

# **The EAGLE Network**

# **Wildlife Law Enforcement**

# **August 2021 Eagle Uganda Report**

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This report reflects the period from 1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021.

#### 2. INVESTIGATIONS

The project has continued with 1 investigator on test. However, advertising on an extensive scale has been done and interviews planned for the September month.

The Ass. Coordinator followed on international signs for the investigators and an order was made online and expected in the month of September.

Field investigations have been at full capacity

INVESTIGATION INDICATORS			
# of investigations	# of investigations that lead to operations		
64	0		

#### 3. OPERATIONS

The project recorded no operation for the month under review.

The legal team will follow up on the traffickers arrested and sentenced in March 2021, they have served their sentence to end of August...follow up will aid further investigations.

#### **OPERATION INDICATORS**

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

#### 4. LEGAL

LEGAL INDICATORS					
# of court prosecutions		Maximum sentence given	# of cases # hearings followed visited	# jail visits	
Court of first instance	Appeal court				
01	0	0	03	01	0

- The legal advisor participated in a plea bargaining exercise for inmates on wildlife charges.
- The legal advisor followed up on the progress of the Uganda Revenue Authority appeal against an order of Court to return ivory to a trafficker.
- The legal advisor followed up on the case of the extradited trafficker to the U.S.A for onward prosecution
- The legal advisor contacted Interpol to establish a contact desk or office there.
- The advisor visited the Wildlife Court to study the trends in sentencing since the enactment of the Wildlife Act 2019

#### 5. MEDIA

The department has not been active but advertising has been done on large scale and interviews planned for the September month.

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

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#### **6.MANAGEMENT**

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

- July financial and other required reports were duly submitted.
- The projects tax obligations to Uganda Revenue Authority (URA)-PAYE, Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA)-LST and subscriptions to NSSF were duly handled.
- The projects September grant request budget was submitted.
- 2 team members continued their French class training.
- Contracts due for renewal were successfully signed and sent to CCU.
- With a number of positions vacant in the project, the Ass. Coordinator has embarked on large scale advertising and the 2nd slot of interviews is scheduled for the September month.
- The Ass. Coordinator planned meetings with 2 journalists from 2 different media houses which meetings did not come through and were postponed to September.
- The Ass. Coordinator continued on updating the hotels database for future use with details of contacts, location.
- General works (repairs & maintenance) on electrical faults on the premises, drainage and fittings to the guest room were a success.

### 6. EXTERNAL RELATIONS

EXTERNAL RELATIONS INDICATORS		
# of external meetings	02	

# of requests for collaboration or support	0
# follow-up meetings related to ongoing	0
agreements/ collaborations	
# meetings to renew agreements/	0
collaborations	
# EAGLE trainings requested from external	0
parties	
# EAGLE trainings carried out for external	0
parties	
# EAGLE presentations requested from	0
external parties	
# EAGLE presentations carried out for others	0

• The Legal advisor met with the Chairman of Board of Directors of Uganda Wildlife Authority to forge a way forward in obtaining a memorandum of understanding with Uganda Wildlife Authority.

## **8.FOSTERING ACTIVISM**

Investigations still ongoing on the sexual abuse case.