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# Wildlife Law Enforcement Briefing

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- ✓ *An army Master Corporal arrested with a leopard skin, in Yaounde, Cameroon*



# Summary

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- The Legal Team held a meeting with the Regional Delegate of Forestry and Wildlife for Centre Region, to discuss the legal strategies following the operation leading to the arrest of the army corporal.



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## Republic of the Congo – PALF

- The Coordinator met and had a discussion with the Forestry and Environment Cooperation Officer of the European Union Delegation on wildlife law enforcement and to strengthen collaboration.
- He met with the Commissioner General in charge of Security at the French Embassy to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.
- He held a meeting with the Secretary General and the Director of Legal Affairs and International Cooperation of the Ministry of Justice, Human Rights, and Indigenous Peoples' Affairs to discuss wildlife crime and strengthen collaboration.
- He held meetings with several wildlife officials, namely the Wildlife and Protected Areas Advisor and the Director General of Forest Economy, to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.
- He held meetings with some customs officials including the Customs Inspector and national correspondent at the regional liaison office responsible for intelligence in Central Africa and the Great Lakes region and the Head of Customs at Maya Airport, to strengthen collaboration against wildlife crime.
- He held a meeting with the Director General for Strategy, Cooperation and Communication to strengthen collaboration in fighting wildlife crime.
- He met and discussed with the Director of the Lusaka Agreement Task Force on the fight against wildlife crime and the strengthening of collaboration.

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## Togo – EAGLE Togo

- The Coordinator held a meeting with the Deputy Central Director of the Judicial Police to establish collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.
- The Coordinator met with the Director of Togo's anti-corruption commission (HATIC, that was formerly known as HAPLUCIA).

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## Senegal – EAGLE Senegal

- EAGLE Senegal sent an official letter to His Excellency the President of the Republic of Senegal. The letter aims to draw the attention of the high authority to the shortcomings identified in current legislation and in the mechanisms for prosecuting wildlife-related offenses, as well as to make recommendations for strengthening the legal and institutional framework for combating wildlife crime.
- Antonia Gustafsson, the super volunteer who was on training in Senegal joined the Guinea project where she becomes the new Coordinator.

# Côte d'Ivoire – EAGLE Côte d'Ivoire

- The Team returned from an annual vacation that started late in December due to field work up in the North of the country.

## Guinea - EAGLE Guinea

- The Team held meetings with the Civil Administrator of the office of the Minister of Territorial Administration and Decentralisation, and with some officials of the National Department for the Regulation and Promotion of Association (DNAR-PROMA), on the administrative procedures for the renewal of the MoU.
- Antonia Gustafsson, the super volunteer who was on training in Senegal joined the project and becomes the new Coordinator.

## Uganda - EAGLE Uganda

- The Team returned from a 3-week annual vacation and resumed with activities notably the intensification of recruitment.
- The Legal Adviser held discussions with some NGOs on issues related to the Memorandum of Understanding with Kampala Capital City Authority.

## 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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