The EAGLE Network

Wildlife Law Enforcement

March 2021 Eagle Uganda Report

1. INTRODUCTION

This report reflects the period from 1st to 31st March 2021

2. INVESTIGATIONS

INVESTIGATION INDICATORS			
# of investigations	# of investigations that lead to operations		
36	1		

3. OPERATIONS

Two Rwandese nationals at the helm of an ivory network were arrested in custody of 14Kgs of ivory. A suspicious photo of a human skull was discovered in one of the traffickers phones and is under investigation. Both traffickers are in Kitalya Maximum prison serving their sentences.

Efforts from CCU, our own investigator, investigator from Cameroon, the EAGLE Uganda team and Uganda Revenue Authority customs officials ensured the operation's success.

OPERATION INDICATORS			
# of operations	# of operations that lead to arrests	# suspect traffickers arrested	Contraband (specify units)
1	1	2	14 kgs of Ivory

4. LEGAL

LEGAL INDICATORS					
# of court prosecutions		Maximum sentence given	# of cases followed	# hearings visited	# jail visits
Court of first instance	Appeal court				
01	0	0	01	02	07

- The Legal advisors participated in the interrogation of two suspects with URA
- The legal advisers participated in drafting charges against the suspects together with URA
- The legal advisors participated in searching the homes of the two suspects, together with URA
- The legal advisors attended Court sessions for the charging and sentencing of the convicts at the Anti-corruption Court
- The legal advisors visited the police jails to ensure custody of the suspects
- The legal advisors visited Kitalya Maximum prison to ensure custody of the convicts.

5. MEDIA

Department not active yet.

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

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

- Successful submission of all finance related reports, filing and payment of required tax obligations for the month of February 2021.
- French training for 2 of the team members was a success.
- General works on the drainage system, repairs and servicing of some of the office equipment was successfully carried out.
- The Accountant participated in a URA (Uganda Revenue Authority) Webinar on filing returns and paying taxes.
- Accountant followed up on the projects tax compliance status with URA to clear any anomalies that would occasion penalties to the project. This was successfully handled.
- Planned and scheduled interviews in which 2 applicants for volunteer investigations were interviewed and both to be assessed at the next level
- Wilfried's travel arrangements were well coordinated.
- Following insecurity reports against our security service provider. It was agreed not to renew their contract which expired on 31st March 2021, a new service provider to be outsourced effective April 2021.
- Internally prepared contracts for renewal for the legal and investigations department.
- Attended a court hearing for traffickers arrested and sentenced.

7. EXTERNAL RELATIONS

EXTERNAL RELATIONS INDICATORS		
# of external meetings	08	
# of requests for collaboration or support	0	
# follow-up meetings related to ongoing agreements/ collaborations	08	
# 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	