



**EAGLE**

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# Wildlife Law Enforcement Briefing

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- ✓ *2 ivory traffickers arrested in Senegal. An international ivory trafficker arrested with 107 ivory pieces and 2 elephant tusks in Dakar.*
- ✓ *An ivory trafficker arrested with 2 elephant tusks of more than 80 kg in Togo, clamping down on Ghana-Togo border trafficking ring*



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# Summary

2 ivory traffickers arrested in Senegal. An international ivory trafficker with 107 ivory pieces and 2 elephant tusks was arrested in Dakar. The trafficker was hiding and masking the ivory in his shop and confessed he has been trading ivory for 30 years. The trafficker was arrested in his shop with 2 elephant tusks. The tusks were concealed in rice bags, tightly sealed with zips. 2 boxes containing the carved ivory pieces were wrapped in newspapers and concealed in another shop next door.

An ivory trafficker arrested with 2 elephant tusks of more than 80 kg in Togo, clamping down on Ghana-Togo border trafficking ring. He is connected to one of the biggest ivory traffickers in the region. The elephant tusks were carefully packaged in plastic bags and concealed in a taxi that transported the contraband. During a house search that ensued, more wild-life parts were found in his keeping.



*An ivory trafficker arrested with 2 elephant tusks of more than 80 kg in Togo*



*2 ivory traffickers arrested in Senegal*



# Cameroon – LAGA

- The Deputy Director participated at the Conference of the Parties to the CITES that was held in Uzbekistan. He participated at several government meetings and he met and discussed with many representatives of institutions and NGOs to build collaboration and partnerships.
- The Head of the Legal Department held a meeting with some wildlife, gendarmerie and security officials 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.

## Undercover Investigators: The silent force behind operations.



There are two parts to every operation, the visible and the unseen. Behind every wildlife enforcement operation are brave men and women who are the foundation on which operations are built. Undercover investigators work in the shadows; silently, diligently and astutely with courage, abnegation and skill to ensure traffickers are arrested during an operation. They carry out their work behind the scenes, far from public view, effectively tracking and lurking, silently waiting, chasing and

ready to pounce.

These are men and women who are endowed with a host of diverse and sometimes opposing top notch qualities.

These men and women carry the weight of risk every day, not for applause, but for the protection of species that cannot speak for themselves. They infiltrate networks, track traffickers, and gather the evidence that makes justice possible. Their vigilance is the quiet force that turns intelligence into action and action into impact.

They are the unnamed heroes of conservation – the ones whose stories remain untold, whose faces remain unseen, yet whose contributions shape every victory. We keep them dear to our hearts and always remember their bravery, their exploits and their service to wildlife law enforcement.

They remind us that true heroism often happens far from the spotlight, carried out by those who choose service over recognition and purpose over fear.

# Republic of the Congo – PALF

- An ape trafficker sentenced to 2 years in prison. He was arrested in October with a baby chimpanzee.
- The Coordinator participated at the official launch of a project to create the International Academy for the Fight against Environmental Crime (AILCE) The ceremony was co-organized by the Ministry of the Interior and Decentralization and the French Embassy in Brazzaville. The Coordinator made contact with some diplomatic, government and police and gendarmerie officials, during the event, to strengthen collaboration in fighting wildlife crime.
- The Legal Team held meetings with judicial officials in Madingou and Impfondo to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.

# Togo – EAGLE Togo

- An ivory trafficker arrested with 2 elephant tusks tusk of more than 80 kg, clamping down on Ghana-Togo border trafficking ring. He is connected to one of the biggest ivory traffickers in the region. The elephant tusks were carefully packaged in plastic bags and concealed in a taxi that transported the contraband. During a house search that ensued, more wildlife parts were found in his keeping.
- The Coordinator held brief discussions with some top police officials during a ceremony marking 20 years of service for the 2005 batch of the National Police School, to establish and strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.
- The Coordinator participated at an advisory council meeting of Togo's anti-corruption commission (HAPLUCIA).



# Senegal – EAGLE Senegal

- 2 ivory traffickers arrested. An international ivory trafficker arrested with 107 ivory pieces and 2 elephant tusks in Dakar. The trafficker was hiding and masking the ivory in his shop and confessed he has been trading ivory for 30 years. The trafficker was arrested in his shop with 2 elephant tusks. The tusks were concealed in rice bags, tightly sealed with zips. 2 boxes containing the carved ivory pieces were wrapped in newspapers and concealed in another shop next door. Another trafficker was arrested in follow up action.
- The Coordinator and Antonia Gustafsson, a super volunteer who is undergoing training in the project coordinated the operation.



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## Côte d'Ivoire – EAGLE Côte d'Ivoire

- The Interim Deputy Coordinator held a meeting with UCT officials on several issues related to the execution of operations and strengthening collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.
- The legal advisor followed up on legal cases from past operations.

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## Guinea - EAGLE Guinea

- The Team met with the new senior investigating judge at the Dixinn Court of First Instance to discuss the case on elephant tusk and leopard skins seizures that were under investigations.
- They followed up on the registration application filed with the National Department for the Regulation and Promotion of Association (DNARPRO-MA), attached to the Ministry of Territorial Administration and Decentralization.
- They followed up the administrative procedures on the MoU with the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, the Directorate General of the National Police, the Directorate General of Customs, and with the INTERPOL National Central Bureau in Conakry.

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## Uganda - EAGLE Uganda

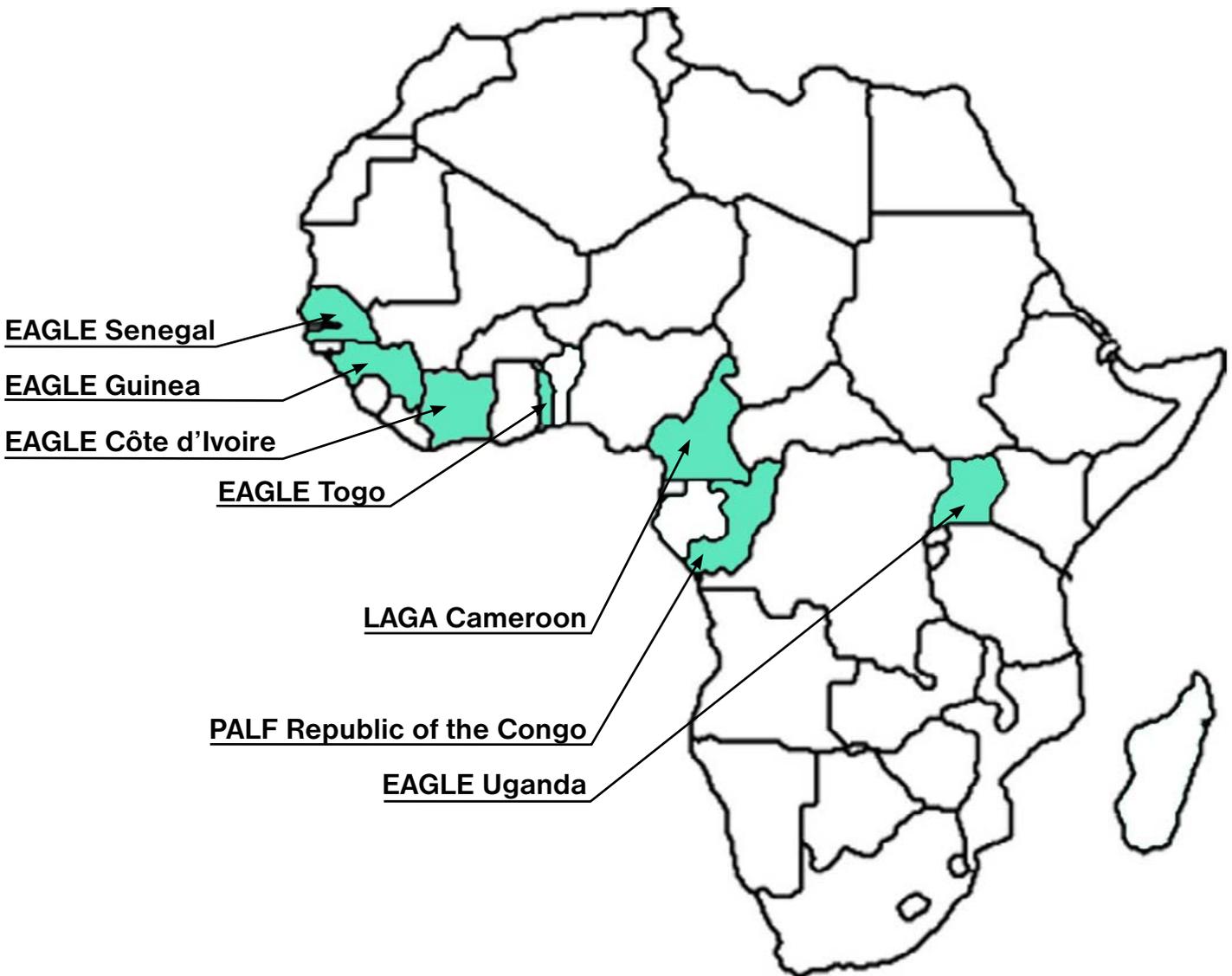
- The Legal Adviser conducted jail visits to Luzira prisons. 2 traffickers who were convicted for illegal possession of elephant tusks and a third who was convicted for illegal possession of 3 lion skins continue to serve their prison sentences.
- The Interim Coordinator held a meeting with the Commissioner Registration (NGO Bureau) on following up on the pending operational permit which accelerated the process at the Bureau.

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## Headquarters

- Eric Tah, the Organization Development Officer participated at the 20<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties to the CITES that was held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan from November 24 to December 5 . He participated at several meetings; met and discussed with many representatives from governments institutions and NGO to build collaboration and partnerships. He participated at plenary and standing committee meetings, side events and other events where several conservations issues were raised. During the several side events in which he participated, he contributed in comments and questions to some of the conservation issues raised. During the global conservation convention, he did some lobbying and discussed with several imminent conservationists. He held meetings with the Environmental Investigation Agency that provided financial support for his participation.

# 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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