### October 2024 EAGLE Uganda Activity Report

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1. **INTRODUCTION**

The report herein covers the period from 01st–31st October 2024.

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

Activities carried out corresponding to respective operational departments ranging from

the Legal, investigations management and administration.

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, Entebbe, Wakiso, Kitugum &

Pader,.

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 with most applicants not

matching our specifications however 2 candidates started their test period on 28th October

2024.

More applicants received to be interviewed in November 2024.

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| **INVESTIGATION INDICATORS** | | |
| **# of investigations** | **# of investigations that lead to operations** |  |
| **15** | **0** |  |

1. **OPERATIONS**

No operations registered for the October 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 October 2024 by the legal department with a detail on each activity.

* Attended court hearing at the Anti-Corruption Court on the 1st/10/2024 in the case of **Uganda Vs Najjemba Shairfha (Case No. HCT-00-AC-CO-0093-2024**. Before H/W Aciro Joan, Chief Magistrate Anti-Corruption Court, where the accused was found in possession of 3 lion skins. She applied for bail, 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.
* The legal department carried out five (5) jail visits to Luzira Women’s Prison to visit Najjemba Sharifah on the 2nd, 08th, 16th, 22nd and 30th/10/2024 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 October, an average of 13 cases every week. Majority of the cases witnessed 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 included but not limited to:

**Uganda Vs Bashir Ntege:** Case was scheduled to hear prosecution witness but court to 23rd/10/2024.

**Uganda Vs Kakumba Eric:** Case was schedules for hearing of prosecution case however, the accused changed his plea to guilt and court was adjourned to 3rd/10/2024. On 3rd/10/2024, he was sentenced to 2 years imprisonment.

**Uganda Vs Wamakota Alex & 2 Others:** Case was coming up for mention but the interpreter was not around, court was adjourned to 17th/10/2024 for mention and hearing to processed on 6th/11/2024

**Uganda Vs Andrew & Anor**: Matter was coming up for sentencing. He was sentenced for one year.

**Uganda Vs Mbabazi Grace**: Matter was coming up for sentencing. Accused person was sentenced to a fine of 2 million shillings.

* The legal team 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.
* All legal advisors participated in search for international signs, investigations and Hotel searches to advance preparations for any future possible operations.

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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** | **2** |
| **# legal advisors on test** | **3** |
| **# advocates on test** | **0** |
| **# media journalists on test** | **0** |
| **# accountants on test** | **1** |
| **# internal trainings** | **1** |
| **# external trainings** | **0** |

* Individual evaluations of all candidates on test was done aiming at improving performance, creating room for new candidates on test and making discontinuations for non performing candidates. One legal advisor terminated her test period.
* The Interim Coordinator met the commissioner for Tourism from the Ministry of Wildlife and Antiquities Mr Lyanzi and the Director Legal of Uganda Wildlife Authority (Counsel Chemonges) with an aim of fostering collaborations.
* The Interim Coordinator held a meeting an officer from the Anti Corruption Office attached to state house at Parliament (Mr Bamwine) while following up on an activism land case in Mukono to which another meeting and other measures were put in place to help provide relevant information that will bring justice.

* Several meetings with potential recommenders, investigative journalists and interviews were conducted that saw 2 investigators start their test period. More applicants to be interviewed in the month of November 2024.
* Discussions on the civic activism manual was a task well done potential ideas for implementation discussed for future integration into the teams activities.
* September 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.
* The project secured a new Elite book Computer (office equipment) to be used by management /Interim Coordinator.
* Several correspondences with CCU that aided working effectively on monitoring reports, responding to emails and real-time calls where necessary.

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 with the Anti Corruption Office attached to state house, to have them intervene and push a quick report on the documents submitted to forensics.

The case will still be followed up by the legal team.

Details of the case file no;

Place: Mukono Police Station

SD REF: 130/13/05/2024

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

Suspect: Nalweyiso & Others