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Bültende, Nijerya-Vietnam koridorunun yasa dışı pangolin kaçakçılığında kilit rol oynamaya devam ettiği ve yasa dışı hayvan kaçakçılığından elde edilen gelirlerin terör faaliyetlerine finansal kaynak olarak kullanıldığı bilgilerine yer verilmektedir.

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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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Annex A – UNITED FOR WILDLIFE TRANSPORT TASKFORCE BULLETIN

United for Wildlife TASKFORCE INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN

1 March 2020

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

Nigeria-Vietnam remains key illicit pangolin trafficking corridor

Nigeria-to-Vietnam remains a highly significant corridor for the illicit trafficking of pangolin scales, although trafficking dynamics are evolving, according to recent open source, NGO, and confidential reporting. Recent available information indicates illicit exports of pangolin from Nigeria remain heavily concentrated in maritime shipments from Apapa port in Lagos. Plastics remain an important concealment method for pangolin scales illegally exported from Nigeria.

Newly reported details of the current dynamics of this trafficking corridor include:

1. A mix of direct Nigeria-to-Vietnam shipments as well as indirect shipments via intermediary transit ports, in particular: Singapore; Busan (South Korea); and Hong Kong and Shenzhen (China). Indirect shipments are often booked as two separate shipments in order to obscure the true country of origin.
2. Switched bills of lading, especially at intermediary transit ports to obscure the true origin and destination of shipments.
3. Payments linked to plastics factories, Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) vendors, captive breeding centres, and other licensed wildlife dealers in China and Vietnam, especially those also serving as consignees, recipients, or other counterparties to illicit shipments of pangolin scales. These licensed wildlife businesses reportedly falsify documentation at end use to sell illicitly trafficked pangolin as legal captive-bred or legally imported specimens, including apparently in violation of current bans related to the coronavirus outbreak.
4. The use of the following commodities as either physical concealment for pangolin or fraudulent goods decoration to obscure the true contents of illicit shipments, according to recent seizure data: beans, seeds, nuts, plastic waste, ginger, tar, timber, and frozen meat.

FURTHER READING

- [Pangolin scale smugglers: a few culprits caught, but masterminds behind illegal wildlife trade evade arrest](#) South China Morning Post
- [First ivory, now pangolin scales: Vietnam remains wildlife trafficking hotspot](#) VnExpress
- [Singapore among top six countries linked to smuggling of pangolin scales](#) The Star
- ['Animals live for man': China's appetite for wildlife likely to survive virus](#) Reuters
- [Shenzhen aims for complete ban on consumption of companion animals in wake of coronavirus](#) Gulf Today
- [China's Ban on Wildlife Trade a Big Step, but Has Loopholes, Conservationists Say](#) New York Times

- *NGO Report: [Scaling up: The Rapid Growth in the Industrial Scale Trafficking of Pangolin Scales](#) Wildlife Justice Commission*
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CONVERGENCE REPORT

Highlighting convergence of wildlife trafficking with other threat areas

TERRORIST FINANCE

Nigeria/Cameroon: Overlap in pangolin trafficking routes and Boko Haram insurgency

The border regions between Adamawa State in Nigeria and the North and Adamawa Regions in Cameroon are significant smuggling locations for illicit pangolin entering Nigeria for later export to Asia via Lagos port, according to Taskforce analysis of open-source reporting. These border regions are documented hubs of Boko Haram insurgent and terrorist financing activity, with major reported attacks in the area occurring as recently as February 2020. No direct links between pangolin trafficking and Boko Haram in this border region are evident in available information, although Boko Haram is well documented to attempt to tax both legal and illicit trade transiting via areas under its control.

FURTHER READING

- [Nigeria Customs Impounds Pangolin Scales, Arrests 20 Suspects In Adamawa](#) Sahara Reporters
 - [Many killed', houses burnt as Boko Haram invades Adamawa town](#) TheCable
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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 – corporates

Risk indicators related to corporate and business clients

RED FLAG: (*pangolin*) Payments to wildlife farms, captive breeding centers, private zoos, Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) vendors, and/or exotic meat dealers in China or Vietnam, especially when combined with other suspicious activity.

Transactions

Risk indicators related to transactions and client account activity

RED FLAG: (*pangolin*) Switched bills of lading, especially for shipments originating from Nigeria and/or destined for Vietnam with transit in Singapore or Busan, South Korea.

Commodities and concealments

Risk indicators related to smuggling concealments and commodity declarations

RED FLAG: (*shark fin*) Pickles, on associated routing: Panama to Hong Kong.

RED FLAG: (*pangolin*) Bean, seeds, and/or nuts, on associated routing: Nigeria to Vietnam, Hong Kong, or South Korea.

RED FLAG: (*pangolin*) Plastic waste, on associated routing: Nigeria to Vietnam, Hong Kong, or South Korea.

RED FLAG: (*pangolin*) Tar, on associated routing: Nigeria to Vietnam, Hong Kong, or South Korea.

RED FLAG: (*pangolin*) Frozen meat, on associated routing: Nigeria to Vietnam, Hong Kong, or South Korea.

RED FLAG: (*pangolin*) Ginger, on associated routing: Nigeria to Vietnam, Hong Kong, or South Korea.

MEDIA ROUND-UP

Summary of adverse and other media relevant to Taskforce members.

Enforcement outcomes

- *China:* [Chinese police seize 38,000 wild animals from traffickers in 20 days after Beijing banned the sale of exotic creatures due to coronavirus](#) Daily Mail
- *China:* [Passenger from HK nabbed with ivory at Qingdao airport](#) The Standard
- *Nigeria:* [Customs seizes N10.26 billion pangolin scales in Lagos](#) The Guardian (Nigeria)
- *South Sudan:* [Two S. Sudan security officials arrested over sale pangolin](#) New Vision
- *Spain:* [Guardia Civil investigates Roquetas de Mar resident for illegal pangolin trafficking](#) Almeria360.com (in Spanish)
- *UK:* [Seafood salesman convicted of eellegally smuggling £53million worth of European eels through the UK](#) National Crime Agency
- *UK:* [‘Pablo Escobar of eggs’ fights extradition to Brazil](#) The Guardian
- *UK:* [Elephant and walrus tusk ivory smuggler sentenced](#) BBC
- *US:* [Two brothers smuggled rare corals to Latin America. Now they’re going to prison](#) South Florida Sun Sentinel
- *Zimbabwe:* [Zimbabwe: 82 arrested for wildlife crimes, 17 pangolins recovered](#) All Africa

Convergence

- *Narcotics:* [Couple in narcotics ring to lose Sh1 billion Muthaiga plots and cash](#) The Star (Kenya)
- *Public Health:* [Coronavirus closures reveal vast scale of China’s secretive wildlife farm industry](#) The Guardian

Species

- *Lions:* [South Africa’s legal lion bone trade exploited by criminals](#) Daily Maverick
- *Pangolin:* [Fears possible coronavirus links may further threaten the at-risk pangolin](#) Stuff.co.nz
- *Pink Dolphin:* [Pink Amazon river dolphin hunted as fishing bait for piracatinga in Brazil](#) The Times
- *Primates:* [The lucrative trade in African primates threatens their survival](#) The Conversation

- *Timber:* [Meat company faces heat over ‘cattle laundering’ in Amazon supply chain](#) The Guardian

Responses

- *China:* [The challenge facing China’s wild animal trade ban](#) Sixth Tone
- *China:* [China's legislature adopts decision on banning illegal trade, consumption of wildlife](#) National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China
- *France:* [Albatrosses outfitted with GPS trackers detect illegal fishing vessels](#) Smithsonian Magazine
- *Kenya:* [Proposed Kenyan law to fight illegal trade in shipping](#) The East African
- *Netherlands:* [Dutch court rules importers of Myanmar teak must be able to trace legality from stump to shipping](#) Environmental Investigation Agency
- *US:* [New Mexico House opts to limit trafficking of wildlife parts](#) Durango Herald
- *US:* [California’s ban on shark fins doesn’t stop the trade from passing through its ports](#) The Mercury News

Demand trends

- *South East Asia:* [Wildlife cybercrime on the rise in ASEAN](#) The Asean Post

RESOURCES & UPCOMING EVENTS

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

World Wildlife Day: Combating Wildlife Trafficking Workshop in Abu Dhabi

United for Wildlife Transport Taskforce member Etihad Airways will be generously hosting a workshop on combating wildlife trafficking in Abu Dhabi, UAE. The workshop will bring together the private sector with senior conservation experts, government officials, and NGOs to discuss the wildlife

trafficking threat globally and with a focus on the Middle East region. The event will occur on World Wildlife Day, 3 March.

TASKFORCE SUCCESS STORIES

Success stories and examples of Taskforce collective action

New Financial Taskforce Member - Diamond Trust Bank (Kenya)

United for Wildlife is pleased to welcome Diamond Trust Bank (DTB) to the Financial Taskforce. Based in Nairobi, Kenya, Diamond Trust is a leading bank in Kenya and the East Africa region and formally joined the Taskforce in February 2020.



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