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Wildlife Law Enforcement Briefing

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- ✓ *3 traffickers arrested with 65 African grey parrots using the government car of a Divisional Officer to lend them impunity.*
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Summary

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Cameroon – LAGA

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- 2 traffickers arrested with 2 fresh leopard skins. One of the two arrested is a senior police officer that used his position to lend impunity to this Gabon-Cameroon traffic. The skins that were smuggled from Gabon were dried in sun by one of the traffickers at his home located in one of the most dangerous neighbourhoods in Yaounde. The trafficking ring was a closed syndicate and difficult to crack open as they only traded among traffickers and poachers they knew very well and mastered.
- The Head of the Legal Department participated at a training for eco-guards of the Dja Wildlife Reserve where he did presentations on the basic wildlife law enforcement procedures and the establishment of offence statements.
- The Deputy Director returned to Cameroon after actively participating at the Conference of Parties to the CITES that was held in Uzbekistan. He met and discussed with several meetings government, institutions and NGO officials to build collaboration and partnerships.



Republic of the Congo – PALF

- The Coordinator held a meeting with the Director of the National Police Academy on the inclusion of a wildlife law enforcement module at the college, to be handled by the PALF Team. This is already the case at the gendarmerie academy.
- The Coordinator discussed with the former Director General of Forest Economy. They focused on export regulations for protected wildlife species.
- The Coordinator held discussions with the Scientific Director of the Congolese Agency for Wildlife and Protected Areas (ACFAP) on regulations for the export of partially protected wildlife species and to strengthen collaboration in fighting wildlife crime.
- The Coordination Assistant discussed a case at the Mandingou High Court with the Director General of the Forest Economy.
- The Legal Team held meetings with the State Counsel and the President of the High Court of Mandingou and the Departmental Director of Forest Economy for Bouenza to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.

Togo – EAGLE Togo

- An elephant tusk weighing over 40 kg was recovered during a follow up operation that came on the heels of the arrest of an ivory trafficker and the seizure of 2 elephant tusks late last month.
- At the invitation of the President of Togo's anti-corruption commission (HAPLUCIA), the Coordinator participated at a debate during a conference marking the celebration of the 22nd International Anti-Corruption Day.
- The Coordinator held a meeting with the Director of the Central Office for the Repression of Illicit Drug Trafficking and Money Laundering (OCRTIDB) to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.

Senegal – EAGLE Senegal

- The Coordinator held a meeting with the Director of Marine Protected Areas (DAMCP). The purpose of this meeting was to present the EAGLE project to the new director and explore possibilities for collaboration with this department, which is part of the Ministry of the Environment and Ecological Transition.

Côte d'Ivoire – EAGLE Côte d'Ivoire

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

Guinea - EAGLE Guinea

- The Team met with the newly appointed State Counsel of the Dixinn Court of First Instance and the Court Registrar as part of the follow-up of the case concerning the seizure of ivory trophies and leopard skin.
- 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.

Uganda - EAGLE Uganda

- The Legal Adviser conducted jail visits to Luzira and Kigo prisons of traffickers from the 2020 and 2024 arrest operations.
- Recruitment for various positions within the team was intensified.

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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