### February 2025 EAGLE Uganda Activity Report

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1. **INTRODUCTION**

The report herein highlights activities conducted by EAGLE Uganda for the period from

01st–28th February 2025.

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

Activities carried out are in correspondence with the respective operational departments

to include the Legal, investigations management, media 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 for the February month covered diverse regions and districts without limiting investigations to the Central Business District.

In the effort to accomplish the mandate at hand, several missions where conducted within

Kampala and the neighbouring districts to included Nakasongoola, Wakiso, Mpigi and

Mityana.

Investigations yielded relevant information to aid future investigations with smaller

samples seen in the custody of potential traffickers with 3 investigators.

One investigator was discontinued for not meeting the project requirements.

Some candidates for the investigations role were interviewed with most of them not falling

within our specifications.

More application were received and interviews to be scheduled for February 2025..

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| **INVESTIGATION INDICATORS** | | |
| **# of investigations** | **# of investigations that lead to operations** |  |
| **49** | **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 February by the legal department with an explanation of each activity. The activities are as follows:

**●** Attended court hearing at the Anti-Corruption Court on the 19th/02/2025 in the case of Uganda Vs Najjemba Shairfha (Case No. HCT-00-AC-CO-0093-2024. Before H/W Nakyazze Rachael, 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 failed to raise the bail amount and made an application to review the bail amount however the chief magistrate in the matter H/W Aciro was transferred before hearing the matter; on this date court was sitting to hear the plea bargain however defense counsel highlighted that the plea depended 3 parties the i.e the accused, URA and UWA however there was no UWA representative in court at the time and so prayed for an adjournment and the matter was adjourned to 3rd/03/2025. And H/W indicated that she will proceed with hearing the matter in case the plea bargain is not concluded on 3rd.

**●** Legal advisor conducted research about the various organizations that deal in conservation of wildlife in Uganda in order to identify those that can partner with eagle to strengthen the fight against wildlife crimes.

**●** Legal advisor attended 2 weekly team meetings held in the month of January

**●** The legal department carried out three (3) jail visits to Luzira Women’s Prison to visit Najjemba Sharifah on the 6th,13th, and 25th/02/2025 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 advisor participated in Interviews for new team members i.e investigators and legal advisor.

**●** Legal advisor participated in strategies for the various ongoing investigations and carrying out.

**●**Legal advisor carried out orientation of the new staff on the reporting lines, office rules and values of the organization.

**●** The legal advisor also followed up on the activism land case in Mukono and was involved in strategizing for the next steps and made contact with police personnel to aid in tracking one of the suspects in the matter.

**●** The legal adviser was involved in reading the operations manual on the operation reporting lines.

**●**  Legal advisor participated in the operations reporting guidelines exercise.

**●** The legal advisor conducted research on the veracity penalties given to convicts in the wildlife crimes.

**●** Legal advisor made research on the state of protected species in Uganda and read the guide to prosecutors and investigators on standard operating procedures in wildlife offenses in Uganda

**●** 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. Some of the cases attended included but not limited to.

***UGANDA Vs TUMUSIIME JOSEPH*** the accused was found in possession of 2 pangolins a mother and a baby pangolin which he claimed he has saved from wild fire and was going to collect a reward for them but was instead arrested, he admitted the offense and was sentenced to a fine of five hundred thousand Ugandan shillings or imprisonment for 1 year.

***UGANDA VS ONGEYUWUN SOLOMON*** the accused was charged with six counts in violation of the wildlife laws , he was found in possession of various wildlife items i.e a tail and sun dried meat of an elephant, skull of an antelope, skull of a warthog , teeth of a hippopotamus, and he admitted to having killed a baby elephant whose meat he was found in possession by use of a spear and all the other items that were found at his home. The matter was adjourned to 5/03/2025 to listen to his allocutus and sentence.

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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** |
| **0** | **0** | **1 years** | **02** | **01** | **03** |

1. **MEDIA**

1 Media personnel’s test period was suspended with the hope of modifying the mode of engagement in the near future.

1. **MANAGEMENT**

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| **MANAGEMENT INDICATORS** | |
| **# investigators on test** | **5** |
| **# legal advisors on test** | **1** |
| **# advocates on test** | **0** |
| **# media journalists on test** | **0** |
| **# accountants on test** | **0** |
| **# internal trainings** | **3** |
| **# external trainings** | **0** |

* Individual evaluation meetings were held to enable appraisals and also aid performance of the respective departments with a focus on pushing for performance within the first quarter of 2025 (January -March).
* Final Audited EAGLE Uganda financial reports for the years under review (2018-2023) were submitted by the audit firm.
* EAGLE Uganda monthly reports were duly submitted ie the January financial report, ICS both legal and investigations and the activity report.
* The Interim Coordinator held meetings and had phone interactions with potential recommenders as one of the main channels through which potential candidates for the different department positions have been filled. Key to note is that most of the recommenders are either active or ex law enforcement authorities (military and Police force)
* The Interim Coordinator was hosted on CIVIC media on a women talk show on women in leadership, with a focus on Lydia’s life and journey in activism and conversation on 14th February 2025. See link to the talk show below.
* The interim coordinator conducted internal trainings on operation reporting lines that led to an exercise with Nicolas from CCU on the same, training on uploading reports and receipts with the accountant and training on the field investigations reports with the investigators.
* The Interim Coordinator submitted the EAGLE Uganda MoU with UWA (Uganda Wildlife Authority) to CCU review.
* Investigator and legal advisor interviews were conducted with some some meeting our specifications and to start their test period. 2 Investigators on test had their test periods terminated for non performance.

1. **EXTERNAL RELATIONS**

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| **EXTERNAL RELATIONS INDICATORS** | |
| **# of external meetings** | 1 |
| **# 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 |

The Interim Coordinator held a meeting with OC CID Kinawataka Police on a collaborative effort in the fight against wildlife crime who recommended interaction with



<https://youtu.be/bAUWcC0QVG8?si=dvU-3HaKM1imIfcn>