

**Central African Sub-Regional Workshop on Wildlife Trafficking and Dismantling
Transnational Illicit Networks
April 3-5, 2012
Libreville, Gabon**

Day 1: Challenges and Best Practices in Combating Wildlife Trafficking

8:15-8:45 Registration and Coffee Service

8:45-9:15* Opening Keynote Remarks:

- Ambassador Eric Benjaminson
- Ambassador Laurence Wohlers
- Emile Bizot, Minister of Forests, CAR
- Gabonese President Ali Bongo Ondimba

*Destruction of seized wildlife products (TBC – Depends on President Bongo Ondimba's schedule)

Session 1 – Plenary

9:15-10:30 **Understanding the Poaching Threat: The Central African Perspective**

Introduction by Moderator: Lee White, Head of the Gabonese National Parks Service

- Bas Huijbregts, WWF Cameroon, (TBC)
- Director Cosma Wilungula Balongelwa, ICCN, Virunga National Park, DRC (TBC)
- Marcellin Agnagna, CARPE, Republic of Congo (TBC)

10:30-10:50 Coffee Break

Session 2 – Plenary

10:50-12:50 **Major Challenges and Areas for Enhanced Cooperation, Regionally and within National Security Organs**

Introduction by Moderator: TBC

- Border Inspections- Phil Alegranti, U.S. FWS
- Information and Intelligence Exchange-Etienne Tabi, RILO Central Africa
- Investigative Practices-Police Lt. Colonel Sombat Trengwiwat, Department of Special Investigations, Thailand
- Illegal Activities/Prosecutorial Law Enforcement-Shennie Patel, DOJ

13:00-14:30 Lunch

Session 3 – Breakout Rooms (Issue Needs Assessment Forms)

14:30-16:00 **Sub-Regional Law Enforcement Responses and Best Practices in Prevention and Investigation of Wildlife Poaching and Trafficking**

Room 1: Law Enforcement Practices and Procedures-Moderator: Phil Alegranti and Richard Ruggiero, U.S. FWS

Facilitator 1: Abdelmajid Segué, Zakouma National Park, Chad (TBC)

Facilitator 2: Paul Elkan, WCS

Facilitator 3: Director Bonaventure, LATF

Room 2: National and Sub-Regional Legal Framework and Criminal Justice

Facilitator 1: Ofir Drori, LAGA

Facilitator 2: Shennie Patel, DOJ

Room 3: Wildlife Trade Management (e.g. captive production, labeling and certification, shorter supply chains)

Facilitator 1: Jean Bosco Nganongo, Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment and Forestry Economy, Cameroon (TBC)

Facilitator 2: Stephane Ringuet, TRAFFIC Central Africa

16:00-16:20 Reporting from Breakout Session Room 1

16:20-16:40 Reporting from Breakout Session Room 2

16:40-17:00 Reporting from Breakout Session Room 3

17:00-17:30 Briefing of Needs Assessment Results and Synthesis of the day

18:30-20:30 Welcome Reception Hosted by: Embassy Libreville at Ambassador's Residence

Day 2: Fighting Networks with Networks: Regional and International Wildlife

Enforcement Tools and Programs

8:30-9:00 Coffee Service

Session 4 – Plenary

9:00-10:00 **Demand Reduction for Illicit Products of Poaching**

Introductory Remarks by: ASEAN-WEN (TBC)

- China SFA or NGO (TBD)
- Pol Maj Gen Monthon Nguenwattana, Thailand
- Chi, INTERPOL Vietnam

10:00-10:30 Coffee Break

Session 5 – Plenary

10:30-12:30

Strengthening International Cooperation to Combat Corruption and Dismantling Cross-Border Illicit Networks: Collective Action and Effective Coordination

Introduction by Moderator: Jessica Graham, INL, U.S. Department of State

- Promoting Good Governance –Steve Galster, USAID-ARREST Program
- International Legal Framework- Bjoern Clarberg, UNODC
- Illicit Financial Flows- World Bank
- International Tools for Enforcement-Pia Jonsson, ICCWC

12:30-13:30

Lunch

Session 6– Plenary

A Way Forward: Towards a Sub-Regional Wildlife Enforcement Network and Guide to Best Practices

- Experiential Points on a WEN, (Ambassador Benjaminson and Richard Ruggiero, FWS)
- A Case Study of Cameroon-Chad Collaboration: Malachie Dolmia, Environment and Water Technical Advisor
- Director Bonaventure, LATF

15:30-16:00

Synthesis of the day/Closing Remarks

18:00-19:30

Dinner Reception

Day 3: Solutions from a Long-Term Perspective

Session 7 – Plenary

8:15-9:00

Coffee Service

9:00-11:00

Concluding Session

Moderator: David M. Luna, Director for Anti-Crime Programs, INL, U.S. Department of State

- Ambassador Wohlers or Benjaminson
- Minister of Water and Forests, Gabon (TBC)
- CAR Senior Official

11:00-11:30

Adjourn-Issue Chair Summary

11:30-12:30

Networking Lunch