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Wildlife Law Enforcement Briefing

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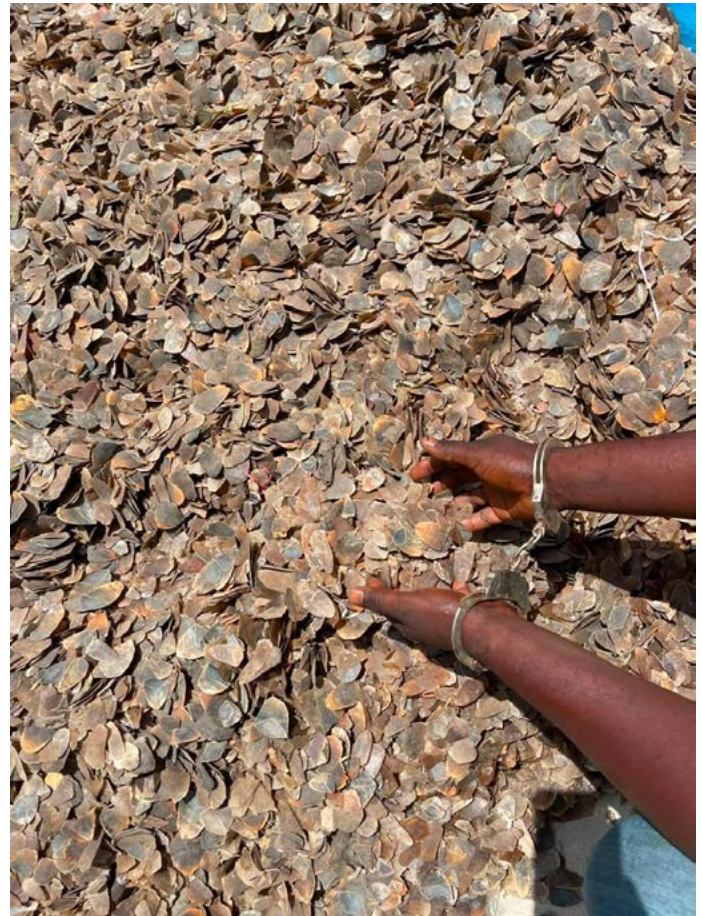


Summary

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Cameroon – LAGA

- The Deputy Director followed up on the administrative procedure for the renewal of the MoU with the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife.
- The Heads of the Legal and Investigation Departments participated at a meeting organized by the

Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife to evaluate the longstanding partnership between LAGA and the Ministry.

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Côte d'Ivoire – EAGLE Côte d'Ivoire

- The Interim Assistant Coordinator, and the Media Officer held discussions with UCT officials on several matters related to the execution of an operation and the strengthening of collaboration in fighting wildlife crime.
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Guinea - EAGLE Guinea

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- The traffickers were also connected to Guinea's former wildlife director and CITES authority, Ansoumane Doumbouya, who was arrested in 2015 during an EAGLE operation, for falsifying CITES permits and for his extensive involvement in illegal wildlife trade. Following Doumbouya's imprisonment, the traffickers have remained in contact with several other corrupt CITES officials supplying export permits of Mali, Togo and Egypt.
- The 3 traffickers are connected to at least seven other major wildlife traffickers who have been ar-



rested during EAGLE operations and imprisoned in recent years.

- The Coordinator held a meeting with the Chargé d'Affaires of the United Kingdom Embassy in Guinea to present EAGLE activities and build collaboration in fighting corruption linked to wildlife crime.
- She also met with the Attorney General at the Court of Appeal to follow up on the appeal proceedings concerning the 4 wildlife traffickers arrested in May with 41 kg of dried seahorses and 26 kg of ray and shark fins.

- The Team followed up on the registration application filed with the National Department for the Regulation and Promotion of Association (DNAR-PROMA) and made contact with the Director and her assistant to facilitate the process
- Recruitment was intensified with a new round of interviews conducted, resulting in the hiring of a new investigator. He successfully completed his initial evaluation and is now prepared to begin his first field missions.

Uganda - EAGLE Uganda

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International Media

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- The article expatiates on the growth of the enforcement model that was replicated in several countries, combining investigations, operations, and

legal follow-up to ensure traffickers face justice. Over 3,000 traffickers have since been arrested across several countries. Despite these successes, the EAGLE Network is facing a critical funding crisis. Ofir warns that without sufficient funding, operations could collapse, leaving traffickers unchecked. "We've proven that wildlife crime can be fought effectively," he said, "but without resources, the system we built is at risk." With expanding trafficking networks, the support is vital to protect and safeguard Africa's endangered species.

[Read more here](#)

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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