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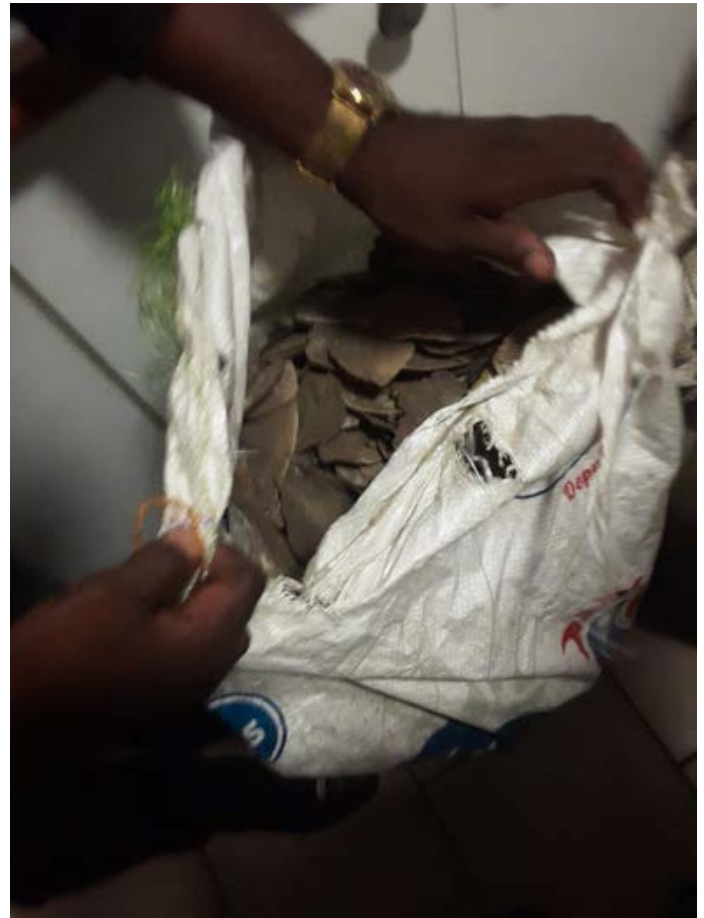
Wildlife Law Enforcement Briefing

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Summary

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Cameroon – LAGA

- The Deputy Director held a meeting with a consultant from Tetra Tech, a US –based group, to introduce the EAGLE Network and discuss the fight against wildlife crime.
- The Deputy Director held a zoom meeting with Community Manager of Timby on the use of a data collection software and its application in the fight against wildlife crime.
- He held a meeting with a consultant from Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) to present the activities of the organisation and discuss data collection in the bushmeat sector in the country.
- The Legal Team held several meetings with State Counsels and Attorney Generals to discuss current wildlife cases at their various jurisdictions and strengthen collaboration.
- The Head of Legal Department held meetings with some wildlife officials in the South to build collaboration in investigating wildlife crimes in the region.
- A volunteer started his training and testing period in investigations.
- The Team resumed work after an end of year vacation that started in December.

Congo – PALF

- The Coordinator accompanied by Aspinall Coordinator met with the Technical Adviser, the General Director and the Director of Cooperation at the Ministry of Forestry Economy to discuss ongoing cases and the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding.
- The Coordinator held a meeting with the Aspinall Coordinator in Lesio Louna to discuss future trainings of wildlife officials.

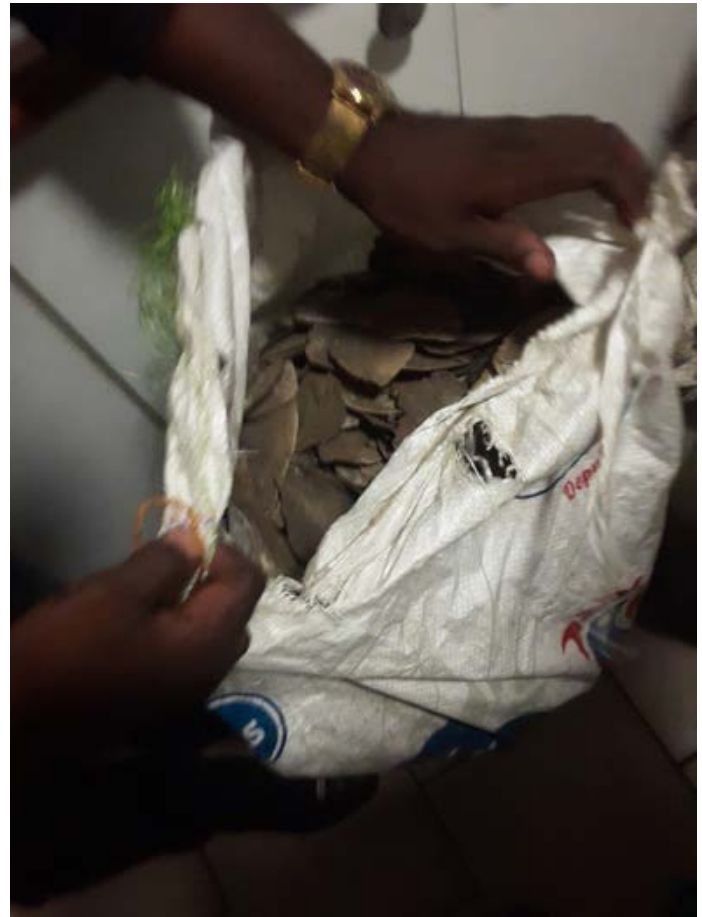
Gabon – AALF

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- The Team supported the Judicial Police in the follow-up of the procedure against a Gabonese national who was arrested in connection with a theft case. The project equally provided logistics assistance to the police. The suspect was transferred to Libreville to be presented to a State Counsel.
- 4 ivory traffickers were given prison sentences. One was sentenced to 6 months of imprisonment while 3 others were sentenced to one year in prison. They were arrested in November 2021 with 2 elephant tusks.
- The Executive Director held a meeting with the Minister of Water and Forests and the Direc-



tor General of Wildlife and Protected areas to strengthen collaboration

- The Executive Director and the Activities Coordinator held a meeting with the Director of Cabinet of the Commander-in-Chief of the National Gendarmerie on the possibility of organizing trainings for officers and agents at the National Gendarmerie School.
- The legal advisers participated in a workshop organized by the Ministry of Water and Forests on the validation of operational procedures on the transfer, management and markings of ivory stocks and other wildlife products
- The Activities Coordinator and the Legal Team held several meetings with administrative, judicial and wildlife officials of the Estuaire, Ngounié, Nyanga and Ogooué-Ivindo Provinces to strengthen collaboration.



Togo – EAGLE Togo

- The Coordinator held a meeting with the US Ambassador who was assisted by his close collaborators to introduce the organization and strengthen collaboration.
- The Coordinator and the Assistant Coordinator had a series of meetings with European Union officials, namely, the First Secretary, the Head of the Infrastructure and Environment Team, the Attaché in Charge of the Decentralization, Security and Justice Program and the Infrastructure Program Officer to strengthen collaboration and request for support in order to advance the process of registering EAGLE-Togo with the Ministry of Territorial Administration.
- The Coordinator and the Assistant Coordinator held a meeting with the Police Commander of the French Embassy to strengthen collaboration.
- They held a meeting with the International Technical Expert and Technical Advisor to the Director General of the National Police to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.
- They held another meeting with Director of the Central Office for the Repression of Illicit Drug Trafficking and Laundering (OCRTIDB) to strengthen collaboration and to request for support in order to advance the process of registering EAGLE-Togo with the Ministry of Territorial Administration.
- The Assistant Coordinator held a meeting with the Head of the Division of Civil Organizations and Associations at the Ministry of Territorial Administration to discuss the registration file of EAGLE-Togo.

Senegal – EAGLE Senegal

- The Coordinator held meetings with some high officials of the French, US and UK Embassies to strengthen collaboration.
- She also held a meeting with authorities from the General Directorate of the National Police to strengthen collaboration.
- The Legal Team followed up the various pending issues with the MoUs with the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, the General Directorate of Customs and the General Directorate of the National Police where meetings were held.
- The Team presented various modules on combating wildlife crime during two trainings for 18 and 19 park rangers, respectively. The trainings were organized by EAGLE Senegal and Panthera, an NGO.
- Laetitia Bot, a supervolunteer who arrived from France 4 months ago, successfully completed her training with the Team.
- Two investigators and a legal adviser were recruited.

Benin – AALF-B

- The project closed due to poor management and declining standards.

Côte d'Ivoire – EAGLE Côte d'Ivoire

- The coordinator held a meeting with the UCT (Unité de lutte contre la Criminalité Transnationale) to advance on long term investigations.

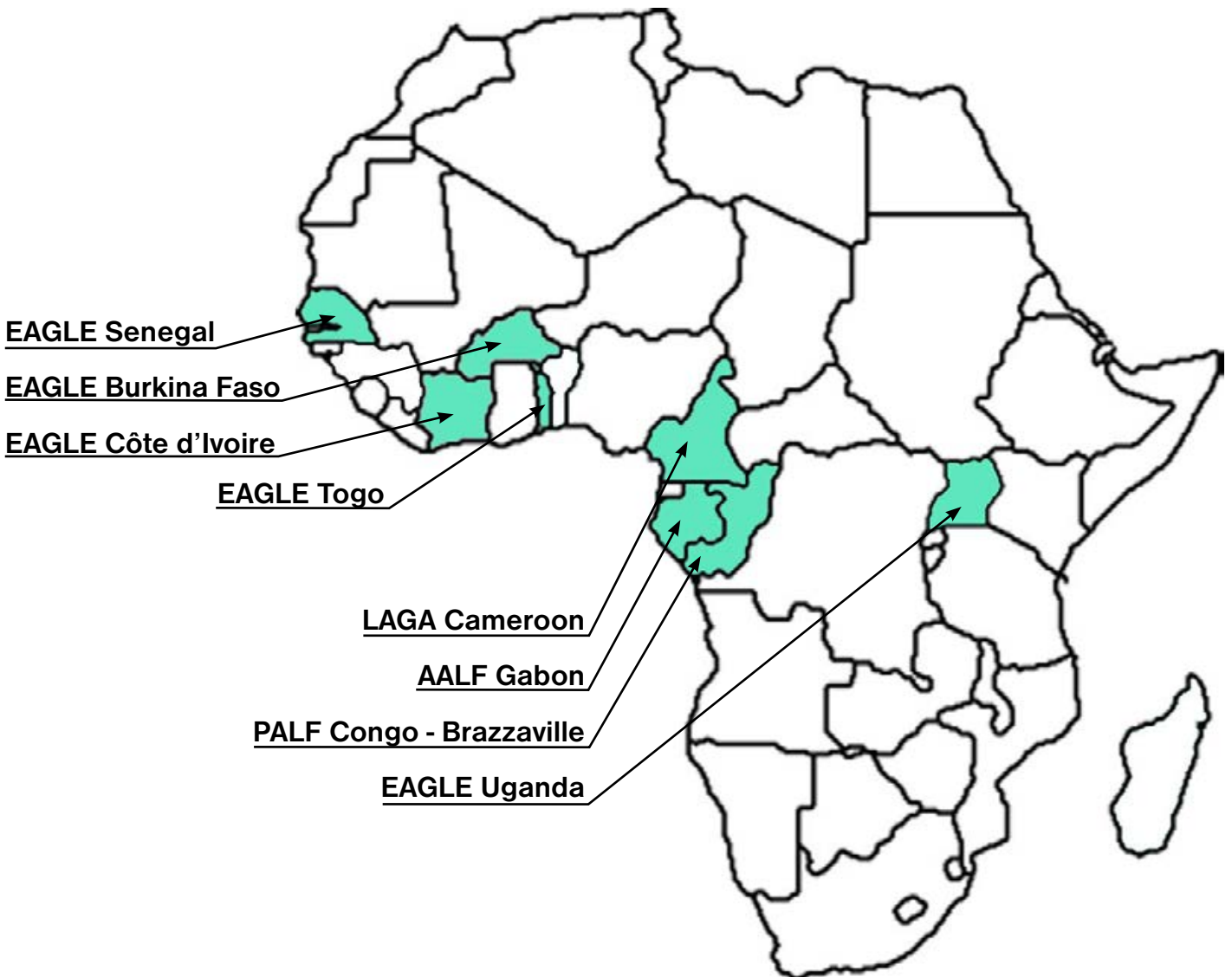
Burkina Faso - EAGLE Burkina Faso

- A Legal Adviser held a meeting with the Technical Advisor of the Ministry of Ecological Transition and the Environment to discuss the holding of a meeting with the new Minister of Ecological Transition and the Environment.

Uganda - EAGLE Uganda

- A structural reorganization of the EAGLE Uganda Team was put in place, following their departure for vacation last year, to enable the project attain higher standards when it next reopens.

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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