The Last Great Ape Organization – LAGA
October 2026 Report

Highlights

- **The Head of the Legal Department held a meeting with the Head of the Legal Unit of Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife on the renewal of the MoU, following an enlarged working session between MINFOF and LAGA on the renewal process.**
- **He held a meeting with the State Counsel of Bafang and the Chief of Wildlife at the Divisional Delegation of Forestry and Wildlife for Haut-Nkam.**
- **A Legal Adviser held a meeting with the State Counsel of Bertoua and the Court Registrar of Bertoua concerning matters pending before the Examining Judge of the High Court in the locality.**
- **The Legal Adviser also held a meeting with the Regional Delegate of Forestry and Wildlife for the East Region to discuss issues relating to the case.**
- **20 investigation missions were carried out in 3 Regions including the East, Center and South Regions.**
- **The Head of the Investigation Department held a meeting with a wildlife official at the Divisional Delegation of Forestry and Wildlife for Lom and Djerem to discuss issues related to wildlife law enforcement in the region**

General

He held a meeting with the Head of the Legal Unit of the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife (MINFOF) regarding the renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), following an expanded working session between MINFOF and LAGA on the renewal process.

During the working session held in August, the Deputy Director delivered a presentation highlighting the key achievements of the partnership between MINFOF and LAGA in strengthening wildlife law enforcement

The Head of the Legal Department held a meeting with the State Counsel of Bafang and the Chief of Wildlife at the Divisional Delegation of Forestry and Wildlife for Haut-Nkam to discuss legal strategies regarding a matter currently pending before an Examining Magistrate.

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Investigations

- **20 investigation missions** were carried out in **3 Regions** out of the 10, including the East, Center and South.
- The Head of Department held a meeting with a wildlife official at the Divisional Delegation of Forestry and Wildlife for Lom and Djerem to discuss issues related to wildlife law enforcement in the region.

Investigations Table

Investigation Missions	Regions	No. of Operations	No of traffickers arrested
20	3	0	0

Operation

No operations were conducted during the month as the team was in the process of resuming activities following a period of inactivity. Significant efforts are currently being made to rapidly re-establish investigations and operational activities.

Legal

- LAGA Legal Department carried out **2 missions** out of Yaounde - Centre Region: 1 in Bertoua (East) and 1 in Bafang (West).
- There are **12 traffickers behind bars this month:** 5 in Centre, 3 in Littoral region, 3 in East and 1 in West.
- **25 cases** were followed up by the Legal Department this month.
- **3 cases** were scheduled in court this month
- **22 cases** are under preliminary inquiries
- **No trafficker** was convicted this month.
- **Prosecutions**: There was no court ruling 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 trials in Courts or preliminary inquiries*
2	0	0	0	0	0	22

Media

- **26** media piece was produced and pushed to the media including: 14 internet publications (9 in the English language and 5 in French), 9 radio news flashes (5 in French and 4 in English) and 3 written press (2 in the English language and 1 in French).
- Giving a total of 15 media piece produced in the English language and 11 in the French language making 57.7% in English and 42.3% in French.
- Subjects focused on the prosecution of 3 traffickers arrested with over 700kg of pangolin scales in Yokadouam.

Media table

No of media pieces	**TV**	**Radio**	**Newspapers**	**Internet**
26	**0**	**9**	**3**	**14**

The Head of the Media Department attended the American Excellence in Technology Showcase as part of the Cameroon International Tech Summit 2026. The showcase brought together U.S technology companies and alumni of US government exchange programs.

External Relations and Policy

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During the working session held in August, the Deputy Director delivered a presentation highlighting the key achievements of the partnership between MINFOF and LAGA in strengthening wildlife law enforcement. The presentation underscored the importance of collaboration in fighting wildlife crime

The Head of the Legal Department held a meeting with the State Counsel of Bafang and the Chief of Wildlife at the Divisional Delegation of Forestry and Wildlife for Haut-Nkam to discuss legal strategies regarding a matter currently pending before an Examining Magistrate. The trafficker is being prosecuted for the illegal possession of a chimpanzee and is currently being held in pre-trial detention.

A Legal Adviser held a meeting with the State Counsel of Bertoua and the Court Registrar of Bertoua concerning matters pending before the Examining Judge of the High Court in the locality. 3 traffickers are being prosecuted following their arrest in December 2025 with 65 African grey parrots that were transported using the government car of a Divisional Officer.

The Legal Adviser also held a meeting with the Regional Delegate of Forestry and Wildlife for the East Region to discuss issues relating to the case.

Management

The entire Team resumed work after undergoing 3 months of inactivity due to some operational challenges. A new office was found in Yaounde and the Team moved in.
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Finance

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

Link of the month

Cameroon News Agency, this month published the court case of 3 traffickers arrested in May with over 700kg of pangolin scales in Yokadouma. Click the link below to read the full story:

https://cameroonnewsagency.com/three-face-charges-for-trafficking-in-pangolin-scales/