

THE EAGLE NETWORK

WILDLIFE LAW ENFORCEMENT

March 2019 - Eagle Uganda Report

1. INTRODUCTION

This report reflects the period from the whole month of March, 2019.

2. INVESTIGATIONS

INVESTIGATION INDICATORS			
# of investigations	# of investigations that lead to operations	# new targets identified	
15	1	4	

3. OPERATIONS

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

4. LEGAL

Eagle Uganda is fully supporting the URA with the Vietnamese case. The next hearing to determine again the bail of the 2 Vietnamese suspects A3 and A4 will take place on the 17th of April.

LEGAL INDICATORS					
# of court prosecutions		Maximum sentence given	# of cases followed	# hearings visited	# jail visits
Court of first instance	Appeal court				
0	0	0	2	0	0

5. **MEDIA**

The new media officer accepted to come on board for the 3-month test period. She will begin once the coordinator is back from the holiday.

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. MANAGEMENT

- ✓ During the month of March, 3 new interviews were carried out: 2 for investigators position and 1 for legal. There was another interview planned for legal however the candidate forgot the appointment and didn't show up.
- ✓ Isaac began his legal advisors test however will begin full time in May.
- Meeting with the candidate for media was held to clarify some questions she had and to determine if she wanted to join the test period. She confirmed she will join and will begin test in May.
- Office space was painted, window security bars installed, door locks changed, cleaned and some pieces of furniture were delivered.
- ✓ Several quotations and budgets were made for the office requirements.
- ✓ For the Vietnamese case EAGLE has supported with an interpreter Hang Nguyen who has come twice to Uganda and with John III Brown from US Homeland Security. The coordinator has been close to the URA investigations team and has followed closely the case. We have supported with search of the suspected areas where the illegal business was being carried out, translation of documents, interpretation of interrogations of suspects, court hearings to see outcomes, data analysis of phone data recovered and other paper documents.
- ✓ Several team meetings were carried out
- ✓ An investigator suffered a motorcycle accident and management took care of the situation. Visits were done to the hospital where i1 underwent surgery, payments were covered and continued follow up on i1 development.

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

7. EXTERNAL RELATIONS

The following meetings were held with the office coordinator during March:

- ✓ Met with URA assistance commissioner of Customs- Ms Agnes Nabwire for a follow up on the Vietnamese case.
- ✓ Met Hanh Nguyen- Vietnamese interpreter collaborating for EAGLE
- Met with John Brown, Special Agent, HSI Attaché, Dept. of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations.
- Met with Assistant Commissioner of Wildlife from the Ministry of Tourism, Wildlife and Antiques (MoTWA), Dr. Akankwasah Barirega

EXTERNAL RELATIONS INDICATORS		
# of external meetings	6	
# 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	

8. DESIRED ACTIONS

- ✓ To get more training on how to improve investigations
- ✓ To succeed on at least 1 operation via NRCN
- ✓ To recruit at least 1 more investigator and also 1 more legal assistant
- ✓ To get settled into new office

9. CONCLUSION

In the next month's it's planned to achieve the following:

- ✓ Settle into office
- ✓ Get 2 more legal assistant on test
- \checkmark Get 2 or more investigators on test
- ✓ Update on MoU with UWA
- ✓ Update Bank accounts with proper name