



EAGLE

THE EAGLE NETWORK

WILDLIFE LAW ENFORCEMENT

August 2019 - Eagle Uganda Report

1. INTRODUCTION

This report reflects the period from the whole month of August, 2019. Due to a reorganization and the lack of personnel for the investigations department, not many indicators were achieved.

Key Highlights

EAGLE Uganda operates without a coordinator, although the Director and Founder of EAGLE Mr. Ofir Drori, decided to be flying in and out of Uganda for some days of work with the office team on a monthly basis.

Former coordinator, Rebeca Sandoval resumed work in August as a Project Support Officer (PSO) and it was agreed that she works 3 ½ days a week.

2. INVESTIGATIONS

Currently EAGLE Uganda has no investigators recruited yet but all necessary arrangements have been put in place to aid the recruitment process.

The Vietnamese case is an ongoing investigation and there have been some activities regarding this case- including an interrogation on 2 new suspects, a house search and analysis of documents retrieved from the house search.

All bank accounts found since the investigation began in February were all collected on one document and shared to see if more financial investigation can be sought.

From the interrogation 1 suspect was arrested and put in custody until the final trial which will take place in September.

INVESTIGATION INDICATORS		
# of investigations	# of investigations that lead to operations	# new targets identified
1	1	1

3. OPERATIONS

EAGLE Uganda had zero results on operations, reason is lack of personnel to steer up the operations.

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

4. LEGAL

LEGAL INDICATORS					
# of court prosecutions		Maximum sentence given	# of cases followed	# hearings visited	# jail visits
Court of first instance	Appeal court				
13	0	0	13	13	11

Note: The spike in court cases followed and jail visits are credited to the effort of the Legal advisor on test.

5. MEDIA

EAGLE Uganda hasn't employed a media officer so this explains the reason for the lack of results in this department.

MEDIA INDICATORS				
# of total media pieces published	# of pieces on Radio	# of pieces on TV	# of pieces in national printed press	# internet articles in national press
0	0	0	0	

6. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION/MANAGEMENT

Several activities have been on-going for the month of August as summarized below:

Finance

- The EAGLE Uganda July Financial Report was successfully sent on time and approved by CCU.
- EAGLE Uganda September budget- fund request was submitted on time.
- Weekly financial budgets for approval of operational expenses was effectively done.
- Weekly financial accountability reports were submitted.
- Internal bank transfers were carried out successfully.
- A new USD check book was requested and received

Administration

- ToRs for Rebeca Sandoval were drafted and agreed upon. Her new position is Project Support Officer (PSO).
- MoU between URA and Eagle Uganda was drafted and sent to URA for further development.
- Process of validation of the NGOs began and PSO got more information on the related requirements cross checking with lawyers and with other NGOs.
- PSO also began the process to learn more about options on how to work legally in Uganda, requirements for a work permit and tax income requirements.
- July activity report was worked on with the team, lead by the PSO mentoring the rest of the team so in future it's done as a group and they understand the way it's handled.
- Interrogation training was held at the EAGLE office with all the staff and carried out by Ofir Drori.
- The PSO met with potential sources to have as informants.

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- The PSO drafted a speech for an interrogation related to a witness on the Vietnamese case.
 - Several meetings were held with the URA investigations unit continuing the investigation of the Vietnamese case.
 - MoU with THF was drafted by the PSO and sent to THF for follow up.
 - Two live pangolins were rescued and released by PSO in collaboration with UWA on August 24th
 - A new ad for recruiting has been designed and waiting for approval to be disseminated.
 - General office works- Different works on improving on the office have been ongoing throughout the month of August as listed below:
 - Electrical replacements and repairs
 - Plumbing works on the different areas that required attention and major replacements were done.
 - The office furniture and fittings were upgraded and this included office curtains, workstation table for investigations department, office drawer locks fitted, and guest room shutters.
 - Fire extinguishers were placed on the premises as a first control measure on any fire outbreaks.
 - An office first aid kit was put in place

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

7. EXTERNAL RELATIONS

- Met with Taku Mutezo, the THF legal advisor and court monitor and exchanged ideas and possible ways of collaboration between EAGLE and THF.
- The PSO met with a Senior investigator names Debra LaPravotte which works for the Sentry project. This project investigates financial assets obtained illegally from elites in South Sudan. They also work investigating natural resources crimes so we met to see if we can work on cases together when needed.
- The PSO met Mark Ferrullo which is working for the UN Expert panel on South Sudan. Also talked about ways to work together by sharing data confidentially and working on specific cases together that involved any environmental crime and wildlife crime.
- The prosecution team of URA conducted a meeting where EAGLE was invited to for analysis and final drafting of the Vietnamese case. Several tasks were handed out and the PSO has already delivered the documents and necessary requests that the URA prosecutor has asked for.
- PSO has held several meetings and emails with lawyers to understand the legal terms of being employed in Uganda.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS INDICATORS	
# of external meetings	5
# of requests for collaboration or support	1
# follow-up meetings related to ongoing agreements/ collaborations	
# meetings to renew agreements/ collaborations	
# EAGLE trainings requested from external parties	
# EAGLE trainings carried out for external parties	
# EAGLE presentations requested from external parties	

# EAGLE presentations carried out for others	
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