THE EAGLE NETWORK

WILDLIFE LAW ENFORCEMENT

February 2020 Eagle Uganda Report

1. INTRODUCTION

This report reflects the period from 1st to 29th February 2020

2. INVESTIGATIONS

INVESTIGATION INDICATORS			
# of investigations	# of investigations that lead to operations	# of new targets identified	
45	0	18	

Two investigators on test continued their test period and one new came on board who officially was scheduled to start his test period on March 2nd.

Tests with a pepper sack were carried out: a sack was taken to the Malaba border to pass it through the truck and hand luggage scanner.

A sniffer dog test was also conducted with this sack.

Two containers of pepper were held in Mombasa and continue to be stalled. We hope the URA here will carry out a more detail evaluation of these two containers and their goods.

3. OPERATIONS

No operation was done this month.

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				
3	0	0	3	3	0

- The Legal advisor visited the Anti-Corruption to follow a bail application of two of the accused Vietnamese, and recorded the feedback for the same.
- An interpreter has been brought to support the case.
- The Legal advisor visited the wildlife court to follow the sentencing of two SPLA soldiers who were arrested trafficking pangolins and prepared feedback report on the same.
- The Legal advisor conducted simulations with investigators on test.
- The legal advisor interviewed an investigations candidate for the test.

5. MEDIA

EAGLE Uganda hasn't employed a media officer so this explains the reason for the lack of results in this department. Until we get the team of investigators fully on board this department will be dormant.

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

6. MANAGEMENT

Activities to mark the month of February

- EAGLE Uganda weekly and monthly reports were duly submitted (Financial, Activity and Evaluations)
- A March finance forecast was submitted with few changes made.
- Recruitment still ongoing for investigators and one legal adviser. At the moment, there
 are no applications received yet.
- Internal meetings on strategic investigations, simulations, improving team safety and security were held and outcome of these meeting are up for implementation effective March 2020.
- Correspondences with CCU team on improving the EAGLE Uganda Website still underway with, and this is scheduled for the month of March.

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

7. EXTERNAL RELATIONS

- The accountant and the SPA attended the inauguration of the Wild Life Task Force at Serena Hotel on 11th Feb.
- Meeting held with Agnes, URA Customs Assistant Commissioner on follow up of MoU with EAGLE.
- Met a possible candidate for the investigations position which didn't result.
- Several meetings with Virgil Ballakistan- Basil institute
- Met with John Brown III, from Homeland Security
- Met with Edith Kabesiime from World Animal Protection (WAP).
- Met with Timothy Bacwa, Forensic Accountant, consultant contracted by UNODC to carry out a mentorship program with URA and other agencies.
- Met with Abraham Sagal, Assistant Commissioner of Police from the Border Monitoring Unit.
- Several meetings with URA to follow-up on MoU and also for work assignments done together.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS INDICATORS	
# of external meetings	5
# of requests for collaboration or support	1
# follow-up meetings related to ongoing agreements/ collaborations	2
# 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	1