### June 2024 EAGLE Uganda Activity Report

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1. **INTRODUCTION**

The report herein covers the period from 01st–30th June 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 was pleased to host the Coordinator of EAGLE Cote d'Ivoire, Gaspard Julien-Laferriere and Rens Ilgen former Coordinator for 2 weeks and provided support to get the project to action and also support ongoing investigations.

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

1. **INVESTIGATIONS**

Several interviews were conducted with few applicants making it through to start their test period.

Rebecca Sandoval, a former Project Coordinator was contracted once more to support on investigations and assist with recruitment in the department with a major focus on investigative journalists, some of the candidates successfully went through the interview process but opted out for personal reasons.

Field investigations were at 40% with 1 investigator on test and information gathered led to an operation.

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| **INVESTIGATION INDICATORS** | | |
| **# of investigations** | **# of investigations that lead to operations** |  |
| **7** | **1** |  |

1. **OPERATIONS**

A trafficker was arrested with 3 lion skins on 29th June 2024,she used a motorbike to arrive at the place of transaction carrying the lion skins concealed in sack hidden in a blue polythene bag. She is at the center of the urban market, very strict but was able to comfortably embrace the investigator and accepted to deliver at the hotel.

Trafficker is still in police custody awaiting the law to take its course for wildlife justice.

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| **OPERATION INDICATORS** | | | |
| **# of operations** | **# of operations that lead to arrests** | **# suspect traffickers arrested** | **Contraband (specify units)** |
| **1** | **1** | **1** | **3** |

1. **LEGAL**

The legal advisors when involved in the activities 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) I 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 adjourned the matter pending the response from DPP’s office because the Magistrate 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 someone the accused were arrested with who is not prosecuted. However, Court had not received any communication from the DPP’s office.

Court further adjourned the matter awaiting the DPP’s response on the same complaint. The matter was adjourned to 31 July, 2024 at 09:00 am.

* The legal advisors engaged in giving assignments to Stacey (the new legal Advisor on test period.
* The legal advisors attended investigation-training sessions prepared by Gaspard.
* The legal advisor participated in building trust with Kabagambe Douglas the head of URA intelligence.
* The legal advisor participated in a successful operation that took place on

29th /June/24

* The legal advisor participated in the search for a potential operation places in preparation for the planned operation and search for souvenirs/international signs .
* The legal advisor on test followed on cases at the wildlife case with many adjourned and suspects remanded for illegal possession of wild life products ranging from ivory, pangolin scales and skins with some of the quoted

a)Uganda V Olegmungu Walter,

b) Uganda Vs Yasin Jerwa (UPDF soldier)

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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.

he project is moving offices for appropriate space and security.

**6.MANAGEMENT**

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

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* Orientation for the legal advisor and investigators 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.
* May ICS investigations and legal, and Field Investigation reports were compiled and submitted to CCU.
* The team compiled the 3docs for the operation on 29th June 24, several meetings with Douglas Kabagambe (URA-Head Intelligence) were held to aid the operation process.
* The projects mandatory financial monthly reports were submitted to the respective offices.
* Several candidates for investigations, investigative journalism and the legal advisory role where interviewed. Candidates started their test period mid June and others opted out at their own discretion.
* The Assistant coordinator followed up on the NSSF employer porta whose access had been denied but later activated upon followup, reasons for blockage could not be ascertained.
* The Assistant coordinator followed up on the amount debited on the projects USD account without prior notice, the project will still followup on the matter and with the possibility of suing the bank.
* The team held a family meal on 17th June with the hosted team leaders, it’s an inclusive social activity that builds the teams social capacity.

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, documents are to be submitted to the police forensics department to verify the hand writing.

The suspect was arrested and is on police bond awaiting the file to be sanctioned at the Mukono Chief Magistrate’s court.

Details of the case:

Place: Mukono Police Station

SD REF: 124/13/05/2024

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

Suspect: Nalweyiso & Others





 