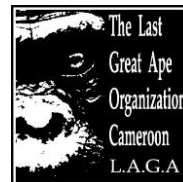


The Last Great Ape Organization – LAGA

January 2025 Report



Highlights

- **The Deputy Director returned to the country following a two-month mission to Cote d'Ivoire where he assisted the project in Abidjan following the departure of the Coordinator.**
- **The LAGA Team returned from an annual vacation that started in December last year.**

General

The Deputy Director returned to the country following a two-month mission to Cote d'Ivoire where he assisted the project following the departure of the Coordinator. He assisted the Team in all the departments and while managing the project for the brief period. An Interim Assistant Coordinator was appointed in Abidjan and he shall continue to assist the Team until a new Coordinator is appointed.

The legal advisers held meetings with several State Counsels to discuss ongoing cases in their respective jurisdictions.

No operations were carried out this month and this was partly due to the fact that the team just returned from vacation. Efforts are being made to immediately get operations going the following month.

Investigations

- **14 investigation missions** were carried out in **4 Regions** out of 10 of Cameroon including the East, Centre, Littoral and South.

Investigations Table

Investigation Missions	Regions	No. of Operations	No. of traffickers arrested
14	4	0	0

No operations were carried out this month and strategies were put in place to ensure arrests are being carried out next month.

Legal

- LAGA Legal Department carried out **4 missions** out of Yaounde - Centre Region: 1 in Akonolinga (Centre), 2 in Ntui (Centre), 1 in Abong-Mbang (East).
- There are **13 traffickers behind bars this month**: 3 in Centre, 3 in Littoral region, 1 in South region, and 6 in West region.
- **18 cases** were followed up by the Legal Department this month.
- **15 cases** were scheduled in court this month.
- **Prosecutions**: There was a court ruling this month and 4 traffickers convicted.
 - **27/01/2025**: The Akonolinga Court of First Instance found the accused **AKOW MENGUIBE Parfait, MVANDA MBANA, ESSOLA ESSOLA Martin, NANG Laurencin** guilty and **sentenced them 6 months imprisonment term and to pay 400,000 FCFA each as fines.**
 - They were arrested in Akonolinga on the December 7, 2022 for illegal possession of 28 grey parrots.

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
4	1	4	6 (4x6 months)	0	0	15

Media

- **13** media pieces were produced and pushed to the media including: 8 written press (5 in English & 3 in French), and 5 internet publication (3 in French & 2 in English).
- Giving a total of 6 media pieces produced in the French language and 6 in the English language making 50% in French and in English each.
- Interviewee: None
- Subjects focused on wildlife law enforcement including: the arrest of 3 traffickers including a Pentecostal pastor with 6 elephant tusks in Yaounde.

Media table

<i>No of media pieces</i>	TV	Radio	Newspapers	Internet
13	0	0	8	5

Link of the month

Alwihda info news site, this month published the arrest of 3 traffickers including a Pentecostal pastor with 6 elephant tusks in Yaounde. The traffickers were arrested in a crackdown operation conducted by Wildlife officers in collaboration with the Police and technically assisted by LAGA. [Click the link below to read the full story:](https://www.alwihdainfo.com/Cameroun-un-pasteur-d-une-Eglise-Pentecotiste-arrete-pour-traffic-d-animaux-sauvages_a138126.html?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR2Mu168FMiYzQaGLT2a3waYRnSnKZN Fq4a8NeFweHB21QxN0tXpmlVM5hQ_aem_4JsijMVtN5N3A32X-J6Rvw)

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External Relations and Policy

- The Head of the Legal Department held a meeting with a court clerk on matters pending before an examining magistrate of Yaounde-Centre Administratif High Court
- A legal adviser held a meeting with the State Counsel of Akonolinga to discuss legal strategies concerning a matter pending before the court
- Another legal adviser held a meeting with the State Counsel of Ntui on a case ongoing at the court.
- A third legal adviser held a meeting with the State Counsel of Abong-Mbang to discuss the legal strategies concerning a matter pending before the court.

Management

- The Deputy Director returned to the country following a two-month mission with EAGLE Cote d'Ivoire where he is assisted the Team following the departure of their Coordinator in November last year.
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- The annual financial and activity reports were successfully completed. The activity report was published online alongside the second semester report.
- The Team returned from a three-week long vacation that started in December 2024 and activities fully resumed.

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/Activithvism/tabid/77/Default.aspx>.

Finance

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

The month in photos

