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Wildlife Law Enforcement Briefing

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Summary

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Cameroon – LAGA

- The Deputy Director held a meeting with the Head of the Division of Cooperation at the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife to discuss issues related to wildlife law enforcement and strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime. He was accompanied during the meeting by the Head of the Legal Department.
- The Head of the Legal and Investigation Departments held a meeting with the South West Regional Delegate of Forestry and Wildlife to map out wildlife law enforcement activities in the region that is gradually returning to normalcy following several years of insurgency and violence.
- They equally held a meeting with the Divisional Delegate of Forestry and Wildlife for Fako Division, in the same region, to discuss wildlife law enforcement and strengthen collaboration.
- They held a meeting with the Conservator of the Limbe Wildlife Centre on the calculation of damages and expensed incurred on chimpanzee rescue and rehabilitation.

Republic of the Congo – PALF

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- The Coordinator participated at the "Regional Conference on Integrated Management of Transboundary Landscapes and the Role of Protected Areas in Securing Borders in Central Africa". During the event he met with Magistrates, National Park Directors, a Congolese Wildlife and Protected Areas Advisor and the Technical and Scientific Director of the Congolese Wildlife and Protected Areas Agency (ACFAP).
- He met with a UNODC Programme Officer, to discuss matters related to a regional conference to be held in Brazzaville.



- He met with a Senior Programme Officer of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to discuss issues related to wildlife crime and strengthen collaboration.
- The Legal Team held meetings with the President of the High Court of Impfondo, the State Counsel of the Impfondo High Court, the Departmental Director of Forestry Economy of Likouala and the Commandant Director of Operations of Likouala Gendarmerie Region to discuss wildlife law enforcement and strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.

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- He met with the Director of the OCRTIDB (Central Office for the Repression of Illicit Drug Trafficking and Money Laundering) to strengthen collaboration in the fight against trafficking in wildlife species.

Togo – EAGLE Togo

- On the occasion of the Europe Day celebrations, the Coordinator had brief discussions with the new European Union Ambassador to Togo to introduce the project. He seized the opportunity to arrange for a more formal meeting with the Ambassador at a later date.
- During the event, he also held discussions with other top officials of the EU including the First Secretary, the Sustainable Investment Team Leader and the Attaché in charge of Programs - Security and Justice, to discuss wildlife law enforcement

Senegal – EAGLE Senegal

- The EAGLE Senegal accountant completed a mission in the Republic of Guinea, where he provided technical support to the EAGLE Guinea Team. During the mission, he provided assistance in the management of the fiscal aspects and made a significant contribution to the regularization of the project's accounts among other activities.

Côte d'Ivoire – EAGLE Côte d'Ivoire

- The Interim Assistant Coordinator held discussions with UCT officials on several issues related to the execution of an operation and to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.
- The Legal Adviser held a meeting with court officials for the acquisition of a permit to visit incarcerated traffickers.
- She also held meetings with officials of three different NGOs including Amnesty International, ACAT-CI, SOPCI, working on behalf of prisoners in Côte d'Ivoire, to discuss prison visits.
- Recruitment was intensified and the Interim Assistant Coordinator held meetings with recommenders in view of getting prospective candidates for the vacant positions in the Investigation Department.

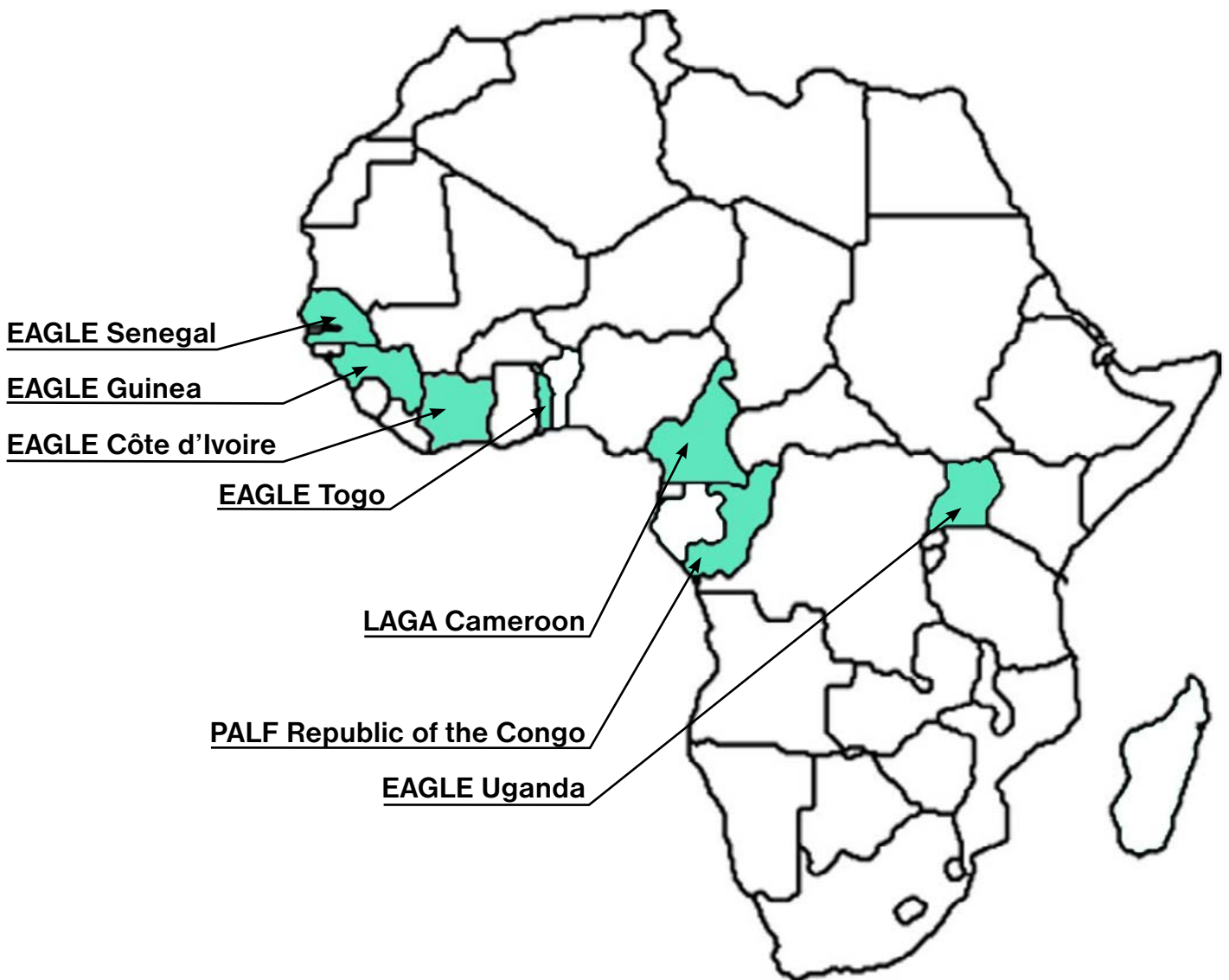
Guinea - EAGLE Guinea

- 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.
- EAGLE Senegal's accountant completed a month-long mission to Conakry where he provided technical support on taxation and regularisation of contracts with relevant authorities.

Uganda - EAGLE Uganda

- The Interim Coordinator held meetings with the Assistant Superintendents of Police and Investigating Officers of Wampewo, Mbuya, Mukono, Naguru and Jinja Road Police stations respectively to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.
- Recruitment was intensified with several interviews held to fill the vacant positions in different departments.
- The Legal advisor followed up on the EAGLE Uganda court cases resulting from 2024 operations.

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.

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