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# Wildlife Law Enforcement Briefing

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# Summary

2 traffickers arrested with 7 elephant tusks, a leopard skin and a gorilla skull in Congo. The contraband that was concealed in cardboard boxes was transported in a cab to the place of transaction by the traffickers. While in the cab and like professional traffickers, they carried out a thorough inspection of the place of transaction before alighting. They were anxious and nervous. They were arrested during an attempt to sell the contraband.



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2 traffickers arrested with 2 elephant tusks in Congo. The experienced traffickers worked together in a simple plan to sell the ivory. The first trafficker who was supposed to sell the ivory, was arrested during his attempts. An interrogation was carried out immediately after the arrest. He revealed the identity of the other trafficker and a follow up mission led to his arrest.



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2 traffickers, including a Guinean national, arrested in Senegal with a leopard skin, hyena skin, and two serval skins in an action against cross border trafficking between the two countries. When they arrived the scene of transaction and as police closed in on them, they dropped the bag containing the contraband. One of them took to his heels and tried to escape but was chased down by the arresting team who soon rounded him up.



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## Cameroon – LAGA

- The Deputy Director held a meeting with 3 American Embassy officials including the Head of the Political Section to discuss issues related to wildlife law enforcement in the country.
- He participated at a virtual Regional INTERPOL meeting that was organised to discuss wildlife law enforcement and collaboration. He highlighted the importance of effective collaboration in wildlife law enforcement.
- A legal adviser held a meeting with Director of Criminal Affairs and Pardons at the Ministry of Justice to discuss the monitoring of court cases, decisions and to strengthen collaboration.
- The Legal Team held meetings with several State Counsels to discuss ongoing cases in their respective jurisdictions.

## Republic of the Congo – PALF

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tivity of the other trafficker and a follow up mission led to his arrest. The tusks were hidden in a rice bag which was transported on foot by one of the traffickers, to the place of transaction. He kept a close watch of his surroundings.

- The Legal Team followed several ongoing cases and prosecutions especially in the departments of de la Cuvette, Niari, Lékoumou and Pointe Noire

## Togo – EAGLE Togo

- The Interim Coordinator participated at the ceremony to mark Europe Day in Lomé. During the ceremony, he met with several top diplomatic officials including the European Union Ambassador and the new First Secretary at the European Union Delegation, the Ambassador of the United States and the Ambassador of France to Togo. They briefly discussed several wildlife law enforcement issues including the seizures of primates from the DRC and golden lion tamarins and macaws from Brazil.
- He participated at an anti-corruption workshop for civil society organisations with focus on legal instruments and best practices in the fight against corruption. The workshop was organised by the High Authority for the Prevention and Fight against Corruption and Related Offences, better known by its French acronym HAPLUCIA.
- He also participated at a HAPLUCIA general assembly of the consultative council where amendments to the charter creating the framework for consultation were examined.

## Senegal – EAGLE Senegal

- 2 traffickers, including a Guinea national, arrested with a leopard skin, hyena skin, and two serval skins in an action against cross border trafficking between the two countries. When they arrived the scene of transaction and as police closed in on them, they dropped the bag containing the contraband. One of them took to his heels and tried to escape but was chased down by the arresting team who soon rounded him up. They are known for moving contra-



band between Senegal and Guinea and move between the countries frequently.

- The Team followed up the administrative procedures on the Memorandum of Understandings with the Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development and the Directorate General of Customs.



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## Côte d'Ivoire – EAGLE Côte d'Ivoire

- The Coordinator met with the Financial Attaché and two Political Officers of the US Embassy to discuss wildlife crime and strengthen collaboration.
- He met with a Political Adviser at the French Embassy to discuss wildlife trafficking and possibilities of collaboration.
- He met with the Deputy Prosecutor and an Instruction Judge of the Pole Pénal et Financier (court house specialized in organized crime and money laundering) of the Abidjan Court of First Instance to discuss matters relating to cases at the court.
- He held meetings with officials of the UCT to discuss long term investigations and strengthen collaboration.

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## Guinea - EAGLE Guinea

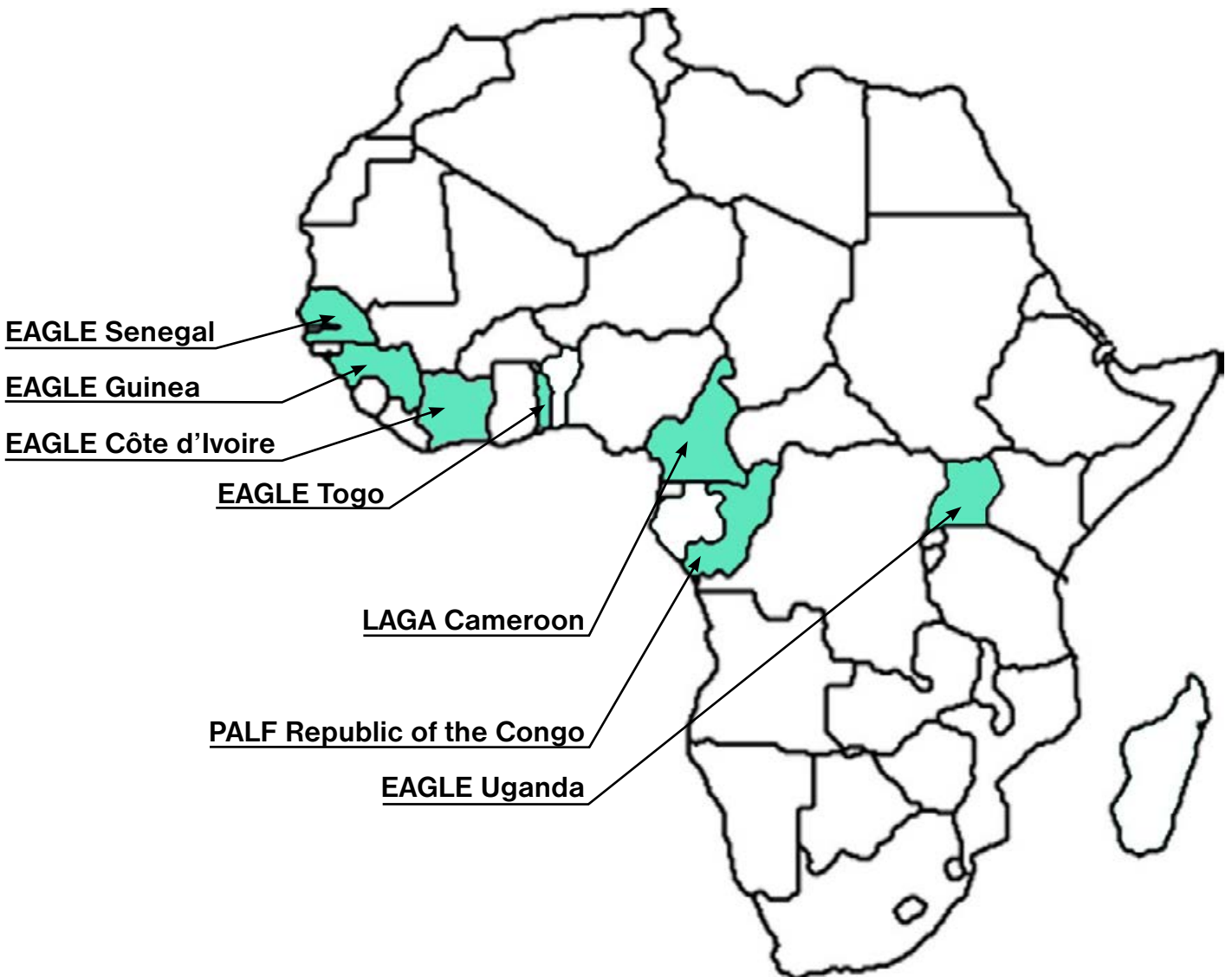
- EAGLE Senegal's Accountant arrived in Guinea to assist in the training the accountant for the Guinean project.
- The Team followed up the administrative procedures on the Memorandum of Understandings with the Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development, the Directorate General of the National Police and the Directorate General of Customs.
- A legal assistant who was selected during a recruitment initiative last month continue to undergo training in Senegal.

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## Uganda - EAGLE Uganda

- The Team applied new strategies and techniques in ensuring quality recruitment and several interviews were carried out. A candidate was selected to start their test for the position of a legal adviser.
- The CCU provided technical assistance in the recruitment process and in investigative training.

# 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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