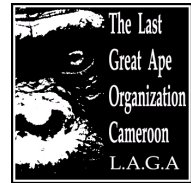


The Last Great Ape Organization – LAGA

January 2020 Report



Highlights

- **The LAGA team returned from annual vacation.**
- **The Deputy Director held a meeting with the ZSL Law Enforcement Advisor.**
- **The Second Semester and Annual reports 2020 were published on LAGA's website.**

General

There were no arrests carried out this month.

The Deputy Director held a meeting with the Law Enforcement Advisor of the Zoological Society of London who was visiting the country. He discussed with him wildlife law enforcement strategies, techniques and conservation in general. They also explored possible areas of cooperation and assistance.

He also took part in a meeting organized by the Cameroon Pangolin Working Group that was focused on preparations for the World Pangolin Day planned for the 15th of February.

The LAGA team returned to work following a three-week end of year vacation and they equally participated at the wedding of two female colleagues in Yaounde and in Nkongsamba respectively.

LAGA's second semester and annual report 2020 were published online at the website.

Investigations

- **2 investigation missions** were carried out in **one region** out of the 10 regions viz, the Centre Region.
- The low number of investigations could be accounted for by the annual vacation period that ran from the 20th December 2019 to the 13th January 2020.
- The department carried a series of training sessions on methods and work procedures to upgrade the skills and technique of investigators.

Investigations Table

Investigation Missions	Regions	No. of Operations	No of traffickers arrested
2	1	0	0

Operation

No operations were carried out during the month because only a couple of investigation missions were carried out shortly after resumption of work by the LAGA team following an end of year vacation.

Legal

- LAGA Legal Department carried out **2 missions** out of Yaounde-Centre Region: 1 in Douala (Littoral) and 1 Mfou (Centre).
- There are **7 traffickers behind bars this month**: 3 in East region, 1 in South region and 3 in Littoral region.
- **29 cases** were followed up by the Legal Department this month.
- **26 cases** were scheduled in court this month.
- **No trafficker** was convicted this month.

Legal Table

No of Missions (Out of Centre Region)	No of Court Judgements	No of Traffickers Given Prison Sentence	Prison term (in months)	No of Traffickers Sanctioned (No prison sentence)	No of Appeals lodged	No of Cases Tried in Courts
2	0	0	0	0	0	29

Media

- No media pieces were published during the month because no operation was carried out during the month.

External Relations and Policy

- The Deputy Director held a meeting with the ZSL law enforcement advisor who was visiting the country. Discussions focused principally on wildlife law enforcement strategies, techniques and conservation in general. They also explored possible areas of cooperation and assistance.
- The Deputy Director participated at a meeting organized by the Cameroon Pangolin Working Group that was focused on preparations for the World Pangolin Day that is planned for the 15th of February.
- A legal adviser held a meeting with the state counsel of the Douala Bonanjo Court of First Instance to discuss legal strategies on a matter holding at the court.

Management

- The entire team resumed work after an annual 3-week vacation.
- LAGA's second semester and annual reports 2020 were published online at www.laga-enforcement.org.

Activism Front

All the activism fostering activities carried out by the LAGA family are online; this could be gotten at the LAGA website – <http://www.laga-enforcement.org/Activism/tabid/77/Default.aspx>.

Finance

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

Link of the month

There were no links during the month