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UNITED FOR WILDLIFE TRANSPORT TASKFORCE BULLETIN

Action Required: *members are requested to distribute the attached Transport Taskforce Bulletin to their member shipowner companies for their information.*

As members will be aware and further to ICS Circular BOARD(15)44 as a signatory to the declaration on illegal wildlife trafficking ICS will distribute the bulletins produced by United for Wildlife to all members.

The latest Transport taskforce bulletin is self-explanatory and is attached as an annex to this circular for member shipping companies' information.

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United for Wildlife TASKFORCE INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN

1 December 2019

Joint monthly advisory for the United for Wildlife Transport and Financial Taskforces, highlighting recent issues of high concern related to wildlife trafficking. A core output of the Taskforce Information Sharing System.

RISK TRENDS & DRIVERS

Emerging wildlife trafficking trends and focus areas

Romanian timber export trade remains highly vulnerable to illicit timber trafficking and related violence

The Romanian timber export trade remains highly vulnerable to illegal timber trafficking and related document fraud, money laundering, corruption, and other crimes. According to recent reporting, violent crime associated with illicit timber trafficking in Romania has increased, with two rangers murdered in recent months in conflicts with timber traffickers. NGO and media reporting since at least 2015 have consistently documented widespread illicit timber trafficking in Romania, the product of which is allegedly mostly then intermingled with legal timber and wood product exports. Document fraud includes in particular the use of legal logging licence documents for both

legally and illegally logged timber. In 2016, reporting indicated that up to half of all timber exports from Romania were sourced illegally, with the majority of illegally sourced timber allegedly processed by a single company.

FURTHER READING

- [Romania's forests under mounting threat – along with rangers](#) Phys.org
- [Thousands of Romanians protest against illegal logging, attacks on forest workers](#) Reuters
- [‘We are running out of time’: Murder and corruption threaten Europe’s last great forests](#) The Independent (UK)
- [Behind the Scenes: How log yards hide the destruction of Europe’s ancient forests](#) EIA (2018)

CONVERGENCE REPORT

Highlighting convergence of wildlife trafficking with other threat areas

TERRORIST FINANCING

Burkina Faso: Illegal gold mining in protected wildlife areas financing jihadists

National parks and other protected wildlife areas in Burkina Faso are increasingly vulnerable to illegal gold mining controlled by and financially benefiting jihadist and other terrorist groups. According to recent reporting, Al Qaeda-associated jihadists operating near Pama, Burkina Faso are actively financing their organisations by extorting informal gold miners and traders or directly controlling the supply of gold illegally sourced from surrounding protected wildlife areas. The reserves most affected appear to be: Pama Reserve, Arli National Park, Madjoari Reserve, and Singou Reserve, all formally recognised areas of protected wildlife. After collection and consolidation, the gold is then primarily exported to Togo in particular, as well as other neighbouring countries, and then onwards to international gold markets and processing centres in Switzerland, Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and India. In 2018, the Burkina Faso government estimated that revenue from illegal gold mining from these areas totalled USD 34 million. No further specific information is available

regarding what proportion of illegal gold mining revenues goes to jihadist and other terrorist groups in the area.

FURTHER READING

- [How jihadists struck gold in Africa's Sahel](#) Reuters
- [Burkina Faso: 14 people killed in gun attack at church during Sunday mass](#) Sky News

TYOLOGIES & RED FLAGS

Key wildlife trafficking red flag risk indicators observed since most recent Bulletin. Presented in draft form and open for discussion and refinement.

Clients – Individuals

Risk indicators related to accounts and behaviours of individual persons

RED FLAG: Individuals with diplomatic credentials or passports shipping goods from DRC to Eastern Europe, especially Romania.

RED FLAG: Individuals working for or on behalf of travel agents involved in shipping goods from Angola to Eastern Europe.

Clients – Corporates

Risk indicators related to corporate and business clients

RED FLAG: Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) wholesalers that distribute products containing endangered species' parts.

RED FLAG: Timber export companies operating or based in Romania, or sourcing timber from Romania.

RED FLAG: Gold exporters based or operating in Burkina Faso, Togo, or Benin.

RED FLAG: Gold importers sourcing gold from Burkina Faso, Togo, or Benin.

Transactions

Risk indicators related to transactions and client account activity

RED FLAG: Ticketed travel on high-risk passenger air route, Narita International Airport (NRT) in Tokyo, Japan to Nội Bài International Airport in (HAN) in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Commodities & Concealments

Risk indicators related to smuggling concealments and commodity declarations

RED FLAG: Air cargo shipments declared as furniture, originating from N'djili International Airport (FIH) in Kinshasa, DRC with a destination in Eastern Europe, in particular Henri Coandă International Airport (OTP) in Bucharest, Romania.

MEDIA ROUND-UP

Summary of adverse and other media relevant to Taskforce members.

Enforcement Outcomes

- *Argentina:* [A criminal syndicate with connections in the West that sold animals and birds has been captured](#) El Clarin (Spanish)
- *Australia:* [Chinese man who tried to smuggle lizards out of Australia by hiding them in Pringles packets and children's toys before mailing them overseas is jailed](#) Mail Online
- *Costa Rica:* [Costa Rica arrests individuals suspected of trafficking species to Europe and Asia](#) Diario Libre (Spanish)
- *India:* [8 arrested in pangolin smuggling racket in Odisha](#) Daijiworld
- *Mexico:* [Two arrested for transporting sea lions in Mexico City](#) UnoTv (Spanish)
- *Peru & Amazon:* [The black market of aquarists in the Amazon](#) Ojo Publico (Spanish)
- *Peru:* [Environmental prosecutor requests to include former minister Meléndez in timber trafficking investigation](#) Ojo Publico (Spanish)
- *Philippines:* [Filippino authorities find more than 1,500 smuggled turtles and tortoises](#) Stock Daily Dish
- *South Africa:* [100 rhino horns, four tiger carcasses seized as cops swoop in North West](#) Sowetan Live
- *Spain:* [Guardia Civil seizes several wildlife trophies of protected species for sale online](#) El Confidencial (Spanish)
- *USA:* [Inside South Florida animal smuggling and what's being done to stop it](#) 12 News

- *Vietnam:* [Rhino horns and ivory seized upon arrival at Vietnamese airport](#) VietNamNet Global

Transnational Environmental Crime (TEC)

- *Mining:* [Ghana's traditional and state powers must collaborate to halt illegal mining](#) The Africa Report

Convergence

- *Corruption:* [Brazil investigates agribusiness bribes to judges for favorable land rulings](#) Mongabay
- *ESG Risks:* [Focus: how Britain's biggest fund managers invest your money in China's trade in rare animals](#) Evening Standard

Species

- *Donkey:* [Meeting China's demand for donkey hides](#) The Maritime Executive
- *Eel:* [TRAFFIC warns of European Eel trafficking surge as fishing season gets underway](#) TRAFFIC
- *Otter:* [Otter traffic via social networks](#) Illicit Trade News Network (French)
- *Pangolin:* [Pangolins threatened by criminal networks in southern Africa](#) The South African
- *Rhino:* [Botswana witnesses surge in rhino poaching incidents](#) Political Analysis South Africa
- *Sumatran Rhino:* [Malaysia's last Sumatran rhino dies, leaving Indonesia as the last refuge](#) Mongabay
- *Turtles:* [Illegal trade decimating turtle populations in Vietnam](#) VnExpress
- *Various:* [Otters, lions, caracals... on the social networks, traffickers of wild animals in ambush](#) Le Monde (In French)

Responses

- *Gabon:* [Russia offers military equipment to combat poaching](#) Agence Ecofin (in French)
- *Malawi:* [China calls for practical cooperation to protect wildlife in Malawi](#) Malawi24

- *Philippines: [It takes a school, and a community, to save this rare Philippine hornbill](#) Mongabay*
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RESOURCES & UPCOMING EVENTS

Events, tools, training and other resources relevant to Taskforce members

Happy holidays from the United for Wildlife Taskforce!

All of us at United for Wildlife wish you and yours a happy holiday season, and many congratulations for all that we have accomplished together against wildlife trafficking this past year.

Due to the holidays, there will be no Bulletin for January. The Taskforce Intelligence Bulletin will return to its regular distribution schedule on 1 February 2019.

TASKFORCE SUCCESS STORIES

Success stories and examples of Taskforce collective action

High-Level workshop on "Tackling the Illegal Wildlife Trade as a Financial Crime" in Beijing, China

On 22 November 2019, United for Wildlife along with the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), the People's Bank of China, China Construction Bank, and Standard Chartered Bank convened a high-level workshop on "Tackling the Illegal Wildlife Trade as a Financial Crime" in Beijing, China.

Opened by FATF President Xiangmin Liu, the event brought together over 100 participants across the public, private and third sectors in China and from Chinese and global institutions to share best practices in combatting IWT. Topics from the various talks included typology development, the use of new technology in IWT detection, convergence of IWT and other crimes, and the importance of information-sharing.

The UfW Financial Taskforce was discussed as a particularly effective example of the public-private partnerships needed to fight organised criminal networks behind IWT. Several China-headquartered companies are members of the UfW Transport Taskforce, but to date no China-headquartered financial institutions have joined the Financial Taskforce. We hope that will change following this event.



There is a Chinese saying that goes: "a very good beginning is half the battle". We have here a good beginning." - Chinese financial institution representative in their remarks on the "Tackling IWT as a Financial Crime" workshop in Beijing, China.

IWT Risk Intelligence workshop and networking session in Nairobi

On 13 November 2019, United for Wildlife convened a Risk Intelligence workshop and networking session at Hemingways Nairobi Hotel to build on the success of the October IWT Learning Academy and formal launch of the Africa and Kenya chapters of the UfW Taskforces.

The workshop began with an inspiring and insightful talk from a senior Kenyan law enforcement officer on the critical role IWT plays in Kenya's national

interest and national security. There followed a vibrant and engaged discussion about Kenya- and East Africa-specific IWT red flags. The meeting concluded with the group identifying five key action areas which will guide further meetings and discussion of the Kenya and East Africa chapters:

1. Identifying and sharing **IWT red flags and typologies**
2. Reviewing **IWT public cases**, both active and historical
3. Sharing and strengthening **information gateways**
4. Exploring and supporting **IWT legal and regulatory reform**
5. Promoting and supporting **sustainability and awareness**

The meeting was followed by an open networking session allowing for more in-depth conversation on the topics covered in the meeting and areas of interest for future meetings.



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