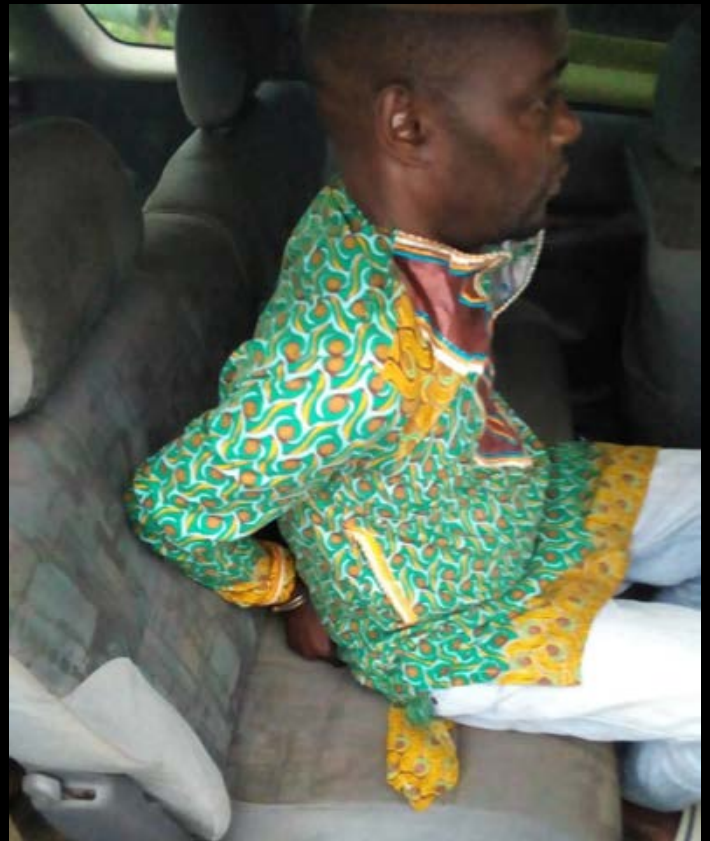


Wildlife Law Enforcement Briefing

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Summary

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4 ivory traffickers were arrested in Gabon with 128 kg of ivory. One of them is a Cameroonian, well connected to trafficking rings in Cameroon. He, together with another trafficker, was arrested after police stopped their car, and ivory was intercepted in the car concealed in rice bags. The third trafficker escaped in another car, after being chased and stopped by police he was arrested as well, and more ivory was found in his car concealed under the seats in rice bags. After arriving to the police station, they denounced a fourth trafficker who was arrested the same day.

2 ivory traffickers, one of them a repeat offender, were arrested with 2 tusks weighing 20kg in Cameroon. They are part of an international trafficking

ring based near the border between Central African Republic and Cameroon and operating between the two countries. They trafficked ivory from CAR in a border town, stored it and then transported it to bigger cities including Bertoua, Douala and Yaoundé. The head of the ring had been arrested by gendarmerie in March 2019 with 262 kg of ivory and he was released without any charges brought against him after he bribed the gendarmes by 3,300 USD. The ivory was stolen by the gendarmes and sold to another trafficker, the original buyer. Wildlife officials who have competence over combating wildlife crime were never involved in this case.

A military man was arrested with live mandrill with illegally issued permit in Congo. The young animal was transported to Tchimpounga Rehabilitation Centre for life-long care.

An ivory trafficker arrested in the Republic of Congo with two tusks. He transported the contraband by boat and bus from Likouala, where the elephant was massacred.



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Cameroon – LAGA

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- The Deputy Director participated at the opening ceremony of the Pangolin Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre at the Mefou park. This is the first ever facility dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of pangolins in the country. He gave interviews to a South African film crew producing a documen-



tary on the illegal pangolins trade. The Head of the Investigations Department worked with an Italian crew shooting a movie that depicts the illegal trafficking in pangolins scales in the country.

- The Head of the Legal Department and his Assistant held meetings with customs and security officials at the Nsimalen international airport.
- The Head of Legal Department participated at a training for ecoguards from 4 national parks in the country. He did two presentations; one on information gathering and the other one on a practical case on the legal procedure in prosecuting wildlife crimes.

Congo – PALF

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Gabon – AALF

■ 4 ivory traffickers arrested in the North of the country with 128 kg of ivory. One of them is a Cameroonian, well connected to trafficking rings in Cameroon. He, together with another trafficker, was arrested after police stopped their car, and ivory was intercepted in the car concealed in rice bags. The third trafficker escaped in another car, after being chased and stopped by police he was arrested as well, and more ivory was found in his car concealed under the seats in rice bags. After arriving to the police station, they denounced a fourth trafficker who was arrested the same day.

■ Two Legal Advisors supported by the Coordina-



tor of Activities trained Officers of the Police and Gendarmerie on the legislation and methods of combating wildlife trade in Port Gentil.

■ The legal team held a series of meetings with various high authorities, including the Governors of the Provinces of Ogooué Maritime and Nyanga, the State Counsels at the first courts of Port Gentil and Tchibanga, the Chief of Staff of the National Police, the Director of Economic and Financial Affairs of the National Police, the Director of Wildlife and Protected Areas, as well as the heads of judicial police units in several provinces.



Togo – EAGLE Togo

■ The Coordinator and the Head of the Legal Department met with the new Minister of the Environment, Sustainable Development and Nature Protection and his Secretary General. They in-

troduced the EAGLE project to the Minister and informed him about the big cases of wildlife trafficking. The Minister welcomed the initiative of EAGLE Togo, sent warm congratulations to the

network for its actions against wildlife crime and expressed the wish to meet again to discuss in detail the Memorandum of Understanding between EAGLE Togo and the Ministry.

es Branch. The meeting, also happening in the Minister's office, was held to review some of the important technical aspects of the public hearing of the Alassani Razak case.

- The legal Department held a meeting with the Chief of the Legal Affairs Division in the MEDDPN Cabinet and a Commander of the Forest Resources Branch.
- The recruitment process continued to strengthen the Investigation Department and an investigator started his test period.

Senegal – EAGLE Senegal

- The Coordinator held a meeting with Inter-ministerial Advisory Committee to present its members the EAGLE Senegal's investment program.
- The Coordinator held a meeting with the Director of the Central Office for the Suppression of Illicit Traffic to set up the steps aiming to the signing of a partnership agreement between EAGLE Senegal and the General Directorate of the National Police.
- The recruitment process was intensified, an investigator and an online investigator started their test period.

Benin – AALF-B

- The Coordinator trained 10 officers of Republican Police in Lobogo on methods of combating wildlife crime.
- The Director trained about 40 Environmental Officers and the Focal Points of the Coastal Communities on the fight against wildlife crime on marine resources.
- He also trained Magistrates and Foresters in Bohicon on the evaluation of the indications of Forest Governance in Benin with a focus on the fight against wildlife crime.
- The Director trained 10 officers from Ghana, selected by the US Embassy (magistrates, foresters, customs officers and officers of border police) on the fight against wildlife crime in Ghana.
- The Coordinator and the Legal Team held a series of meetings with high officials, including several State Counsels of different courts, Commissioners and Departmental Police Directors, the Head of Litigation of Donga Forestry Inspectorate and others.
- The Director held a meeting with the Dutch Ambassador to discuss conservation of endangered species and the fight against wildlife crime in Benin.

Côte d'Ivoire – EAGLE Côte d'Ivoire

- The Legal Advisors held a meeting with the lawyer of the Ministry of the Environment and Forests in order to improve the follow up of the cases and to settle a meeting with the Minister.
- The Coordinator had a meeting with the UCT in order to improve the collaboration during investigations and arrest operations.

Burkina Faso - EAGLE Burkina Faso

- The Legal Adviser continued to follow up the case of two traffickers arrested in December 2018 with of 3 leopard and 2 lion skins. He held meetings with FADA's Faso State Counsel and his deputy.
- Within the follow up of the case of traffickers arrested last July with 20 crocodile skins and 2 ivory

tips, the Coordinator and the Legal Adviser met with representatives of the State Judicial Agency. Together they explored the ways and means to trigger the litigation phase.

Headquarters

- Ofir Drori, the Founding Director, travelled to Uganda to support the team and to visit border scanner officers to analyze gaps and propose improvements.
- Nicolas Charron, the Monitoring and Evaluation Officer conducted a mission to Uganda to evaluate the investigators and train them in investigation techniques.

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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