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Wildlife Law Enforcement Briefing

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Summary

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Cameroon – LAGA

- The Deputy Director held a meeting with the Central Africa Director of Global Conservation to discuss collaboration in the fight against wildlife Crime.
- 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

- The Coordinator held discussions with the Economic Officer of the US Embassy on wildlife crime and the strengthening of collaboration
- He held a meeting with the Security Attaché of the French Embassy to discuss wildlife crime and strengthen collaboration.
- He also held a meeting with the advisor to the Commander of the National Gendarmerie School and the Project Manager of the International Academy for the Fight against Environmental Crime to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.
- He held a meeting with Attorney General of the Supreme Court to present activities of the project and strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.
- The Legal Team held meetings and telephone discussions with several judicial, wildlife and prison officials on issues related to wildlife crime and law enforcement.
- They held a meeting with Bouenza Regional Gendarmerie Chief of Staff to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.

Togo – EAGLE Togo

- The Team assisted CAAT (Airport Anti Trafficking Unit) for one week in its mission to inspect baggage at the Lomé airport cargo area.
- The Coordinator met with the State Counsel of the Lomé High Court to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.
- He held a meeting with the Director of the Central Office for the Repression of Illicit Drug Trafficking and Money Laundering to maintain and strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime. The main point of discussions was contributing our expertise to the inspection missions carried out by CAAT.
- The Coordinator held a meeting with the Head of CAAT to discuss collaboration at the Lomé airport in the fight against wildlife crime.

Senegal – EAGLE Senegal

- The EAGLE Senegal Team's mission to the Republic of Guinea, which began in August, continued. The Coordinator held several meetings with top government authorities. The Team intensified recruitment on behalf of t EAGLE Guinea.
- Recruitment was intensified with several interviews conducted. Three candidates for the position of legal adviser were selected for the final stage.

Côte d'Ivoire – EAGLE Côte d'Ivoire

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- The Coordinator and the Head of the Legal Department held a meeting with UCT to work on the arrest operation.





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.
- Eagle Senegal's coordinator met with the Director of Customs Operations to strengthen collaboration and launch technical support activities for customs officers.

Uganda - EAGLE Uganda

The Legal Team followed up on court cases from Operations in 2020 and 2024.

- The Interim Coordinator held a meeting with the Lead Prosecutor of UWA to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.
- She held a meeting with some officials of the National Broadcasting Station in preparation for the World Tourism Day and to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.
- Recruitment was intensified with several interviews done. 3 candidates started their test period. One for the accountant position and 2 others for legal advisers.

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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