

The Last Great Ape Organization – LAGA

May 2024 Report



Highlights

- **The Director held a meeting with the Director of Wildaid for Francophone Africa to discuss a public awareness campaign on the new wildlife law**
- **The Head of the Legal Department participated at a training on wildlife management in production forests. The training highlighted the fight against wildlife crime especially in areas of the forests where logging is ongoing.**

General

The Director held a meeting with the Director of Wildaid for Francophone Africa to discuss a public awareness campaign on the new wildlife law and strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.

The Head of the Legal Department participated at a training on wildlife management in production forests. The training highlighted the fight against wildlife crime especially in areas of the forests where logging is ongoing.

The Legal Team held meetings with the State Counsels of Abong Mbang, Djoum and Ntui to discuss matters ongoing in court and to strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.

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

Investigations

- **19 investigation missions** were carried out in 6 **Regions** out of 10 of Cameroon including the East, Centre, Littoral, West, North and South.

Investigations Table

Investigation Missions	Regions	No. of Operations	No. of traffickers arrested
19	6	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 **5 missions** out of Yaounde - Centre Region: 2 in Ntui (Centre), 1 in Abong-Mbang (East), 1 in Djoum (South) and 1 in Kribi (South). There are **12 traffickers behind bars this month**: 3 in Centre, 3 in Littoral region, and 6 in West region.
- **24 cases** were followed up by the Legal Department this month.
- **11 cases** were scheduled in court this month.
- **No traffickers** were convicted this month.
- **Prosecutions**: There were 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>
5	0	0	0	0	0	11

Media

- 17 media pieces were produced and pushed to the media including: 13 internet publication (11 in the French language & 2 in the English language) and written press (2 in English & 2 in French).
- Giving a total of 13 media pieces produced in the French language and 4 in the English language making 76.5% in French and 23.5% in English.
- Interviewee: None
- Subjects focused on wildlife law enforcement including: the arrest of 90 traffickers across 7 African countries.

Media Table

<i>No of media pieces</i>	TV	Radio	Newspapers	Internet
17	0	0	4	13

External Relations and Policy

- The Director held a meeting with the Director of Wildaid for Francophone Africa to discuss a public awareness campaign on the new wildlife law and strengthen collaboration in the fight against wildlife crime.
- The Head of the Legal Department participated at a training on wildlife management in production forests. The training highlighted the fight against wildlife crime especially in areas of the forests where logging is ongoing.
- Two legal advisers held a meeting the State Counsel of Ntui to discuss the legal strategies concerning matters pending before the court
- A legal adviser held a meeting with the State Counsel in Djoum to discuss legal strategies on an ongoing case
- He also held a meeting with the State Counsel in Abong Mbang to discuss a matter pending before the court
- Another legal adviser held a meeting with the Sate Counsel in Abong Mbang to discuss legal strategies on a pending matter at the court.
- He also held a meeting with the State Counsel in Akonolinga to discuss strategies on a matter pending before the court.
- Two legal advisers held a meeting with the court official on matters pending before an examining judge at the Yaounde Centre Administratif High Court.
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Management

- Financial and activity reports of February 2024 were prepared and made available online.

Finance

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

Activism Front

The Head of the Investigation Department gave a power point presentation on anger management. He defined anger, listed some triggers of anger and how one could manage anger not to escalate to irreparable damages. Everyone at the end of his presentation shared their different ways of managing their anger.

Link of the month

Cameroon fact finder news site, this month published the arrest of 90 traffickers across 7 African countries including Ivory Coast, Guinea, Uganda, Senegal, Togo and Cameroon during crackdown operations carried out under the framework of the government's collaboration with EAGLE network that assists wildlife officials in the application of the wildlife law in these countries. Click the link below to read the full story:

<https://cameroonfactfinder.com/wildlife-trafficking-on-the-high-side-with-90-arrests-in-2024/>