

**TALFF's Newsletter
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TOGO: New seizure of elephant tusks weighing 2126.3 Kg in Lome on Wednesday 29 January 2014

The present newsletter is especially dedicated to OFIR Drori, LAGA Executive Director to wish him prompt recovery

In our previous newsletter N° 007 dated 24 January 2014, we informed you about the arrest of three big traffickers with 1689.45 Kg of elephant tusks. In the process of further investigations conducted by ANCE/TALFF and the Joint Container Control Unit, a specialized Agency of Central Office for Repression of Illicit Trafficking in Drugs and Laundering, 2126.3 Kg of elephant tusks were seized in Lome on 29 January 2014 at the Port Autonome of Lome. The seized products still belong to the former traffickers mentioned in the newsletter N° 007.



Nos Partenaires



They are Mr. WALLA Manza Ezzo, Mr. ALANOU Mohamed, both Togolese and Mr. DINH Huu Khao who is Vietnamese.

On Wednesday 29 January 2014, 2126.3 Kg of elephant tusks were seized in a container in Lomé. This current seizure was effective thanks to information collected and logistic arrangement assistance provided by ANCE/TALFF project and the good collaboration between ANCE/TALFF and governmental institutions such as the Ministry of Environment and Forestry Resources, the Ministry of Security and Civil Protection and the Central Office for Repression of Illicit Trafficking in Drugs and Laundering



Togolese law severely punishes perpetrators, co-perpetrators or accomplices of any hunting, possession, marketing, import, use or re-export of protected species, their remains, trophies or products.

The wildlife and fauna regulation in Togo is based on :

1. Order No. 4 of January 16, 1968 regulating protection of wildlife and hunting in Togo;
2. The Environmental Framework Law (Law No. 2008-005 of May 30, 2008);
3. The Forest Code of the Republic of Togo (Law No. 2008-09 of June 19, 2008).

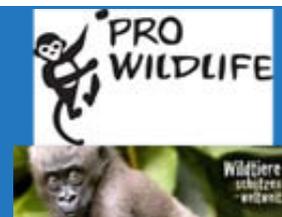
Togo also ratified the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (Washington Convention), ratified on October 23, 1978 and which came into force on January 21, 1979. This convention prohibits the international trade in wildlife species which are endangered or threatened with extinction as the elephant, lion, panther, gorillas, marine turtle etc.

The TALFF is a project of law enforcement on wildlife and flora. Its purpose is to strengthen the legal and institutional framework of various stakeholders in the fight for the biodiversity protection and against trafficking in wildlife and flora species in Togo and Africa.

ANCE-Togo ensuring the implementation of these projects works closely with national authorities. ANCE-Togo provides technical assistance and logistic arrangement to organize wildlife and flora traffickers' arrest, the mobilization of governmental structures and dissuasive activities through media coverage and ongoing dissemination of outcomes. The TALFF project aims to lead to significant judicial decisions related to the wildlife law enforcement in Togo.

TALFF project which is a perfect replication model of LAGA doesn't have enough adequate resources for its functioning. Togo has emerged in recent years as main ivory transit point in West Africa and in the world; hence ANCE/TALFF efforts and the government goodwill should sufficiently be supported by technical and financial partners. Become TALFF partner by emailing us on info@ancetogo.org

For more information, you can visit our official Web site : www.talff-enforcement.org.



About The TALFF PROJECT

The project Togo-Application of the law on Fauna and Flora (TALFF) goal is to strengthen legal and institutional framework of the various stakeholders in the fight for the protection of biodiversity and against trafficking in wildlife and flora species in Togo and Africa.

TALFF project is implemented by ANCE NGO in cooperation with the Ministry of environment and forest resources (MEFR) and many other biodiversity actors.

The project aimed at protecting threatened species of the republic of Togo against fauna criminality and the fight against illicit trafficking by reinforcing the implementation of the fauna law and dissuades potential poachers and traffickers.

TALFF project is the replica of the modal EAGLE Network that is realizing already similar projects as the project entitled "Support to the Implementation of the Wildlife Law (AALF) by conservation justice (www.conservation-justice.org) the LAGA project (Last Great Ape (www.laga-enforcement.org))

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