

# The Last Great Ape Organization – LAGA March 2026 Report



## Highlights

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- **He held a video conference with a Team from the Environmental Investigation Agency to discuss the upcoming CITES Standing Committee Meeting.**
- **The Legal Team held meetings with State Counsels and other court officials to discuss matters pending at their various jurisdictions.**

## General

The Deputy Director participated at a meeting to revise the Central Africa wildlife law enforcement action plan dubbed PAPECALF 2 that aims to strengthen the application of the wildlife laws in the sub region.

He held a video conference with a Team from the Environmental Investigation Agency to discuss the upcoming CITES Standing Committee Meeting and matters related to wildlife law enforcement in the country.

The Legal Team held meetings with the State Counsel in Djoum and other court officials in Bertoua and Yaounde to discuss matters pending at their various jurisdictions.

## Investigations

- **17 investigation missions** were carried out in **5 Regions** out of 10 of Cameroon including the East, Littoral, West, Centre and South.

*Investigations Table*

Investigation Missions	Regions	No. of Operations	No. of traffickers arrested
17	5	0	0

## Operation

**No operations were done within the month and several challenges have been hampering the smooth function of the organization. This is situation is actively being addressed.**

## Legal

- LAGA Legal Department carried out 2 missions out of Yaounde - Centre Region: 1 in Djoum (Centre), 1 in Bertoua (East).
  - There are 11 traffickers behind bars this month: 5 in Centre, and 3 in Littoral region, 3 in East.
  - **26 cases** were followed up by the Legal Department this month.
  - **6 cases** were scheduled in court this month
  - **19 case** are under preliminary inquiries
  - **2 traffickers** were convicted this month.
  - **Prosecutions:** There was a court ruling this month.
- **11/03/2026:** The Tibati Court of First Instance found the accused **TANKO Bagoudou and MOUSSA Mohammad guilty and sentenced them to 5 years imprisonment suspended for 5 years. They were also sanctioned to pay 3.750.000 FCFA jointly as damages.**

They were arrested in Tibati on the 03/07/2025 for the illegal possession of 82,7 kg of pangolin scales.

### *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>	<i>No of cases with examining judge</i>
2	1	0	0	2	0	6	19

### Media

- 8 media piece was produced and pushed to the media including: 6 internet publications (4 in the English language and 2 in French), and 2 written press all in the English language.
- Giving a total of 6 media piece produced in the English language and 2 in the French language making 75% in English and 25% in French.
- A quote in the media pieces was from a wildlife law enforcement expert from WWF.
- Subjects focused on wildlife law enforcement including: sentencing of 8 wildlife traffickers last year.

### *Media Table*

<i>No of media pieces</i>	<b>TV</b>	<b>Radio</b>	<b>Newspapers</b>	<b>Internet</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>

### External Relations and Policy

- The Deputy Director participated at a meeting to revise the Central Africa wildlife law enforcement action plan dubbed PAPECALF 2 that aims to strengthen the application of the wildlife laws in the sub region.
- He held a video conference with a Team from the Environmental Investigation Agency to discuss the upcoming CITES Standing Committee Meeting and matters related to wildlife law enforcement in the country.
- A legal adviser held a meeting with the State Counsel of Djoum to discuss legal strategies on a matter pending before the court.
- He held another meeting with a court clerk on a matter pending before the examining magistrate of the High Court in Bertoua.

- Another legal adviser held a meeting with a court clerk on a matter pending before the examining judge at the Yaounde Centre Administratif High Court

### **Management**

Efforts to solve the problems being faced by the organization since the beginning of the year are continuing and these include drastic measures taken by management to addressing them. The Director initiated a couple of activities in this regard. We are hoping to get back to normalcy in the upcoming months.

### **Finance**

**In preparation and would be made available soon as possible on the LAGA website [www.laga-enforcement.org](http://www.laga-enforcement.org) .**