### January 2023 EAGLE Uganda Activity Report

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1. **INTRODUCTION**

The project resumed its activities on 09th January 2023. Several operational activities were conducted to include investigations which covered several areas with in the CBD (Central Business District)-Kampala. Performance still be average with major focus in January of recruiting persons for the different offices.

**INVESTIGATIONS**

The projects major challenge is still in recruiting the right candidates for investigations.

The project continued with 2 investigators on test whose test periods were terminated mid and end of Jan respectively. Recruitment continued with the few interviewed not meeting the projects expectations.

Field investigations have been on-going below at 10% required capacity, with investigators looking ivory, big cat skins and pangolin….1 photo of pangolin skin was shared.

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| **INVESTIGATION INDICATORS** | | |
| **# of investigations** | **# of investigations that lead to operations** |  |
| **10** | **0** |  |

1. **OPERATIONS**

Zero operations.

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

1. **LEGAL**

Activities conducted by the Legal candidate as below;

* The legal candidate visited URA for a legal interaction with URA state prosecutor who is handling the JEFF & WILBER about the progress of the case and seek an update on the next date of hearing at court.
* The legal candidate visited court as a continuous activity that enables the department acquire information about prosecution of wildlife offenders and the selection of cases for a jail visit and follow-up on interesting cases.
* The legal candidate had a jail visit in line with the operation procedure manual of EAGLE whereby the jail visits involve knowing the condition of the convict and ascertaining whether they are serving their sentences if already convicted.
* The legal candidate followed up on the Jeff and Wilbur Case at the ACD (Anti Corruption Division) on 12th Jan 2023 where the matter was scheduled for further hearing as the state was summoning its state witness who is an investigator at URA. The matter was adjourned to (02/02/2023.)
* The legal candidate carried out desk web research which involved following up on the latest news involving wildlife offences in the national daily newspapers and also research on recent developments in criminal law jurisdiction such as denial of bail to capital offenders as well as the cause lists of wildlife cases that are to be heard at the standards utilities and wildlife court.
* The legal candidate visited the ministry of Tourism wildlife and antiquities in outsourcing info on the wildlife day celebrations due 09th February 2023 under the theme “Partnerships in wildlife conservation”.

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| **LEGAL INDICATORS** | | | | | |
| **# of court prosecutions** | | **Maximum sentence given** | **# of cases followed** | **# hearings visited** | **# jail visits** |
| **Court of first instance** | **Appeal court** |
| **0** | **0** | **0** | **1** | **9** | **1** |

1. **MEDIA**

Department not operational

1. **MANAGEMENT**

Activities cover the month under review,

* All project December 2022 reports were duly submitted within the required deadlines to include the Financial & donor report, Activity Report, ICS Legal.
* February budget requests were duly handled varying from daily, weekly and monthly budgets.
* The Assistant Coordinator made contact with Counsel Jemimah from UWA (Uganda Wild Life Authority) as a followup on the pending EAGLE-UWA MoU, meeting pending and this will be pursued further in Feb.
* The Assistant Coordinator responded to pending audit concerns with CCU in correspondence and pending is a final copy to be shared by the auditors.
* Online filing for payment of both PAYE & NSSF for the month of December 2022 were promptly handled.
* The Assistant coordinator embarked on compiling a new recommenders list that will be used for outsourcing investigator and candidates for other departments in the project. Some of the candidates interviewed in the month under review were recommended by these.
* Evaluations and strategic planning meetings and evaluations of candidates on test where held and submitted.

Corrections to the ICS investigations for December 2022 was done and was submitted though past the deadline.

* General maintenance on specific areas of the office premises was carried out to include electrical repairs, printer repairs, compound maintenance, servicing of generator and replacing the office door locks.
* The Assistant coordinator attended an online webinar organized by NSSF (National Social Security Fund) with the object geared at addressing financial planning and management with Edna Rugumayo, Director Cooperate services (Uganda National Roads Authority) and Dennis Lindo (Director SMEDA) expert on small medium enterprises.
* Interviews were conducted for both the legal and investigations department though candidates did not meet our expectations.
* Correspondences continued with CCU

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

1. **EXTERNAL RELATIONS**

No external relations were done

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| **EXTERNAL RELATIONS INDICATORS** | |
| **# of external meetings** | 0 |
| **# of requests for collaboration or support** | 0 |
| **# 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 |