



ZERO IMPUNITY IN WILDLIFE CRIMINALITY

PAFL ACTIVITY REPORT - FEBRUARY 2009

HIGHLIGHTS

- Officialisation of the PAFL Project through an authorization letter by the Ministry of Forestry Economy.
- Missing Case files at the state counsel Chambers of two dealers in chimp, arrested on the 30th of december 2008 were found a week later
- Maintenance of contact by the LAGA consultant to PAFL (Wildlife Law enforcement Support Project) with the judiciary of Brazzaville.

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.

Investigations

- **21 investigations** of varying lengths were carried out this month in the 5 Subdivisions of Brazzaville: (Ouenze, Bacongo, Talangai, Mfilou, Makelekele).

Operations

- Due to the disappearance of 5 case files, one at the state counsel Chambers (Makambo and others) and the others at the headquarters (Oyanke, Badiaka, Bistinou Nkassa), it is highly recommended to focalised much attention on tracing back this different case files

Legal department

- There is **1** dealer behind bars in the Division of Brazzaville this month
- **10** cases were follow-up by the legal department this month : IKAMA, OYANKE, BITSINOUE, NKASSA, NSTIBA, BABIAKA, GUEYE CHEICK, MAKAMBO RICHARD et KIBAMA GUY et BOPIELE.
- **2** cases are programmed to be presented in court this month.
- A bench warrant is issued and executed against the renowned trafficker Ikama, who is finally presence after 7 months of absence during hearing.
- A volunteer is put on test at the legal department.

Media

- **25** media pieces were produced and pushed through to the written papers, the radio and internet. 21 in french and 4 in kituba



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- Subjects focused on wildlife law enforcement: Justice on wildlife criminality, Endurance of wildlife species, Two RDC nationals tried in Brazzaville
The third correction house of the Brazzaville high court today, continued with the debate between the Ministry of Forestry Economy and two RDC traffickers.
- Test of a volunteer.

External relation

- Meeting with the State Counsel of the High court of Brazzaville in view to inquire on the state and situation of the following case files; Makambe and others, Bopiele. Following the visit, the first file was found a week later and a date for the hearing fixed whereas the second is still in the hands of a substitute pending a fixed date for hearing.
- Discussion with the various lawyers in charge of wildlife disputes. The discussion geared towards studying techniques by which to overcome the obstacles delaying the advancement of the aforementioned case files.

Management

- A platform meeting for clarification of roles held last month 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, succeeded in February by the issuing of an authorisation to function officially.
- Test of two volunteers : (1) at the legal department and (1) at the communication department

Finance

PALF Expenditure by Budget Line for February 09

Amount FCFA	Budgetary heading	Details	USD amount
89 950	Investigations	21 investigations, 5 districts	\$165,9
	Operations		
71 250	Legal	21 cases follow up, 1 person behind bars	\$142,5
185 050	Media	25 media pieces	\$370,1
	External relations		
154 600	Management office		\$309,2
493 850	Totals expenditure of February 09		\$987,7