### SEPTEMBER 2024 EAGLE Uganda Activity Report

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1. **INTRODUCTION**

The report herein covers the period from 01st–30th September 2024.

The project focused on deterring wildlife crime as it core goal/objective.

Activities carried out were in line with the current operational departments ranging from the Legal, investigations management and administrative.

The project’s interests are in staffing a dynamic, proactive, flexible and aggressive team players for visible results regardless of numbers.

1. **INVESTIGATIONS**

EAGLE Uganda scope for investigations is not limited to Kampala but cuts across districts in trying to accomplish their mandate. Several missions where conducted within Kampala and the neighbouring districts which included Mukono, Kakiri, Masaka, Entebbe & Kitugum,.

Both urban & rural investigations yielded information related to investigations that will be relevant in the near future, and this was done by the 2 investigators.

Interviews for the investigations role were conducted and most applicants were not fit for the role.

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| **INVESTIGATION INDICATORS** | | |
| **# of investigations** | **# of investigations that lead to operations** |  |
| **19** | **0** |  |

1. **OPERATIONS**

No operations registered for the August month.

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

1. **LEGAL**

The report outlines all the activities that were carried out in the month of September by the legal department with an explanation of each activity. Herein are the activities conducted by the legal advisors.

* Attended court hearings at the Anti-Corruption Court on the 11th/9/2024, 23th/9/2024, 27th/9/2024, 30th/9/2024 and 1st/9/2024 in the case of

**Uganda V Najjemba Shairfha (Case No. HCT-00-AC-CO-0093-2024**

Before H/W H/W Aciro Joan, Chief Magistrate Anti-Corruption Court , where the accused was found in possession of 3 lion skins. She applied for bail, was granted on a 7 million cash bond and 100 million non-cash for each surety. The accused is yet to raise the cash bail bond and still in prison.

**Uganda Vs. Nsambu Wilber & Anor (Case No. HCT-00-AC-C0-0044-2021** before and H/W Christopher Opit, Magistrate Grade 1 Anti-Corruption Court. on 11th/9/2024 and 30th/9/2024. On 11th/9/2024, prosecution presented its last witness and matter adjourned the matter to 4th/11/2024 make a ruling on the defense submission on the No Case to Answer.

* The legal department carried out two (2) jail visits to Luzira Women’s Prison to visit Najjemba Sharifah on the 4th/9/2024, 19th/9/2024. For all the visits made, legal advisors confirmed accused’s presence in prison and no corruption attempt realized. It should be remembered that Nsambu Wilber & Anor are on bail.
* Legal advisors attended several court sessions at the specialized Standards, Wildlife and Utilities Chief Magistrate Court. Wildlife sessions are scheduled Wednesday and Thursday of every week. Over 50 cases were heard in September, an average of 13 cases every week. Majority of the cases witness are low profile cases dealing in mainly ivory, lion and leopard skins, pangolin scales and serval cat skins. We observed the enthusiasm of the presiding Magistrate H/W Gladys Kamasanyu who also serves as the Chief Magistrate of the court.

Some of the cases attended include:

**Uganda Vs Kakumba Eric:** Where the accused was found in possession of ivory and pleaded guilty and case adjourned for ruling on October 03rd 2024.

**Uganda Vs Kajura:** where the accused was found in possession of 55Kgs of pangolin scales, he was found guilty but case adjourned to October 10th for ruling.

**Uganda Vs Ogutti:** where the accused was found in custody of ivory but because prosecution failed to provide sufficient evidence and suspect was acquitted.

**Uganda Vs Odubui Francis:** Where the suspect was found in possession of wildlife species (an elephants haired tail) and given a cautionary sentence after spending 3 month on remand.

Uganda Vs Owinyi Innocent: Where the accused was found in possession of 4 pieces of cut ivory, 25 years of age and fresh graduate from the university, was sentenced to a fine 2,000,000/- or to 3 years in prison taking into consideration the period on remand.

* The legal teal participated in several department activities included drafting 3 Docs, case analysis, argument against bail, reviewing the available wildlife laws, identifying the gaps and recommending solutions, and addressing the human wildlife conflict among many others.
* The legal department followed up on a special case presented by Rebecca Sandoval, several police stations were addressed including the Kakiri Magistrates Court but no leading information was provided, and the conduct of some of the officers approached left many things wanting.
* All legal advisors participated in search for international signs and Hotel searches to advance preparations for any future possible operations.
* The legal department made several trust building engagements with court clerks at the Utilities court, Anti-Corruption Court, Kakiri Magistrate Court, different police stations to wit, Makerere Police Station, Lubigi Police Station, Nansana Police Station, Matugga Police Station and Wandegeya Police Station. This will aid foster collaborative relations for any future activities.

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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** |
| **07** | **0** | **2 years** | **05** | **07** | **05** |

1. **MEDIA**

Department has not been operational.

1. **MANAGEMENT**

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| **MANAGEMENT INDICATORS** | |
| **# investigators on test** | **0** |
| **# legal advisors on test** | **3** |
| **# advocates on test** | **0** |
| **# media journalists on test** | **0** |
| **# accountants on test** | **1** |
| **# internal trainings** | **0** |
| **# external trainings** | **0** |

* The Interim Coordinator held a meeting with the Lead Prosecutor of UWA (Counsel Annet) 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.
* The team held a discussion on the basic principles for investigations in trying to curb the short comings that occur during investigations.
* August ICS investigations and legal, and Field Investigation reports were compiled and submitted to CCU.
* The projects mandatory financial monthly reports were submitted to the respective offices.
* Applicants for the accountant, legal and investigations roles were interviewed with the biggest number not qualifying with the exception of 2 legal advisor and 1 accountant who started their test period.
* The project secured a new Dell Computer (office equipment) to be used by management /Accountant.
* Several correspondences with CCU that aided working effectively monitoring reports, responding to emails and real-time calls where necessary.
* Management and the Legal department worked effectively on case that that required several call logs, inquirers at the different police stations and posts and Kakiri Magistrate’s court to aid the investigations.
* A planned meeting with the ED Uganda Wildlife Authority, scheduled for 10th September 2024 was reschedule to future date due to factors beyond our control. The same to be followed up on for purposes of fostering collaborations.
* Evaluation for i18 was done and new strategies adopted to see how best he could boost his performance. Several other missions were planned and strategies put in place that will yield results in the near future.

1. **EXTERNAL RELATIONS**

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| **EXTERNAL RELATIONS INDICATORS** | |
| **# of external meetings** | 2 |
| **# of requests for collaboration or support** | 1 |
| **# 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 Interim Coordinator followed up on the illegal sale of land case at Mukono police and the DPP’s office, the documents under question were submitted to forensics for hand writing experts to assess whether some of the documents forged, were submitted for forensics and pending is still a report for the file to be sanctioned. The Interim Coordinator was able to have the case handed over to Anti Corruption Office of the president to follow up and the case is to followed up on in October 2024.

The case is to be followed up in the month of September.

Details of the new and actual file;

Place: Mukono Police Station

SD REF: 130/13/05/2024

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

Suspect: Nalweyiso & Others