

UPDATE ON THE TRAFFIC CONTRIBUTION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF N'DJAMENA DECLARATION

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1. In line with information exchange by means of appropriate tools such as AFRICA-TWIX developed by COMIFAC and TRAFFIC:

- TRAFFIC collaborated with COMIFAC and the Government of Rwanda for the organization in Kigali, Rwanda, of the **COMIFAC/AFRICA-TWIX Regional workshop to evaluate the progress of the operationalization of this platform within relevant COMIFAC countries (Cameroon, Congo, CAR, DRC and Gabon)**. During this event, Chad officially joined AFRICA-TWIX and Rwanda strongly voiced their interest to join shortly. This development is supported by the Government of Germany and WWF France.
- During CITES COP18, the AFRICA-TWIX system that is technically led by TRAFFIC has been presented at a several side-events. **West African (ECOWAS) countries, including the N'DJAMENA DECLARATION country of Niger, strongly expressed their commitment to establish a TWIX system for their region, and requested for technical lead and support from TRAFFIC and financial support to be provided by the USAID-funded project of WABiCC.**
- The establishment of an Eastern Africa TWIX system is planned to start early in 2020 with support from USAID and will during its first pilot phase include the three countries of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. It is intended to eventually – **at a later stage - include the N'DJAMENA DECLARATION countries of Sudan and South-Sudan.**
- In May-June 2019, TRAFFIC - with support from the USFWS - conducted **pangolin market surveys in four Regions of Cameroon (Center, Adamaoua, East and South)**. This was adding to another survey conducted in November 2018 conducted in Cameroon's Littoral Region. The results were validated by the Cameroon Pangolin Working Group (CPWG) and other experts during a national workshop held in August 2019.
- TRAFFIC is carrying out a **general market survey to assess the bushmeat trade in certain Regions of Cameroon, (Littoral, Centre, East and South) and Departments of the Republic of Congo (Brazzaville and Sangha (Ouessou))**. TRAFFIC intends to expand the study to some other COMIFAC countries and to use the findings to recommend actions on species that are threatened by trade, especially to Asia but that do not receive adequate attention.
- TRAFFIC has carried out a **survey of the trade in sharks and their parts in the Republic of Congo** in March and April 2019. The survey highlighted a flourishing shark meat and fin market in Pointe-Noire including shark and ray species listed on CITES Appendix I and II.

N.B: Joining the TWIX system will increase the networking between Law Enforcement Officials in their combat against Wildlife Crime and related issues while the results of the surveys will provide decision-makers with information to undertake necessary measures to fight against wildlife overexploitation, trafficking and to better protect threatened wildlife species.

2. Concerning the implementation of concerted intersectoral initiatives to combat cross-border poaching, notably involving the Ministries of Environment and Forestry, Defense, Agriculture as well as the Ministries of Justice and Internal Affairs;

- TRAFFIC is currently finalising the production of a **Guide titled “ LA MISE EN APPLICATION DE LA LOI FAUNIQUE, CAMEROUN: Les Elements Essentiels d'un Procès-Verbal (PV) de Constatation d'Infraction en Matière Faunique”**. The Guide - supported under an USAID project - specifies the drafting of the salient elements of a good PV and the bases of the judicial procedure in wildlife cases in Cameroon. This

initiative can easily be replicated in other countries, provided necessary financial resources are mobilized from potential financial partners.

- In April 2019, TRAFFIC organised - in Ouessou Congo - **the subregional workshop for magistrates, judges and prosecutors from Congo, Cameroon and Gabon operating within and around TRIDOM Landscape with aim to enhance transboundary collaboration and synergy in fighting against IWT**. This work was supported by WWF France. Training provided at the workshop involved among others the capability of working with tools such as AFRICA-TWIX and ETIS.
- In early September 2019, with support from USAID, TRAFFIC in collaboration with MINFOF (Cameroon) organized a **national workshop to build the capacity of Magistrates and other Judiciary and Law Enforcement Officials on effective law enforcement to fight wildlife crime in Cameroon**, and to encourage collaboration between the different stakeholders.
- With support from the German Government and WWF Kenya, TRAFFIC is currently **evaluating the implementation of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) Beijing Action Plan (2019-2021)**. Note that all signatory countries of the **N'DJAMENA DECLARATION** are also signatories to the **FOCAC Beijing Action Plan**.

3. Regarding effective implementation of applicable legal and regulatory frameworks and the establishment of effective governance frameworks in the countries

- TRAFFIC is in the final stages of recruitment of a **Consultant to evaluate the implementation of the Central African Wildlife Trade Law Enforcement Action Plan – CAWTLEAP** of COMIFAC (*Plan d'Action sous Regional des Pays de l'Espace COMIFAC pour le Renforcement de l'Application des Legislations Nationales sur la Faune Sauvage – PAPECALF*) for the period 2012 to 2017. The recommendations from this evaluation should contribute to develop the PAPECALF phase II which should be developed with support from TRAFFIC, WWF and other interested partners.
- TRAFFIC, with support from USAID, is collaborating with ICCN (*Institut Congolais de Conservation de la Nature*) **to develop a National Ivory Stockpile Management System (NISMS) for DRC** and to carry out a pre-convention and post-convention ivory stock inventory in Kinshasa.
- TRAFFIC and COMIFAC updated their agreement setting out the framework for partnership between COMIFAC and TRAFFIC in a bid to **contribute in implementing the sub-regional Convergence Plan for the sustainable management of forest ecosystems and their resources in Central Africa**.

4. Regarding the establishment and operationalization of multi-stakeholder, multi-sectoral platforms at the regional, national and local levels to ensure concerted management of issues relating to transhumance, poaching, protected areas and other cross-border crimes:

- Since February 2019, TRAFFIC facilitated **the establishment of the Cameroon Pangolin Working Group (CPWG), which constitutes a collaboration framework and information exchange platform between Pangolin conservation experts and key partners in Cameroon**. This is due to the fact that pangolins are increasingly becoming the subject of transborder trade to Asian countries (mainly China and Vietnam). The CPWG will aid a better understanding of the trade chain and the trends in pangolin trafficking.