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TO: MARINE COMMITTEE

Copy: All Members and Associate Members (for information)

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

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1) Taking Action: Major seizure, arrests, and other developments in Nigeria. Financial Taskforce voices in the Money Laundering Bulletin.

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- Chimpanzee and other wildlife trafficking in Liberia
- Porcupine trafficking, potentially as a replacement for pangolin
- Business-to-Business platforms as a vehicle for wildlife trafficking
- Succulent and rare plant trafficking devastating protected populations

3) Convergence Report: Armed conflict, corruption, and narcotics.

4) Red flags and what to look for, from recent open sources and Taskforce analysis.

TAKING ACTION

News, success stories, and best practice from and for Taskforce members

Nigeria Customs seizes \$54 million / 7.1 tons of illegal pangolin, arrests 3

suspects: In early August, Nigeria Customs Service, a close partner of United for Wildlife, seized 196 sacks of pangolin scales (representing about 15,000 dead pangolins) along with additional quantities of ivory and rhino horn at a trafficker's residence in Lagos, and subsequently arrested 3 of the alleged traffickers. The seizure coincides with two other major developments in Nigeria:

- Nigeria Customs Service recently established a **special wildlife crime unit** in collaboration with UfW Intelligence Sharing partner, [Focused Conservation](#).
- UfW partners EIA and UNODC published a landmark study on "**Combating Wildlife Crime in Nigeria – An analysis of the Criminal Justice Legislative Framework**," available for [download here](#).



"Call of the Wild:" Financial Taskforce members and partners provide expert insights to Money Laundering Bulletin:

New article in leading trade publication, the Money Laundering Bulletin, features expert contributions from a variety of Financial Taskforce members and partners. A version of the article reproduced [here](#) courtesy of [Money Laundering Bulletin](#).

We'd like to hear your story! Submit your company's success stories to your Taskforce points of contact, listed at the end of the Bulletin

INTELLIGENCE UPDATE

Latest wildlife trafficking threat and convergence trends

LATEST TASKFORCE ALERTS

⚠ Liberia: Illegal trade in Western chimpanzees for the pet and wild game / bushmeat

trades: Liberia is a major source and transit country for the illegal wildlife trade (IWT) in West Africa, and is a key source of illicit western chimpanzees for the pet and bushmeat trade. [FULL ALERT](#)

⚠ Illicit trafficking in Porcupines and their parts in Asia, including as potential

Pangolin replacement: Porcupines and their derivatives are in growing demand across Asia for food, traditional medicine, decorations, private zoos, and to supply wildlife farms. Growing demand for porcupine bezoars – round masses of plant material which develop in their gut, used in traditional Chinese medicine – and current trade levels indicate that this trend is unsustainable, posing a threat to the survival of the species. [FULL ALERT](#)

⚠ Traders on business-to-business online marketplaces openly advertise illegal wildlife, drugs, and high value minerals for sale: business-to-business (B2B) marketplaces host companies and individuals claiming to sell protected and endangered wildlife internationally, in violation of national laws and CITES. Pangolin scales, ivory, rhino horn, sea cucumber, tiger skins, live parrots, parrot eggs, primates, and other protected wildlife are openly advertised on B2B marketplaces, often alongside other illicit commodities. [FULL ALERT](#)

⚠ Succulent and other rare plant trafficking in South Africa increasing during Covid-19 pandemic, reflecting global trends: Increasing demand for rare plants in Asia, Europe, and North America is driving plant poaching and trafficking from South Africa, the United States of America, and Chile. Demand for these plants, particularly succulents and cacti, is threatening wild species, leading to rapidly declining populations. Authorities in South Africa seized more than 2,500 succulent specimens each week from January to July 2021. [FULL ALERT](#)

CONVERGENCE REPORT

- **AIR TRANSPORT / PUBLIC HEALTH:** [Weak controls fuel surge in wildlife trafficking by air across Latin America](#) Mongabay
- **AUTHORITARIANISM:** [Environmental Activists in Cambodia Are Resorting to Disguises to Avoid Arrests](#) Vice

- **AUTHORITARIANISM / INSTABILITY:** [Myanmar Junta's Coup Gives Greenlight to Timber Traffickers](#) The Irrawaddy
- **GEOPOLITICS:** [Fish and Ships: Chinese fishing and Europe's Indo-Pacific strategy](#) European Council on Foreign Relations
- **HUMAN TRAFFICKING:** [Slaves to deforestation: Labor abuses fuel Brazil's Amazon destruction](#) Thomson-Reuters Foundation
- **ORGANIZED CRIME:** [Hong Kong Brings Wildlife Trafficking under Organized Crime Bill](#) OCCRP

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

Actionable red flags & indicators of suspicious activity, compiled from recent open sources and Taskforce Alerts

Country Risk

- **Source:** South Africa, United States of America, Chile, Mexico, Peru, Liberia, Cameroon, Congo, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines. Solomon Islands,, Tanzania, Togo, Zambia
- **Transit:** Germany, Italy, Armenia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Libya, Sudan
- **Demand:** China, Chinese diaspora communities in Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Japan, Russia, UAE

Specific High-Risk Geographies

- **Liberia (live chimpanzees):** Monrovia, Zwedru, Gbarpolu, Grand Gedeh County; Luyeama in Lofa County, Nimba County, Sinoe County
- **Liberia (Bushmeat):** Konobo District, Gbarpolu County, Ganta, Grand Gedeh Porlorwu, Kpowansanyea Town, Salayea District, Lofa County; Pellokon, Seekon Statutory District, Sinoe County
- **Succulents:** Richtersveld and Knersvlakte, Northern Cape, South Africa; Namaqualand, South Africa; Texas (Big Bend), California (Mendocino and Humboldt Counties), Arizona, USA
- **Cacti:** Atacama Desert, Chile

Client Risk (corporates)

- **Animal export businesses**, pet shops, and breeders
- **Animal skin exporters**
- **Any businesses advertising and selling animal experiences** such as chimp petting or cub petting
- **B2B online marketplaces** where illicit commodities are openly advertised
- **Hotels and restaurants** housing live animals
- **Online and in-store retailers** advertising rare wild harvested plant specimens
- **Plant nurseries** in high-risk source locations
- **Plant import/export** businesses
- **Online wholesale platforms** lacking policies to regulate the trade in wildlife species, or that do not apply policies and standards to traders.
- **Traditional medicine manufacturers or sellers** in high-risk geographies, especially where the trade in porcupines is illegal

Client Risk (persons)

- **Online retailers, wholesalers, and brick and mortar traditional medicine** retail outlets advertising porcupine bezoars, especially from areas where the harvest is illegal or unregulated.
- **Plant enthusiasts and hobbyists** displaying large numbers of potentially wild harvested specimens, especially those suspected of past involvement in IWT with frequent, unexplained travel to / from high-risk source locations
- **Tour guides** specializing in plants
- **Beneficial owners of online wholesale and retail companies** where sales of legal commodities are advertised alongside of illicit commodities; or where past involvement in wildlife crime or cyber fraud is suspected
- **Law enforcement**, park rangers, local officials near high-risk zones for IWT
- **Customs officials or transport company staff** at high-risk border points
- **Owners of hotels** housing live animals
- **Individuals employed in mining and extractive industries**, especially temporary workers from high-risk geographies in Asia

Transaction Risk

- **Unexplained wealth** not commensurate with normal compensation for public sector employees
- **Unexplained transactions** involving large amounts transferred via wire and money service businesses from high-risk destination countries (China, UAE)
- **Sending large numbers of boxes, particularly those displaying dirt or plant debris**, from high-risk zones to high demand markets (as noted above)
- **Regular large deposits from plant exporters** suspected of involvement in IWT
- **Payments to vendors trading in porcupines** in high-risk geographies
- **Unusual deposits or expenditures** in the accounts of farmers near porcupine poaching hotspots

- Payments to online traders with suspicious activity or past histories related to **advanced fee fraud/non-delivery scams or mis-invoicing**

Commodity Risk

- **Animal hides**
- **Timber**
- **Agricultural products** (seeds, nuts, sisal fibers)
- **Medical equipment**
- **Live animals**
- **Succulents, cacti**, and other plant species in high demand

Investor Risk

- Investments related to **B2Bs or supporting payment platforms**
- Investments related to **infrastructure developments near areas threatened with plant poaching**, particularly in the Northern Cape region of South Africa
- Investments related to **traditional medicine manufacture** with operations in source countries and China

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