

The Last Great Ape Organization – LAGA

May 2025 Report



Highlights

- **The Deputy Director held a meeting with the Head of the Division of Cooperation at the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife to discuss issues related to wildlife law enforcement and strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.**
- **The Head of the Legal and Investigation Departments held a meeting with the South West Regional Delegate of Forestry and Wildlife to map out wildlife law enforcement activities in the region.**

General

The Deputy Director held a meeting with the Head of the Division of Cooperation at the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife to discuss issues related to wildlife law enforcement and strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime. He was accompanied during the meeting by the Head of the Legal Department.

The Head of the Legal and Investigation Departments held a meeting with the South West Regional Delegate of Forestry and Wildlife to map out wildlife law enforcement activities in the region that is gradually returning to normalcy following several years of insurgency and violence.

No operations were carried out this month and efforts are being made to ensure the situation improves next month.

Investigations

- **11 investigation missions** were carried out in **5 Regions** out of 10 of Cameroon including the East, Centre, Adamawa, North and South.

Investigations Table

Investigation Missions	Regions	No. of Operations	No. of traffickers arrested
11	0	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: 2 in Ntui (Centre), 2 in Douala (Littoral), 1 in Ambam (South), 1 in Limbe (South-West), 1 in Idenau (South-West) and 1 in Buea (South-West).
- There are **11 traffickers behind bars this month**: 2 in Centre, 3 in Littoral region, and 6 in West region.
- **21 cases** were followed up by the Legal Department this month.
- **4 cases** were scheduled in court this month.
- **No trafficker** was convicted this month.
- **Prosecutions**: There was 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 trials in Courts</i>
8	0	0	0	0	0	4

Media

- 4 media pieces were produced and pushed to the media including: 3 written press (2 in French and 1 in English) and 1 internet publication in the English language.
- Giving a total of 2 media pieces produced in the French language and 2 in the English language making 50% in each language.
- Subjects focused on wildlife law enforcement including: the arrest of a woman in connection with 2 elephant tusks seizure in Douala.

Media Table

<i>No of media pieces</i>	TV	Radio	Newspapers	Internet
4	0	0	3	1

External Relations and Policy

- The Deputy Director held a meeting with the Head of the Division of Cooperation at the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife to discuss issues related to wildlife law enforcement and strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime. He was accompanied during the meeting by the Head of the Legal Department.
- The Head of the Legal and Investigation Departments held a meeting with the South West Regional Delegate of Forestry and Wildlife to map out wildlife law enforcement activities in the region that is gradually returning to normalcy following several years of insurgency and violence.
- They equally held a meeting with the Divisional Delegate of Forestry and Wildlife for Fako Division, in the same region, to discuss wildlife law enforcement and strengthen collaboration.
- They held a meeting with the Conservator of the Limbe Wildlife Centre on the calculation of damages and expensed incurred on chimpanzee rescue and rehabilitation.
- A legal adviser held a meeting with the State Counsel in Ambam to discuss legal strategies on matters pending before the court
- He also held a meeting with a Court Clerk on matters pending before the Examining Magistrate of Yaounde-Centre Administratif High Court.
- Another legal adviser had a meeting in Douala with the Examining Magistrate in charge of a wildlife case to discuss legal strategies.
- She also held a meeting with the State Counsel in Ntui to discuss the legal strategies concerning matter pending before the court.

Management

- Financial and activity reports of April 2025 were prepared and made available online
- Preparations for the reception and hosting of a super volunteer were carried out.

Finance

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

Activism Front

Arrey Emmanuel, the Interim Director did a power point presentation on medal awards. He started by giving the origin of medal awards, the different types of award, the awarders and the awardees. He ended by describing the process of medal awarding, the office in charge of medals and the number of medals given out to Cameroonians every year in the country. He equally listed the most decorated Cameroonians with different medals awarded to them.

Link of the month

Cameroon fact finder, news site, this month published the arrest of a woman in connection with 2 elephant tusks that were seized in Douala on February 2025. Click the link below to read the full story:

<https://cameroonfactfinder.com/woman-arrested-in-connection-with-douala-ivory-trafficking/>