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Wildlife Law Enforcement Briefing

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- ✓ *A trafficker arrested with a live mandrill and 2 African grey parrots in Congo. For many years, the trafficker had been keeping animals openly exposed in her garden*
- ✓ *A Malian trafficker arrested with 19 items of carved ivory in Senegal. The ivory was fresh and recently carved*



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Summary

A trafficker arrested with a live mandrill and 2 African grey parrots in Congo. For many years, the trafficker had been keeping animals openly exposed in her garden. She was nicknamed the monkey lady. In an open contempt of the law, she declared during her arrest that she was selling the mandrill, boasted that a minister was aware of her arrest and that she would be released soon.

A trafficker arrested with 19 items of carved ivory in Senegal. The ivory was fresh and recently carved. The trafficker of Malian nationality is part of a network of traffickers illegally selling carved ivory to tourist in the black market. They use imaginative and deceptive techniques to hide the ivory from law enforcement. The trafficker did not polish the ivory but simply varnished it and made shallow engravings that are easy to remove with gasoline and sandpaper.

Ofir Drori did a presentation titled Human Rights Violation, Corruption and Bad Enforcement during a side event organized in conjunction with Paul Elkan at the IUCN Africa Protected Areas Congress that was held in Kigali, Rwanda. During the presentation, he brought to focus the poor management of some parks and the refusal to have an open and honest discussion on the root causes. The presentation was streamed live with over 5,000 online viewers attending.



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Cameroon – LAGA

- No operations were carried out this month and efforts were put in place to improve on results next month.
- Under the framework of The Global Portrait Project, the portrait of the Deputy Director was published online. The portrait was painted by artist James Nickells who is the founder of the Global Portrait Project. He is painting an environmental activist from each of the 196 countries chosen from around the world. The Deputy Director was selected for Cameroon. Watch the painting [here](#).
- The Deputy Director held a meeting with two TRAFFIC officials to discuss pangolin conservation and the development of the Cameroon Pangolin Working Group.
- He participated at workshop on the training officials of the Nsimalen International Airport. He did a presentation on wildlife law enforcement during the workshop that was organized by TRAFFIC.
- The Heads of the Investigation and Legal Departments held meetings with some customs and wildlife officials at the Douala International Airport to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.
- The Legal Team held meetings with several State Counsels to discuss ongoing cases in their respective jurisdictions.



Republic of Congo – PALF

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- The Coordinator participated at the celebration of the Independence Day of the United States. During the event, she briefly discussed with the United States Ambassador, the EU Ambassador, the Italian Ambassador, the French Ambassador and other diplomats and government officials. Discussions focused on wildlife law enforcement.
- The Coordinator met with the United States Ambassador and the Senior Advisor for the Central Africa Regional Program for the Environment (CARPE) to introduce the project and discuss illegal wildlife trade in the country.
- The Coordinator met with the Second in Command of the Gendarmerie to discuss wildlife crime, trainings to be organised for gendarmerie officials and to do an interview lead by the PALF Media Officer.
- The Coordinator held a meeting with the General Director of the Ministry of Forestry Economy to discuss ongoing cases.

Gabon – AALF

- 3 traffickers were sentenced to 2 years in prison. They were arrested in April 2022 with 2 elephant tusks.
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- A trafficker was sentenced to 14 months in jail. He was arrested in March 2022 with an ivory tusk.
- A trafficker was sentenced to 10 months in prison. He was arrested in April 2022 with 2 elephant tusks.
- 11 meetings were held by the Assistant Activities Coordinator and legal advisers with several administrative, judicial and wildlife officials to strengthen collaboration and to follow up ongoing wildlife cases.
- They also held a working session with the General Director of Wildlife and Protected Areas on the fight against illegal transport and sale of wildlife products along the railway route.

Togo – EAGLE Togo

- The Legal Adviser held a meeting with the Head of the Protected Areas and Wildlife Division, CITES Focal Point, to push authorities to accelerate the process of adopting the CITES law and its application texts for an effective wildlife law enforcement process.
- The Legal Adviser held a meeting with the Lome State Counsel to discuss ongoing cases and strengthen collaboration.

Senegal – EAGLE Senegal

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- The Legal Team held several meetings with police, justice and wildlife officials of Mbour and Saly to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.



Côte d'Ivoire – EAGLE Côte d'Ivoire

- The Coordinator met the Wildlife Director and CITES Focal Point to discuss live animal trafficking in the country and the sub region. They also discussed future collaboration between EAGLE Côte d'Ivoire and the Ministry of Wildlife and Forests in the fight against wildlife crime.
- The Coordinator met with the UCT to advance on long term investigations and prepare for operations.

Headquarters

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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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