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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

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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

Mozambique: Gorongosa National Park a growing source hub for illicit ivory

Gorongosa National Park in western central Mozambique is emerging as a key source location for transnational ivory trafficking. Police in the area seized 28 ivory tusks between August and October 2019, all taken from elephants believed to have been poached in the park, and arrested at least 8 suspects in multiple operations, including two Cambodian nationals. Illicit ivory originating from Gorongosa appears to be primarily exported out of Beira Port, via Vanduzi district, according to available information. Drug trafficking networks also reportedly operate along the same corridor. Wildlife populations in Gorongosa, a world famous reserve once nicknamed “Africa’s Lost Eden,” are

in the process of being restored after being devastated by Mozambique's civil war.

FURTHER READING

- [Polícia moçambicana revela aumento de tráfico de marfim](#) Voice of America (in Portuguese)
- [Mozambique – police warn of rise in poaching in Gorongosa](#) Africa Sustainable Conservation News

Illicit donkey skin industry linked to global wildlife trafficking

The large and growing illicit trade in donkey skins in Africa reportedly is linked to networks involved in the trafficking of endangered and protected species, according to recent reporting. Demand for donkey skins, which can have a black market value of up to \$400 each, has increased dramatically in recent years in many sub-Saharan African and Latin American countries which also are wildlife trafficking source and transit hubs, such as Kenya, Mozambique, Botswana, South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Namibia, as well as Brazil. Much of this new demand is met via illegal means, with open source reporting indicating that wildlife trafficking networks are working with donkey skin smugglers or are in some instances becoming directly involved in donkey skin trafficking themselves. This indicates that the donkey skin trade, legal and illegal, may become increasingly used by wildlife traffickers as a trade-based money laundering vehicle or a concealment for illegal wildlife products. Donkey skins are used in traditional Chinese medicine to make *ejiao*, a remedy made from the gelatin released from stewed donkey skins.

FURTHER READING

- [Rush for donkey skins in China draws wildlife traffickers](#) National Geographic
 - [Donkeys are dying because China wants their hides for a traditional remedy](#) NPR
 - [The Ejiao trade](#) Maritime Executive
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CONVERGENCE REPORT

Highlighting convergence of wildlife trafficking with other threat areas

CORRUPTION; KLEPTOCRACY, ORGANIZED CRIME

Illicit timber trafficking funding Islamic State in Afghanistan

Recent open source reporting indicates that Islamic State (IS) of Khorasan Province, the IS affiliate most dominant in Afghanistan, earns substantial but unspecified amounts of money from illegal deforestation and timber trafficking, particularly out of Kunar province in northeastern Afghanistan. Islamic State-linked timber trafficking is most concentrated in the Mazar, Dewagal, and Korengal valleys and in Chawkay district of the province, according to available information. The illegal timber is likely exported via Pakistan, where several established 'timber mafias' operate out of Chitral, Peshawar, Quetta, Karachi, and Lahore, and the onwards to the UAE or other trade and transit hubs in the region.

FURTHER READING

- [Afghanistan's forests are turning a profit for the Islamic State](#) Foreign Policy
- Historic context: [IS runs timber smuggling business in Afghanistan, officials say](#) Voice of America

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: Brazilian meatpacking companies operating in or sourcing meat from the Amazon regions of Brazil (Acre, Amapá, Amazonas, Mato Grosso, Maranhão, Pará, Rondônia, Roraima and Tocantins states), especially if combined with other indicators of suspicious supply chain activity.

Clients – Corporates

Risk indicators related to corporate and business clients

RED FLAG: Companies exporting charcoal from East African countries with otherwise illogical or suspicious business operations.

RED FLAG: Companies exporting timber or wood products from Chitral, Peshawar, Quetta, Karachi, or Lahore in Pakistan to the UAE.

Transactions

Risk indicators related to transactions and client account activity

RED FLAG: Airline passengers traveling on high risk IWT routes on tickets paid for by a third party.

RED FLAG: Air cargo shipments from Entebbe Airport (IATA: EBB) in Uganda to destinations in Asia with goods declared as live animals, especially when combined with other illogical, anomalous, or suspicious activity indicators or indications of false or fraudulent documentation.

RED FLAG: Air passengers with Asian country passports and checked baggage traveling from airports in Portugal, Spain, or France (especially southwest France) to destination airports in China or Southeast Asia, especially when combined with indicators of concealment of live animals, especially eels.

RED FLAG: Air cargo / freight shipments of beer barrels from airports in Spain to destination airports in China or Southeast Asia, especially when combined other illogical, anomalous, or suspicious activity indicators or indications of false or fraudulent documentation that may indicate eel trafficking.

Commodities & Concealments

Risk indicators related to smuggling concealments and commodity declarations

RED FLAG: Shipments declared to hold donkey skins originating from Africa or Latin America with a destination in China.

MEDIA ROUND-UP

Summary of adverse and other media relevant to Taskforce members.

Enforcement Outcomes

- *France:* [Chinese man and woman caught in France smuggling 60kg of live baby eels onto plane in suitcases](#) South China Morning Post
- *Gabon:* [Ivory trafficking: Three Gabonese in the justice system](#) (in French) Infos Gabon
- *Mozambique:* [Son of Frelimo war veteran arrested in possession of rhino horns](#) Oxpeckers
- *South Africa:* [Officials seize 342kg of lion bones being illegally exported for medicine](#) Metro
- *Spain:* [Guardia Civil arrests 16 people for illegal European glass eel fishing and trafficking in Spain and France](#) (in Spanish) El Cierre Digital
- *Thailand:* [Thai police arrest 'kingpin' in Asian wildlife trafficking](#) Fourways Review
- *Uganda:* [Wildlife Rangers trained on combating trafficking](#) Africa Science News
- *US:* [Alleged poachers busted for trafficking more than 4,000 Florida turtles](#) NYPost

Transnational Environmental Crime (TEC)

- *Mining:* [Illegal gold mining operations enter new parts of Peru](#) Insight Crime
- *Mining:* [50,000 Chinese are engaged in illegal mining in Ghana - FORIG-CSIR](#) Ghana Web
- *Mining:* ['There's a lot of money down there': the deadly cities of gold beneath Johannesburg](#) The Guardian

Convergence

- *Organized Crime:* [Romania forest murder as battle over logging turns violent](#) BB
- *Terrorism:* [Afghanistan's forests are turning a profit for the Islamic State](#) Foreign Policy

Species

- *Amphibians:* [Global pet trade in amphibians is bigger than we thought](#) The Conversation

- *Cheetah*: [Cheetahs, CITES, and illegal trade: Are consumer countries doing enough? \(commentary\)](#) Mongabay
- *Cheetah*: [Smuggling of baby cheetahs worsens as Arabian demand grows](#) The Independent
- *Echidna*: [There's no way these cute, spiny creatures are all sold legally](#) National Geographic
- *Fish*: [Japan has an illegal seafood problem](#) Hakai Magazine
- *General*: [Global wildlife trade higher than was thought](#) BBC
- *General*: [Wildlife trafficking on the rise all across Latin America](#) The Guardian
- *General*: [Exploiting Africa's wildlife - The big 5 and the little 5](#) World Animal Protection
- *Rhino*: [Botswana raises alarm over unprecedented surge in rhino poaching](#) Bloomberg News
- *Timber*: [Why amazon fires keep raging 10 years after a deal to end them](#) NY Times
- *Timber*: [Charcoal trade is destroying Africa's forest cover](#) VOA
- *Tiger*: [How Laos lost its tigers](#) Mongabay

Responses

- *Global*: [Indigenous knowledge can help solve the biodiversity crisis](#) Scientific American
- *Global*: [How international shark trade restrictions have gained momentum](#) PEW
- *Global*: [Routes to beat the wildlife smugglers](#) Arabian Aerospace Online News Service
- *Indonesia*: [Using old cellphones to listen for illegal loggers](#) The New York Times
- *Colombia*: [Cali Zoo, an example of animal conservation in Latin America](#) (in Spanish) Xinhua

Research Papers

- [Global wildlife trade across the tree of life](#) Science Magazine
- [Illegal logging, fishing, and wildlife trade: the costs and how to combat it](#) World Bank

RESOURCES & UPCOMING EVENTS

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

IWT Risk Intelligence Workshop & Networking Session (*Nairobi, Kenya*): Building on the success of the Financial Taskforce IWT Academy event and the inaugural meeting of the Taskforce East Africa chapter in Nairobi (see below), the Taskforce will host a follow up Risk Intelligence Workshop and Networking Session at 1400 on 13 November 2019 in Nairobi. The agenda for the event will include an Intelligence Briefing on current IWT threat trends, a session on "What to Look For" focusing on recent East Africa-specific IWT red flags and typologies, an expert guest speaker, and an informal networking session / happy hour.

If you are in Nairobi and would like to attend, please email timothy.wittig@unitedforwildlife.org for full logistical information.

TASKFORCE SUCCESS STORIES

Success stories and examples of Taskforce collective action

Launch of the Taskforce East Africa Chapter

United for Wildlife are happy to announce the formal launch on 22 October 2019 of the Taskforce Africa Chapter, a joint regional working group of Africa-based Transport and Financial Taskforce members. The aim of the Africa Chapter is to provide a forum to regularly table IWT issues, consolidating and sharing Africa-focused best practice, red flags, and lessons learned for addressing IWT. The Chapter was formally launched at an event generously hosted by founding Taskforce member Kenya Airways at its headquarters in Nairobi attended by nearly 40 representatives from Transport Taskforce

members, law enforcement, and conservation organizations. The event also enabled the Taskforce to formally welcome two new signatories to the Buckingham Palace Declaration: SafariLink Aviation and JamboJet (pictured).



Finance Taskforce IWT Learning Academy

On 22 October, coinciding with the launch of the Taskforce Africa Chapter, the UfW Financial Taskforce convened an IWT Learning Academy in Nairobi. The Academy brought together almost 70 people from the Kenyan and East African financial sector, the transport industry, law enforcement agencies, Financial Intelligence Units, NGOs, and government policy makers. The three hour event, generously hosted by Financial Taskforce member Absa Bank, consisted of keynote speeches and panel discussions from the head of Kenya's FIU, as well as representatives from the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), the UfW Taskforce, the heads of compliance and financial investigation departments of Taskforce member companies, law enforcement representatives, and prosecutors. The event was a great success for our regional partners, as it enabled the sharing of regionally specific knowledge and perspectives on the problem of the illegal wildlife trade. It also tackled key questions, including why the private sector (focusing in this case on the financial industry) should care about IWT, and what financial institutions in East Africa can do from a practical perspective to combat it. This was the second in a series of similar IWT Academy events in key locations around the world, the next of which will be

held in early 2020, details to follow.



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