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Wildlife Law Enforcement Briefing

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- ✓ *3 live animals' traffickers arrested with 2 young live hyenas in Senegal*
- ✓ *2 ivory traffickers arrested with 2 elephant tusks in Cameroon*
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Summary

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by the illegal trade as mystical animals for black magic. The traffickers travelled 3 hours with the young hyenas and put them in small cages so besides the wounds from the chains they were also wounded at their faces from the bars.



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- The Legal Team held meetings with judicial and wildlife officials on ongoing cases in in several courts and to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.



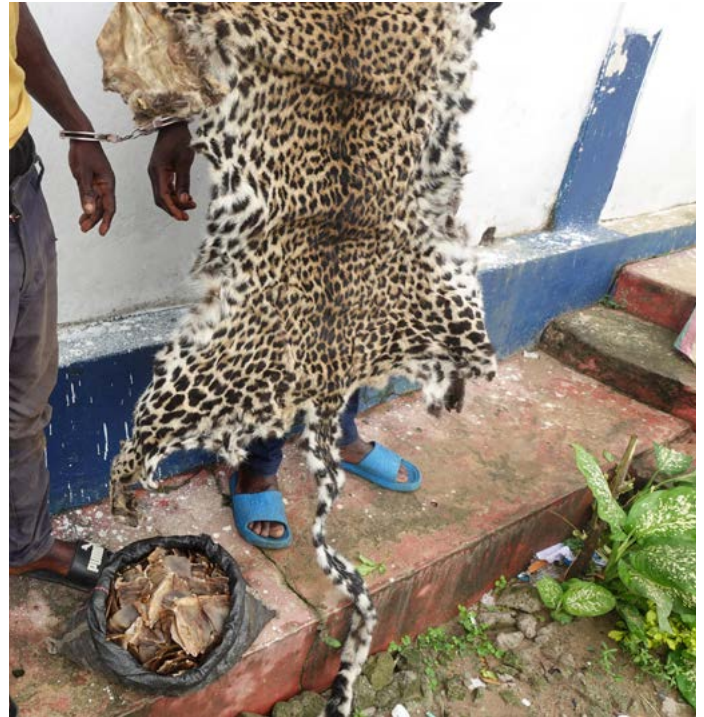
Republic of the Congo – PALF

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- The Coordinator held a meetings and discussions with wildlife, gendarmerie, judicial and prison of-



officials to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.

- He held discussions with the Director of Parc Noé to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.



Togo – EAGLE Togo

- The Coordinator held a meeting with the Director of the Inspectorate of Forest Resources to discuss past operations and legal follow up of the cases. Discussions were also held on strengthening of collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.
- The Coordinator met with the Head of the Wildlife and Protected Areas Division to discuss handling of live animals that are seized from traffickers and to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.

Senegal – EAGLE Senegal

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- The hyenas are believed to have been captured in Saloum Delta National Park. Hyenas are an integral part of the fragile natural balance in the park, being its largest predator in the food chain.
- The hyenas, now free of chains and out of cages, were placed in quarantine by the Department of National Parks with the view of releasing them back to the wild if possible.





Côte d'Ivoire – EAGLE Côte d'Ivoire

- The Head of the Legal Department followed up the various pending cases which are being handled by examining judges.
- The Team held discussion with the UCT on operations that are being planned and to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.

Guinea - EAGLE Guinea

- The Legal Team assisted the Dixinn court prosecutor's office with legal analysis following the seizure of some live birds at the Conakry Fair.
- 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

Uganda - EAGLE Uganda

- The Interim Coordinator was hosted on CIVIC media/TV on the Women Rise to leadership talk show which highlighted her work as an activist, conservationist, wife and mother.
- The Legal Adviser followed up on court cases from operations in 2024.
- Recruitment was intensified with several interviews with prospective candidates taking place.

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International Media

- EAGLE's investigation uncovered corruption in the DRC and complicity with traffickers in plans for export of apes to India. It has been covered in international media.

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EAGLE Uganda Interim Coordinator - the Woman at the Frontline

The Interim Coordinator of EAGLE Uganda, Lydia Nsubuga, was hosted on CIVIC media/TV on the Women Rise to leadership talk show which highlighted her work as an activist, conservationist, wife and mother. She narrates her humble background in Kampala, the city of her birth and her modest upbringing that sowed seeds of activism at a very young age.



She is led through by a host who spurs her on with professional nods and giggles, to talk about herself, describing her early activism and college life, her fight for the rights of the woman and against gender violence. She talks of exploring possibilities of taking martial arts courses just to be able to jump on men battering their wives. She regularly donates to charities and communities, pursuing her relentless activism, we learn. Equally, she provided school needs to 24 poor girls for number of years and actually took over the sponsorship in school of 3 of them, including one who is HIV positive. She longs for a day when everyone will get involved and dreams big. **“How I wish everybody would get into activism, if you have to make the world a better place, you need somebody to be doing something”.**

Lydia who was promoted to the position of Interim Coordinator of EAGLE Uganda in July last year decided to abandon her former job to join the network where she says tied more with her aspirations and dreams, where she could develop her inborn activism. She says **“When I joined EAGLE Uganda there was serious activism, and I have those deposits of activism in me and the two connected”.** She describes her fight against corruption, animal trafficking and tell us some simple principles learned from a family dog: “When you treat me right, I treat you right”

She has been a very active member and a leader in the EAGLE Network, working hard to ensuring wildlife traffickers are arrested, recruiting and training other activists. She says planning and focus is the key because she is equally an entrepreneur. She opines that **“True leaders have dreams, they have a focus, they have aspirations. They want to touch things; they are things they want to become. If you lose the focus, you can't get there”.** She continues to actively fight corruption which she considers to be a big problem in Uganda.

The talk show was aired on CivicSpace TV, a Kampala-based television station.

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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