### JANUARY 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–31st January 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 January 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 Kasese, Paidah, Wakiso, Nebbi,

Amudat, Arua, Nakasongoola,Luwero.

Investigations yielded relevant information to aid future investigations with smaller

samples seen in the custody of potential traffickers with the aid of the 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** |  |
| **29** | **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**.

This section outlines activities carried out in the month of January 2025 by the legal department with an explanation of each activit as below:

1. Attended court hearing at the Anti-Corruption Court on the 22nd /01/2025 in the case of Uganda Vs Najjemba Shairfha (Case No. HCT-00-AC-CO-0093-2024. Before H/W Opit, 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 was transferred before hearing the matter the matter was coming for mention and on this date the new magistrate was not in court and so the matter was heard in the chambers of H/W Opit who adjourned it to 27th01/2025 .

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3. 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.
4. Legal advisor attended 2 weekly team meetings held in the month of January
5. The legal department carried out three (4) jail visits to Luzira Women’s Prison to visit Najjemba Sharifah on the 9th,15th, 21st and 30th/01/2025 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.
6. Legal advisor was involved in planning and participated in strategies for the various ongoing investigations
7. Legal advisor carried out orientation of the new staff on the reporting lines, office rules and values of the organization.
8. The legal advisor also followed up on the activism land case in Mukono and was involved in strategizing for the next steps.
9. The legal adviser was involved in reading the operations manual on the operation reporting lines.
10. The legal advisor conducted research on the veracity penalties given to convicts in the wildlife crimes.
11. 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 PAN YI*** the accused was found in possession of pangolin meat, scales , skin and tails he was sentenced to 5 years in prison or a fine of 55 million shillings.

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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** | **5 years**  | **02** | **03** | **04** |

1. **MEDIA**

2 potential candidates for the media department started their test period in January 2025 and one had her test period terminated for non performance.

1. **MANAGEMENT**

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

* Individual evaluation meetings were held to enable appraisals and also aid performance of the respective departments.
* Draft audited reports for EAGLE Uganda books of accounts for the years under review (2018-2023) were submitted by the audit firm.
* EAGLE Uganda monthly reports were duly submitted ie the December 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 project was pleased to see Adul Mary and Raffusanjan Kibirige join the EAGLE Uganda and EAGLE Network family as Accountant and Legal advisor respectively after passing their test periods.
* After a long break to mark end of 2024, the project officially reopened on 9th January 2025 with a general meeting welcoming team members back to the conservation fight but also emphasizing performance (push for operations) as a major KPI (Key Performance Indicator)
* The Interim Coordinator submitted the EAGLE Uganda MoU with UWA (Uganda Wildlife Authority) to CCU pending approval.
* Several contracts were drafted and signed by respective persons as a mandatory compliance that consents to their stay and working with EAGLE Uganda.
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 |