



ZERO IMPUNITY IN WILDLIFE CRIMINALITY

ACTIVITY REPORT - JANUARY 2009

HIGHLIGHTS

- **The coordinator is continuing contacts with the various stakeholders in conservation.**
- **Two dealers from Democratic Republic of Congo were arrested trying to illegally trade in a baby chimp.**

GENERAL

With the aim of strengthening the relations with authorities charged with wildlife law enforcement, more meetings were held with the said authorities. These permanent contacts are aimed at maintaining the bases of the project on the political, operational as well as on the structural level:

1. Political - meetings with the ministerial, diplomatic, and legal authorities.
2. Structural - continuation of the construction of the departments of investigation, operation, legal and to a certain extent communication.
3. Operation- 1 successful operation was carried out this month.

INVESTIGATIONS

- **17 investigations** of varying lengths were carried out this month in the 4 Subdivision of Brazzaville: (Ouenze, Mougali, Mfilou, Makelekele).

OPERATIONS

- Following the release at the gendarmerie of two traffickers arrested on the 30th of December 2008, it is highly recommended to relocate them and follow with particular attention the case before getting on to plan a new operation

LEGAL DEPARTMENT

- There is **1 dealer** behind bars during this month.
- **9 cases** were followed-up by the legal department this month: IKAMA, OYANKE, BITSINOUE, NKASSA, NSTIBA, BABIAKA, GUEYE SHEIK, MAKAMBO RICHARD AND KIBAMA GUY.
- **7 cases** are programmed to be presented in court this month.
- Production of 100 legal guides on the wildlife
- Layoff of one legal adviser for incompetence and insubordination after a 4 months probation period.

MEDIA

- **1 media piece** was produced and pushed through to the written paper in French.
- Subjects focused on wildlife law enforcement: The Divisional Direction of the Ministry of Forestry Economy arrests two policemen, Auguste KIBOKANI insists on the necessity to protect the wildlife.



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EXTERNAL RELATIONS

- Meeting with the coordinator of the program “Etat De Droit” of the European Union in a bid for him to recommend some young, engaged, motivated and above all competent legal advisers
- Meeting with the lawyer of the Ministry of Forestry Economy in order to draw his attention on the importance of follow up of wildlife cases which he is in charge.
- Meeting with the Advocate General of the Supreme Court in the interest to thank him for his implication and intervention made through the last year and also to remind him that his services will still much be needed and appreciated this new year in the process of effectively implementing wildlife law.
- Meeting with a journalist, the Director of Digital Radio and Television (DRTV). This meeting focuses on the platform and importance to broadcast all media pieces on radio and television especially in local languages

Management

- The desire to put in place and promote a sincere and advantageous collaboration between PALF and MEF, a platform meeting for clarification of roles to unite on the one hand the representatives of PALF, WCS and on the other hand, high ranking conservation personnel of MEF, amongst other the Director of wildlife and protected areas, Adviser at the department of wildlife, National bureau chief of the Lusaka Accord... This meeting is supposed to result in the signing of an accord between MEF and PALF by February end.
- One new volunteer put on probation at the legal department.

Finance

PALF Expenditure by Budget Line for October 08

Amount FCFA	Budgetary heading	Details	USD amount
91 800	Investigations	17 investigations, 4 districts	\$183
149 000	Opérations		\$292,2
83 250	Legal	9 cases follow up, 1 person behind bars	\$166
3 000	Media	1 pièce médiatique	\$6
	External relations		\$
224 200	Management office		\$448 \$
402 250	Totales expenditure of January 09		\$804