### May 2024 EAGLE Uganda Activity Report

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1. **INTRODUCTION**

The report herein covers the period from 01st–31st May 2024. Focus on the projects core goals of deterring wildlife crime were priotized. Major activities running covered investigations, legal followup on cases, operations and administrative operations.

The project emphasizes on proactivity and creativity therefore all team member’s flexibility and aggressiveness is expected in all departments.

1. **INVESTIGATIONS**

2 applicants were interviewed for the legal and investigations role with the legal making it through the interview process and started her test period in the last week of May.

4 applications for the investigations role were received and interviews scheduled for the time when Gaspard would be at office to participate in the interviews.

The Project support consultant made recommendations of some potential candidates for investigations and will continue doing this for the project to have skilled and qualifying investigators.

Investigations were at 10% field engagements with only 1 investigator who was off for 3 weeks to prepare for final year exams.

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| **INVESTIGATION INDICATORS** | | |
| **# of investigations** | **# of investigations that lead to operations** |  |
| **3** | **0** |  |

1. **OPERATIONS**

An EAGLE Uganda planned operation with Uganda Revenue Authority for 5 leopard skins was frustrated at the last minute leading to the aborting of the mission.

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| **OPERATION INDICATORS** | | | |
| **# of operations** | **# of operations that lead to arrests** | **# suspect traffickers arrested** | **Contraband (specify units)** |
| **1** | **0** | **0** | **0** |

1. **LEGAL**

Activities carried out by the legal department for the month of May are outlined below,

* Attended Anti-corruption Court for the case of Uganda v Nsambu Wilber and Lukwago Godfrey 2021 before H/W Charles Opiti. The accused were charged with the offence of being in possession of 4 pieces of ivory (wildlife products) C/S 200(d) of EACCMA, 2004

The matter came up for hearing and the accused were in attendance. The state‘s last witness Iroot Ezekiel from URA was present and the prosecutor Kalungi Tony also in attendance.

Court had received a complaint from the office of the DPP raised by the accused requesting the DPP to recall the file from Anti-Corruption Court on the ground that there was insufficient evidence as a result that there was someone the accused were arrested with who is not prosecuted. Court adjourned the matter awaiting the DPP’s response on the same complaint. The matter was adjourned to 11 June 2024 at 02:00 pm.2.

* The legal advisor carried out hotel search in different places for identifying hotels that can be used for operation.
* The legal advisor attended a training on interrogation organized by Ofir.
* The legal advisor compiled a tentative interrogation list for the planned operations of 23rd May, 2024
* The legal advisor oriented Stacey Ninsiima the new legal advisor on specifications of hotel search and she gave her some assignments in regard to case analysis upon which Stacey will be evaluated.in legal training..

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| **LEGAL INDICATORS** | | | | | |
| **# of court prosecutions** | | **Maximum sentence given** | **# of cases followed** | **# hearings visited** | **# jail visits** |
| **Court of first instance** | **Appeal court** |
| **01** | **0** | **0** | **01** | **01** | **0** |

1. **MEDIA**

Department has not been operational.

**6.MANAGEMENT**

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| **MANAGEMENT INDICATORS** | |
| **# investigators on test** | **0** |
| **# legal advisors on test** | **1** |
| **# advocates on test** | **0** |
| **# media journalists on test** | **0** |
| **# accountants on test** | **0** |
| **# internal trainings** | **1** |
| **# external trainings** | **0** |

* Rebeca Sandoval was appointed as the Project Support Consultant for EAGLE Uganda effective 25th May 2024.
* Preparations were made for the Uganda project to host Gaspard and Rens in the month of June to boost the performance of the team on ground and on strategies for effective operations.
* The Assistant Co-ordinator had orientation for the legal advisor on test with a focus on reporting lines, communication, the projects core values, project expectations, working hours and days, office rules and procedures among others were addressed.
* The EAGLE Uganda Team, celebrated May 01st, the international labour day at UWEC with a discussion on the amendments in the labour law. The team made a donation of 10 tyres to UWEC for the enrichment of the chimps.
* March ICS investigations and legal, and Field Investigation reports were compiled and submitted to CCU.
* The team compiled the 3docs for the operation that was planned for 23rd May but due to factors beyond our control was aborted. Several meetings with Douglas Kabagambe (URA) were held to aid the operation.
* The projects mandatory financial monthly reports were submitted to the respective offices.
* Ogwal Charles, former NRCN (National Reserve Conservation Network) employee volunteered to become an informant and was sent to the field to followup on specific ivory investigation from his lead. His informal volunteership was canceled for failure to deliver results.
* 2 Candidates where interviewed for investigations and the legal roles, only the legal candidate made it through the interview process and started her test period on 27th May 2024.
* The Assistant coordinator was introduced to the new landlord of the current offices where the Uganda project is housed, the premises were sold off and in the pipeline for restructuring/reconstruction…..The office will be relocated and efforts to identify a new premise have been and are still ongoing….the current tenor ends 30th June 2024.
* The Assistant Coordinator hosted Rebecca Sandoval, the project support consultant with the entire EAGLE Uganda team in which several strategies were addressed that would boost the performance of the Uganda Project.

1. **EXTERNAL RELATIONS**

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| **EXTERNAL RELATIONS INDICATORS** | |
| **# of external meetings** | 0 |
| **# of requests for collaboration or support** | 0 |
| **# follow-up meetings related to ongoing agreements/ collaborations** | 0 |
| **# meetings to renew agreements/ collaborations** | 0 |
| **# EAGLE trainings requested from external parties** | 0 |
| **# EAGLE trainings carried out for external parties** | 0 |
| **# EAGLE presentations requested from external parties** | 0 |
| **# EAGLE presentations carried out for others** | 0 |

1. **Civic Activism**

The Assistant Coordinator followed up on the illegal sale of land case at Mukono police, a case against the suspect was opened and case will be followed.

Details of the case:

Place: Mukono Police Station

SD REF: 124/13/05/2024

Offence: F/S/O/Land & M/Damage

Suspect: Nalweyiso & Others

