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Wildlife Law Enforcement Briefing

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- ✓ *4 ivory traffickers arrested with 3 tusks in Congo in a crackdown on judicial corruption. One of them is the head clerk of the high court of Dolisie who used his position to traffic seized ivory from the court's evidence room.*
- ✓ *2 traffickers arrested with 3 elephant tusks, 41 ivory statues, and 13 hippo teeth in Togo.*
- ✓ *2 traffickers arrested with 4 leopard skins, 3 of which are young, in Côte d'Ivoire*



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Summary

4 ivory traffickers arrested with 3 tusks in Congo in a crackdown on judicial corruption. One of them is the head clerk of the high court of Dolisie who used his position to traffic seized ivory from the court's evidence room. He was denounced by the other traffickers and a raid was carried out his home the following morning when he arrested. Two of the tusks bear markings corresponding to our operation from 2021. This is an important step in combatting corruption in the judicial system.



4 ivory traffickers arrested with 3 tusks in Congo

2 traffickers arrested with 3 elephant tusks, 41 ivory statues, and 13 hippo teeth in Togo. The main trafficker, head of the company Art Primitive, is a known well-connected international ivory trafficker that has been using complicity and corruption to secure his impunity till now. His illegal activities span many countries including Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria among other countries in Asia and Europe. Interrogation revealed his involvement with counterfeiting money.



2 traffickers arrested with 4 leopard skins, 3 of which are young. The traffickers were arrested attempting to sell the leopard skins in the town of Soubré, in Western Côte d'Ivoire. The leopards were poached in the Tai National Park. The park is one of the last sanctuaries of tropical forest in the country and a refuge for many endangered species such as elephants, chimpanzees and leopards. The traffickers activated several local traffickers around the park.



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Cameroon – LAGA

- The Deputy Director participated at a training on financial investigations and the fight against wildlife crime. Participants were drawn from several government ministries and institutions including the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife.
- He held a meeting with an official from RUSI, an international NGO, on financial investigations and the strengthening of collaboration.
- The Legal Team held meetings with judicial and wildlife officials on ongoing cases in several courts and to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.

Republic of the Congo – PALF

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- The Coordinator held a meeting with the Director General of Forest Economy to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.
- He held discussions with an official from the European Union Delegation in Brazzaville to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.
- The Legal Team held meetings with some departmental judicial, wildlife and gendarmerie officials on issues related to wildlife crime and law enforcement.



- 2 traffickers were sentenced to one year in jail. They were arrested in August with 81 kg of pangolin scales.

Togo – EAGLE Togo

- 2 traffickers arrested with 3 elephant tusks, 41 ivory statues, and 13 hippo teeth in Lomé. The main trafficker, head of the company Art Primitive, is a known well-connected international ivory trafficker that has been using complicity and corruption to secure his impunity till now. His illegal activities span many countries including Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria among other coun-



tries in Asia and Europe. Interrogation revealed his involvement with counterfeiting money. One of the traffickers transported the contraband in 2 grain sacks that were concealed in a cab, to the place of transaction.

- 3 traffickers were sentenced to one year in jail. They were arrested in June with 11 elephant tusks and 7 hippo teeth.
- The Coordinator held a meeting at the airport with the Head of the Airport Customs Operations and Parcel Post Division to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.
- The Coordinator met with the Director of the OCRTIDB to discuss operation strategies and strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime

- The Coordinator held a meeting with the Judge of the second examining magistrate's office at the Lomé High Court, to strengthen collaboration in the fight against transnational wildlife crime.

Senegal – EAGLE Senegal

- The EAGLE Senegal Team's mission to the Republic of Guinea, which began in August, continued with an investigator who assisted the investigation team in Guinea
- The Coordinator and the accountant participated at the meeting of the inter-ministerial committee (Ministry of the Interior and Ministry of Finance) charged with validating the country's investment program. They introduced EAGLE Senegal and made contacts that could assist in the fight against wildlife crime.
- The Coordinator met with the new Director General of the National Police to introduce the project and strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.
- The Coordinator did a presentation on the wildlife identification and concealment techniques during and a training organized by the French Customs for 30 customs officers from Gambia, Cameroon and Senegal
- Recruitment was intensified with several interviews conducted. Two candidates were selected to start their trial period.

Côte d'Ivoire – EAGLE Côte d'Ivoire

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- The Legal Team met with the UCT to plan the operation that led to the arrest of ivory traffickers.
- The Coordinator Gaspard Julien-lafferriere, came to the end of his stay with the Network after 5 very fruitful years, producing some very good results.



Guinea - EAGLE Guinea

- 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.
- An investigator from EAGLE Senegal came to the end of his stay in the country and where assisted the Team in several investigation missions.

Uganda - EAGLE Uganda

- The Legal Team followed up on court cases from operations
- The Interim Coordinator held a meeting with the Commissioner of Tourism from the Ministry of Wildlife and Antiquities and the Director Legal of the Uganda Wildlife Authority to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.
- She held a meeting with an official of the Anti-Corruption Court attached to the State House on corruption in the police while addressing a concern of injustice.
- Recruitment was intensified with several interviews done. 3 candidates started their test period. One for the accountant position and 2 others for the investigators role.

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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