

The Last Great Ape Organization – LAGA

September 2024 Report



Highlights

- **The Deputy Director held a meeting with the Central Africa Director of Global Conservation to discuss collaboration in the fight against wildlife Crime.**
- **The Head of the Legal Department held a meeting with the Chief of Customs for the East Section to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime**

General

The Deputy Director held a meeting with the Central Africa Director of Global Conservation to discuss collaboration in the fight against wildlife Crime.

The Head of the Legal Department held a meeting with the Chief of Customs for the East Section to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime. Discussions also focused on the Memorandum of Understand with the Customs Department.

The Legal Team held meetings with judicial and wildlife officials on ongoing cases in several courts and to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime

Investigations

- **16 investigation missions** were carried out in **3 Regions** out of 10 of Cameroon including the East, Adamawa and South.
- **A recruitment advert was published in the government owned national daily newspaper Cameroun Tribune.**

Investigations Table

Investigation Missions	Regions	No. of Operations	No of traffickers arrested
16	3	0	0

Operation

No operations were carried out this month, efforts are being made to get better results next month.

Legal

- LAGA Legal Department carried out **8 missions** out of Yaounde - Centre Region: 1 in Ebolowa (South), 1 in Ambam (South), 1 in Sangmelima (South), 2 in Djoum (South), 2 in Ntui (Centre), 2 in Akonolinga (Centre) and 1 in Bertoua (East).
- There are **14 traffickers behind bars this month:** 5 in Centre, 3 in Littoral Region and 6 in West Region.
- **22 cases** were followed up by the Legal Department this month.
- **19 cases** were scheduled in court this month.
- **No traffickers** were convicted this month.
- **Prosecutions:** There were no court ruling this month.

Legal Table

<i>No of Missions (Out of Centre Region)</i>	<i>No of Court Judgements</i>	<i>No of Traffickers Given Prison Sentence</i>	<i>Prison term (in months)</i>	<i>No of Traffickers Sanctioned (No prison sentence)</i>	<i>No of Appeals lodged</i>	<i>No of Cases Tried in Courts</i>
8	0	0	0	0	0	19

Media

- 23 media pieces were produced and pushed to the media including: 8 written press (5 in English & 3 in French), 11 radio news flashes (7 in the French language & 4 in the English language) and 4 internet publication (3 in French and 1 in English).
- Giving a total of 13 media pieces produced in the French language and 10 in the English language making 56.5% in French and 43.5% in English.
- Interviewee: Head of the Legal Department.
- Subjects focused on wildlife law enforcement including: the 2024 new wildlife law, 3 traffickers arrested with 2 elephant tusks in Yaounde, and court hearing of 4 traffickers arrested with 4 elephant tusks

Media table

<i>No of media pieces</i>	TV	Radio	Newspapers	Internet
23	0	11	8	4

- The Head of Department held a meeting with a Cameroonian award winning film maker, Ashunganya Precious to discuss on the production of a documentary on cross border wildlife crime in the sub region

External Relations and Policy

- The Deputy Director held a meeting with the Central Africa Director of Global Conservation to discuss collaboration in the fight against wildlife Crime.
- The Head of the Legal Department held a meeting with the Chief of Customs for the East Section to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime. Discussions also focused on the Memorandum of Understand with the Customs Department
- He had a meeting with the State Counsels of Djoum and Abong-Mbang to discuss legal strategies concerning matters pending before their courts.
- Two legal advisers held a meeting with the State Counsel of Sangmelima to discuss legal strategies on an operation.
- They also held a meeting with the MINFOF Chief of Brigade for the South Region and Divisional Delegate of Dja et Lobo Division to discuss a crocodile seizure made by the gendarmerie in Sangmelima.
- A legal adviser held a meeting with the State Counsels of Akonolinga and Ebolowa to discuss legal strategies concerning matters pending before their courts.
- A legal adviser held a meeting with the State Counsel of Ntui to discuss legal strategies concerning matters pending before the court

Management

- Financial and activity reports of August 2024 were prepared and made available online.
- The Deputy Director engaged a procedure to travel to the Central African Republic for the setting up of a project in Bangui.

Finance

In preparation and would be made available soon as possible on the LAGA website www.laga-enforcement.org .

Link of the month

News du Camer, a news site, published the arrest of 4 traffickers with 2 elephant tusks in Yaounde. The traffickers, including two computer engineers, a retired Colonel of the Ministry in charge of Forestry and one other were charged and forwarded to court.

Click the link below to read the full story:

<https://www.newsducamer.com/ebolowa-quatre-prevenus-risquent-de-lourdes-peines-pour-traffic-divoire/>