

THE EAGLE NETWORK

WILDLIFE LAW ENFORCEMENT

November 2019 - Eagle Uganda Report

1. INTRODUCTION

This report reflects the period from 1st to 30th November, 2019.

2. INVESTIGATIONS

INVESTIGATION INDICATORS			
# of investigations	# of investigations that lead to operations	# new targets identified	
85	0	9	

Four investigators on test continued their test period, two more started their test period in November.

3. OPERATIONS

EAGLE Uganda had no results on operations, reason is investigators have just started their test period, end of September and other investigations are longer term, gathering intel for the time being.

OPERATION INDICATORS				
# of operations	-	# suspect traffickers		
	lead to arrests	arrested	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				
1	0	0	1	1	0

- The Legal advisor attended the mentions of the case of Uganda (URA) vs Nguyen Son Dong &others at the Anti-Corruption Court
- The Legal advisor met with the Head of URA investigations to draw plans for the verification of one of the suspects, land title, which she presented to the Court as a bond for her bail.
- The Legal advisor started on a corrected version of a legal handbook with guidance from the Head of the Legal Department at LAGA..

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	<pre># internet articles in national press</pre>
0	0	0	0	

6. MANAGEMENT

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

- Ofir Drori, the Founding Director of EAGLE Network conducted a mission to Uganda to support and evaluate the team and the management. He also visited border scanner officers to analyze gaps and propose improvements.
- Nicolas Charon, the Monitoring & Evaluation Officer of CCU conducted mission to Uganda and together with the Accountant and Legal Advisor evaluated the work of the investigators on test.
- The Accountant held a meeting with Global Taxation International Director on possibility of hiring their services on our compliance to national tax requirements. However we were unable to use their services due to the high cost attached to their services.
- The Accountant held a meeting with the Director of Truism Holdings to offer the same service at a minimized cost and currently have been tasked to process the Tax Identification Number (TIN) for EAGLE
- The Accountant visited Kampala City Council Authority and outsourced information on Local Service Tax compliance which will be effective 2020.
- The Accountant visited Uganda Advocates PHELIB that aided EAGLE registration process was fruitful and copies of our registration documents were availed to EAGLE in soft copy for reference as and when their use arises.

- Confirmation of EAGLE Uganda had been correctly validated and is a legal registered entity.
- UWA and URA MoU followed up and still pending signature
- THF project agreement drafted and given to the Founding Director for approval and signing.

MANAGEMENT INDICATORS		
# investigators on test	6	
# legal advisors on test	0	
# advocates on test	0	
# media journalists on test	0	
# accountants on test	0	
# internal trainings	0	
# external trainings	1	

7. EXTERNAL RELATIONS

- The Founding Director, the Support Officer and the Legal Officer held a meeting with FIA Executive Director.
- The Founding Director, the Support Officer held a meeting with EU Ambassador and Head of Section of Sustainable Development.
- The Founding Director, the Support Officer and the Legal Officer held a meeting with Kyampisi team to think on ways to collaborate together regarding financials, prosecutions, and operations.
- The Founding Director and the Support Officer visited Malaba and Busia borders along with Jane Akello from URA team to understand how the borders work, to meet the teams at the borders and to see what issues can be resolved focused on identifying wildlife contraband or any type of illegal good.
- The Support Officer worked with more URA team members Brighton Ashaba from forensics team and Douglas Kabagambe which is the wildlife representative for the

task force, worked closely with him and got a URA database of exports for the years 2018-2019.

- The Support Officer met with the police officer and the social worker that Kyampisi Ministries work with when there are operations to carry out.
- The Support Officer attended a meeting at the Dutch Ambassadors residence where a talk on anticorruption was taking place.
- Meeting wildlife photographer Keith Connelly to brainstorm on possible event on Wildlife Crime.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS INDICATORS		
# of external meetings	7	
# 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	1	
# EAGLE trainings carried out for external parties	0	
# EAGLE presentations requested from external parties	0	
# EAGLE presentations carried out for others	1	