the administrative procedures on the Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development and Directorate of the Guinean National Police, the General Directorate of Customs and collaboration with the INTERPOL National Central Bureau, Conakry office.

- The Team followed up the renewal of registration application, filed with the National Department for the Regulation and Promotion of Association (SERPROMA), attached to the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralization.

Uganda - EAGLE Uganda

- The Legal Adviser followed up on court cases from operations in 2020 and 2024.
- Recruitment was intensified with 2 candidates re-

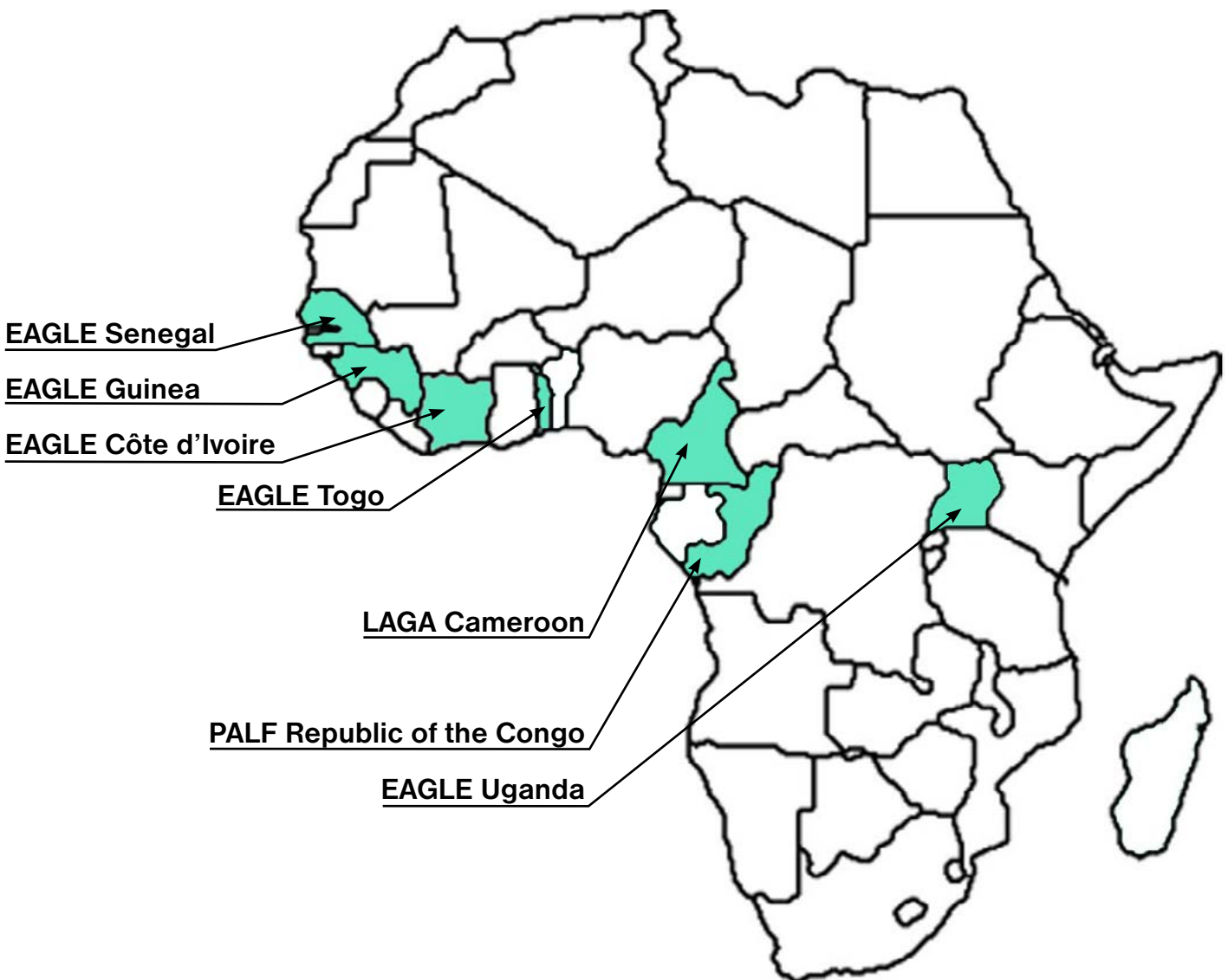
cruited; an accountant and a legal adviser. Several interviews were done and 2 candidates started their test period for the media role.

Headquarters

- The EAGLE Network Annual Report 2024 was released. 90 traffickers were arrested across 7 countries of the Network and it notably reported that 66 ivory traffickers were arrested with 474 kg of ivory, which include 67 tusks and 260 ivory pieces. 13 big cat skin traffickers were arrested during 8 operations in 3 countries with 14 leopard skins seized. A trafficker was arrested with 3 lion skins in Uganda. Several other arrests were made against traffickers in diverse species. [Please read more here.](#)

- The CCU has organized annual general audits for the period 2023 which are carried out by the international audit firm BDO based in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. The countries that are undergoing auditing include Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Togo, the Republic of the Congo and Senegal.

Structure of the EAGLE Network



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.

Contacts:

1. Cameroon – LAGA - ofir@eagle-enforcement.org
2. Congo – PALF – jules@eagle-enforcement.org
3. Togo – EAGLE Togo: darius@eagle-enforcement.org
4. Senegal – EAGLE Senegal - cebloch@eagle-enforcement.org
5. Côte d'Ivoire - eric@eagle-enforcement.org
6. Uganda – EAGLE Uganda - ofir@eagle-enforcement.org
7. Guinea – EAGLE Guinea - cebloch@eagle-enforcement.org