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# Wildlife Law Enforcement Briefing

- ✓ *11 traffickers arrested in 4 countries.*
- ✓ *2 traffickers, one of them a corrupt military officer, arrested with 28 African Grey Parrots, an Allen's Swamp Monkey and a Spot-nosed Monkey in Congo.*
- ✓ *4 traffickers arrested with 2 elephant tusks in Gabon.*
- ✓ *3 traffickers arrested in Cameroon and a baby drill rescued.*
- ✓ *A trafficker arrested with 86kg of pangolin scales and a young baboon in Cameroon.*
- ✓ *A trafficker arrested with 2 elephant tusks and dozens of elephant jewelry items in Côte d'Ivoire.*



# Summary

2 traffickers, one of them a corrupt military officer, arrested with 28 African Grey Parrots, an Allen's Swamp Monkey and a Spot-nosed Monkey in Congo. One of the traffickers is a military officer in the Republican Guard. The animals were held in a tiny cage in horrible conditions and kept outside of a bar that belongs to the military officer. He used his status to protect his illicit activities including the illegal trade in African grey parrots.



*A Spot-nosed Monkey rescued and two traffickers arrested in Congo.*

4 traffickers arrested with 2 elephant tusks in Gabon. A Cameroonian and a Nigerian were first arrested in Port-Gentil as they attempted to sell the ivory. They denounced a third trafficker to be owner of the ivory. He was arrested a few days later in the same town. During his interrogation he denounced a fourth trafficker who was also arrested.



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A trafficker arrested with 86kg of pangolin scales and a young baboon rescued in Cameroon. The animal was found leashed around the waist and tied to a tree at the premises of the trafficker. He bought



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the young baboon from a poacher who trapped and killed the mother.

A trafficker arrested with 2 elephant tusks in Côte d'Ivoire. More carved ivory, 17 elephant tail bracelets and 8 rings, a leopard tooth, a full elephant tail and more treated elephant hair discovered during a house search. Cash registry shows he has been active for more than two decades.



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# Cameroon – LAGA

■ 3 traffickers arrested and a baby drill rescued. The animal was quickly transported to the Limbe Wildlife Centre where he shall be getting specialist care from veterinarians and join a family of drills. The traffickers were arrested during an attempt to sell the animal they recently bought from poachers.



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■ A trafficker arrested with 86kg of pangolin scales and a young baboon rescued. The animal was found leashed around the waist and tied to a tree at the premises of the trafficker. He bought the young baboon from a poacher who trapped and killed the mother. The scales are from giant pangolins which is more threatened with extinc-



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tion than the two other species in the country. Seizures are almost always composed of scales from all three species. The trafficker belongs to a bigger group illegally trafficking several wildlife products including elephant ivory around the area where he was arrested.

- The Deputy Director held a meeting with the new manager of the Tikki Hywood Foundation to explore areas of interests and strengthen collaboration on illegal pangolin trade.

- The Legal Team held meetings with several State Counsels to discuss cases ongoing at their various courts and to strengthen collaboration.

## Congo – PALF

- 2 traffickers, one of them a corrupt military officer, arrested with 28 African Grey Parrots, an Allen’s Swamp Monkey and a Spot-nosed Monkey. One of the traffickers is a military officer in the Republican Guard. The animals were held in a tiny cage in

horrible conditions and kept outside of a bar that belongs to the military officer. He used his status to protect illicit activities including the illegal trade in African grey parrots. The parrots were stored in deplorable conditions. Following the seizures, the



Allen's Swamp Monkey



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Spot-nosed Monkey.



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Jane Goodall Institute brought in a team of veterinarians who took charge of the animals and flew them to the Tchimpounga Sanctuary for appropriate care and support.

- An investigation started by the Investigations Team and handed over to Conserv Congo led to arrest of a trafficker in Kinshasa, DRC. A chimpanzee, a baboon, a python and 2 African Grey Parrots were seized and placed in sanctuaries. The chimpanzee was found chained and padlocked at the neck. It took sustained effort to cut the chain free.

## Gabon – AALF

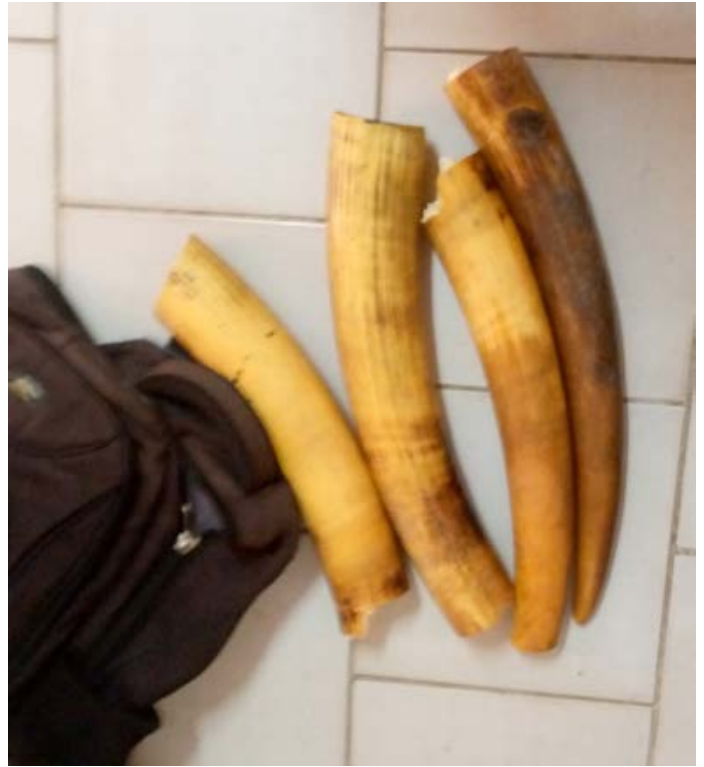
- 4 traffickers arrested with 2 elephant tusks. A Cameroonian and a Nigerian were first arrested in Port-Gentil as they attempted to sell the ivory. They denounced a third trafficker to be owner of the ivory. He was arrested a few days later in the same town. During his interrogation he denounced a fourth trafficker who was also arrested. The 2 ivory tusks that were cut into 4 pieces were concealed inside a black backpack.
- The Legal Team provided assistance in the prosecution of 2 traffickers who were arrested by the Antenna Head of the Directorate General of Research (DGR) in Makokou with 2 ivory tusks. They are detained while awaiting trial at the Special Criminal Tribunal in Libreville.
- The Activities Coordinator held meetings with





several administrative and wildlife officials of the Nyanga Province, including the Conservator of the Mayumba National Park, the Interim Provincial Director of Water and Forests, Heads of Antenna of the Judicial Police and the Directorate General of Research, State Counsels of Mouila and Tchibanga and the Director General of Wildlife and Protected Areas to strengthen collaboration.

- The Legal Team held meetings with judicial and wildlife authorities including State Counsels and Provincial Water and Forests Directors to strengthen collaboration.



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## Togo – EAGLE Togo

- The Assistant Coordinator accompanied by a legal adviser held a meeting with a State Counsel of the Lomé Tribunal to discuss and strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.
- He held another meeting with a delegation from Global Initiative against Transnational Organised

Crime. Discussions focused on the evolution of the illicit trade in protected species in the country and the fight against wildlife crime.

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## Senegal – EAGLE Senegal

- The Legal Team followed up the various pending issues with 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.
- Recruitment intensified and an investigator finished his test period and joined the team.
- Laetitia Bot, a super volunteer continued her training and test in the various departments of the project.

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

- A trafficker arrested with 2 elephant tusks. More carved ivory, 17 elephant tail bracelets and 8 rings, a leopard tooth, a full elephant tail with hairs on it and more treated elephant hair were discovered during a house search. Cash registry shows he has been active for more than two decades. He sold elephant tail hair from 1999 to 2018, when he stopped recording the sales in his registry.
- The Coordinator held a meeting with the UCT (Unité de lutte contre la Criminalité Transnationale) to collaborate on some important investigations and to move forward with the prosecution procedure on some of the big cases.



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## Burkina Faso - EAGLE Burkina Faso

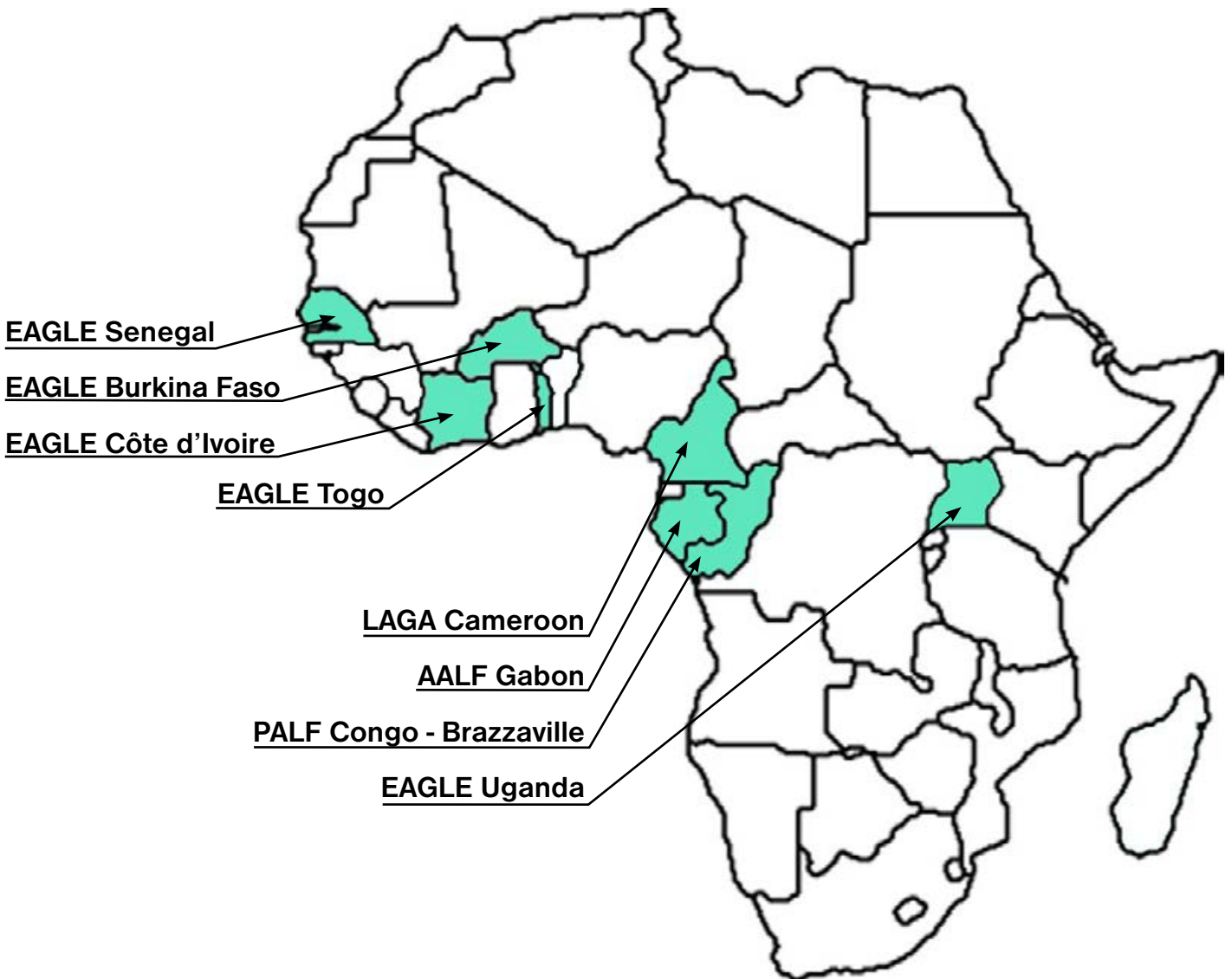
- The Coordinator, accompanied by the legal adviser, held a meeting with a law firm to lay the groundwork for partnership in the prosecution of wildlife cases initiated by Conservation Justice.
- The Coordinator held a meeting with the Faso State Counsel of the new High Court of Ouaga II to introduce Conservation Justice and the EAGLE Network and strengthen collaboration.

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## Uganda - EAGLE Uganda

- The Legal Team held several meetings with officials of government agencies including the Uganda Wildlife Authority, Financial Investigations Authority, Uganda Revenue Authority, Interpol, Criminal Investigations Department & Civil Aviation Police to foster collaboration.
- As part of her community activism, the Assistant Coordinator held a meeting with the Deputy Mayor and District Health Officer of the Mityana District on adopting a strategy for the distribution of rabies vaccine in the district.

# 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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