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Wildlife Law Enforcement Briefing

✓ *A traffickers arrested with 2 leopard skins and 30 kg of giant pangolin scales in Congo*



Summary

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Cameroon – LAGA

- The Deputy Director, accompanied by the Head of the Legal Department and Antonia Gustafsson, a super volunteer on training, met with the newly promoted Inspector General No. 1 at the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.
- They also met with the Head of the National Control Brigade at the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.
- The Legal Team held meetings with several State Counsels to follow up cases pending at their various jurisdictions.

Republic of the Congo – PALF

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- The Coordinator held discussions with the Director General of Forestry, who was appointed as adviser to the Minister of Forestry Economy.
- He held discussions with the new Director of Forestry, formerly the Departmental Director of Forestry in Pointe Noire.
- The Legal Team held meetings with the President of the Sibiti High Court, the State Counsel at the Impfondo High Court, the Chief of Staff of the Likouala Gendarmerie Region and the Interim Departmental Director of Forestry Economics for Likouala, respectively, to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.



Togo – EAGLE Togo

- The Coordinator participated at a workshop on information and capacity building for civil society organizations on the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan. The workshop was organized by the Ministry of Environment and Forestry Resources (MERF). During the event, he held brief discussions with some top officials of MERF including, the Secretary General and the Head of the Protected Areas and Wildlife Division, CITES Focal Point, to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.
- He held a meeting at the Autonomous Port of Lomé with the Head of the Customs Operations Division Brigade to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.

Senegal – EAGLE Senegal

- The Team followed up the administrative procedures on the MoUs with the Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development and the Directorate General of Customs.
- The training of a new Assistant Coordinator for the EAGLE Guinea project following the departure of the previous one to Belgium, is ongoing.

Côte d'Ivoire – EAGLE Côte d'Ivoire

- The Interim Deputy Coordinator, accompanied by the Heads of the Media and Legal Departments, met with the Director of the UCT, to discuss the results of EAGLE-CI and the EAGLE network presented in the 2024 annual network report. The Director of the UCT reaffirmed his commitment to fighting wildlife crime and collaborate with the project.
- He held a meeting with UCT officials to discuss operations related issues and to strengthening collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.
- He met with the Coordinator of AKATIA - Sarah Guérois and discussions focused on collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.
- The Legal Adviser followed up ongoing cases from past operations.

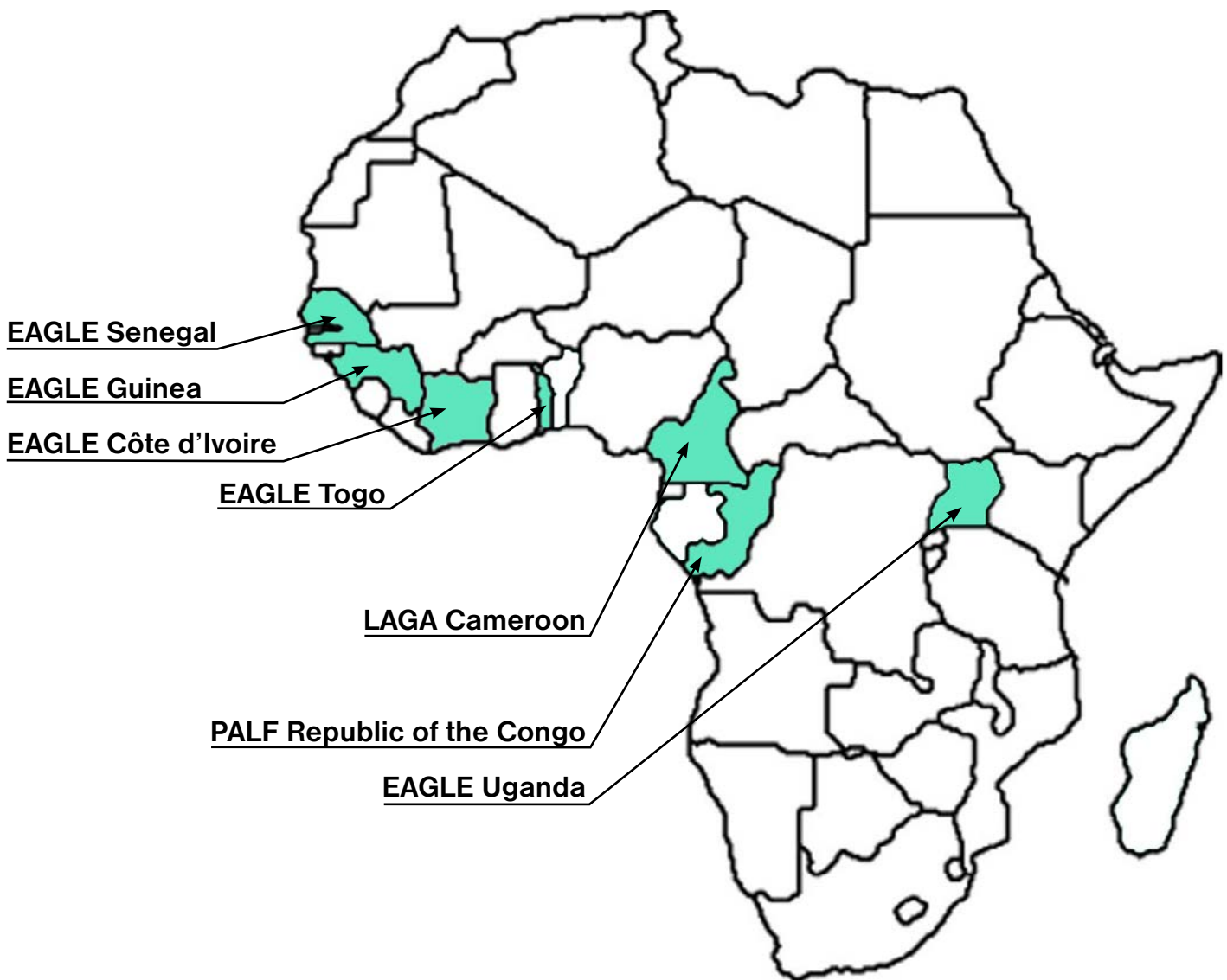
Guinea - EAGLE Guinea

- A new Assistant Coordinator is undergoing training and trial following the departure of Mamadou Yero Diallo, to Belgium for further training.
- The Team followed up on the registration application filed with the National Department for the Regulation and Promotion of Association (DNAR-PROMA), attached to the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralization.
- 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.

Uganda - EAGLE Uganda

- The project hosted the Community Development Officer from Nakawa Division with her team as a key requirement in the projects permit renewal process.
- Recruitment was intensified for positions in the investigation and legal departments.

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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