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Wildlife Law Enforcement Briefing

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Summary

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Cameroon – LAGA

- The Deputy Director participated at a meeting to revise the Central Africa wildlife law enforcement action plan dubbed PAPECALF 2 that aims to strengthen the application of the wildlife laws in the sub region.
- He held a video conference with a Team from the Environmental Investigation Agency to discuss the upcoming CITES Standing Committee Meeting and matters related to wildlife law enforcement in the country.
- The Legal Team held meetings with State Counsels and other court officials to discuss matters pending at their various jurisdictions.

Republic of the Congo – PALF

- The Coordinator held a meeting with the Commander of the Gendarmerie Region in Brazzaville to present the 2025 annual report and strengthen collaboration in fighting wildlife crime.
- He participated at a meeting to discuss issues related to the welfare of a baby chimpanzee held at the Brazzaville Zoological and Botanic Park with the Director of the Zoo and a representative from the Jane Goodall Institute in attendance.
- He participated at a training session that focused on the management of European Union grants in the country.
- He held a meeting with the Director of the Lusaka Agreement Task Force to hand a copy of the 2025 annual report and strengthen collaboration in fighting wildlife crime.
- The Legal Team held meetings with several judicial, gendarmerie and wildlife officials including, the President of the Sibiti Court of First Instance, the Deputy State Counsel of the same court, the Regional Commander of the Lékoumou Gendarmerie, the Interim Departmental Director of Forestry for Lékoumou, the Regional Commander of the Gendarmerie of La Cuvette, the Regional Chief of Staff of the Gendarmerie of La Cuvette, the Deputy State Counsel at the High Court of Owando and the Departmental Director of Forestry for Bouenza

Togo – EAGLE Togo

- The Coordinator met with the Director of Forest Resources to renew contact and strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.
- He held a meeting with two officials from the Planning Division of the Ministry of the Environment, Forest Resources, Coastal Protection, and Climate Change to discuss and establish collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.
- He held a meeting with the Deputy Chief of INTERPOL National Central Bureau in Lomé to establish collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.
- He met with the team from the Airport Anti-Trafficking Unit (CAAT) in the cargo sector to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife trafficking at the airport.

Senegal – EAGLE Senegal

- The Coordinator participated at a training session on environmental crimes and terrorist financing organized by INTERPOL's Regional Bureau for West Africa. This training brought together 20 exclusively female officials from the Police, Gendarmerie, Water and Forests services. She had several discussions with participants, focusing on wildlife crime and strengthening of collaboration.
- The Team, in collaboration with French Development Cooperation, led a training session on combating wildlife crime at the National Gendarmerie Officers' Training Centre. 49 gendarmerie officers from 8 African countries participated.

Côte d'Ivoire – EAGLE Côte d'Ivoire

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- The Interim Assistant Coordinator met with UCT officials and discussed several issues related to the execution of the operation and the strengthening of collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.



- The Legal Advisor followed up on the legal proceedings related to past operations.



Guinea - EAGLE Guinea

- The Coordinator met with the Secretary General of Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development to introduce herself as the New Coordinator and to discuss issues related to the MoU.
- She held a meeting with the Ambassador of Germany to introduce EAGLE Guinea and establish collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.
- She met with the Director General of the Judicial Training Centre to introduce EAGLE Guinea and discuss potential areas of collaboration.
- She also met with Commanders of the National Brigade for the Fight against Wildlife Crime for her introduction as the new coordinator and held discussions on the technical aspects of future collaboration.
- She discussed potential collaboration with the Director of the NGO Wild Chimpanzee Foundation (WCF) and the Project Team of "Natura-Guinea".
- She also met with the Division Commander of the Internal Security Service at the French Embassy.
- The Team met with the Attorney General of the Conakry Court of Appeals, the State Counsel of the Dixinn Court of First Instance and his Deputy and the State Counsel of the Mafanco Court of First Instance to build collaboration in the fight against corruption and the follow up of wildlife cases.
- The Team met with the Senior Examining Judge of the Dixinn Court of First Instance on proceedings regarding the seizure of 3 ivory tusks and a leopard skin.
- The Team met with the Assistant of the National Director of the Department for the Regulation and Promotion of Association (DNARPROMA), to follow up the registration application file.

Uganda - EAGLE Uganda

- The Legal Adviser followed up on traffickers that were sentenced for illegal possession of ivory following their arrest in 2020.
- The Interim Coordinator met the Gender Officer at Kampala Capital City Authority, Nakawa Division Office on the pending EAGLE Uganda operational permit MoU requirement to be able to finalize the application process.
- She met with officials of the Joint Port Control Unit (JPCU), the Uganda Revenue Authority and the Uganda Wildlife Authority and was introduced to the JPCU Interim Coordinator. The meetings were focused on building contacts and fostering collaboration.

Headquarters

- Ofir Dorri travelled to the US where he gave presentations on wildlife law enforcement and the EAGLE Network. He met and discussed with several US government officials on a wide range of issues including strengthening collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime. He equally held discussions with donor bodies, institutions and NGO officials.

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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