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GLASS EELS TRAFFICKING

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GLASS EEL



1.500 €/kg
≈ 100 tn/season



EEL



7.500 €/kg

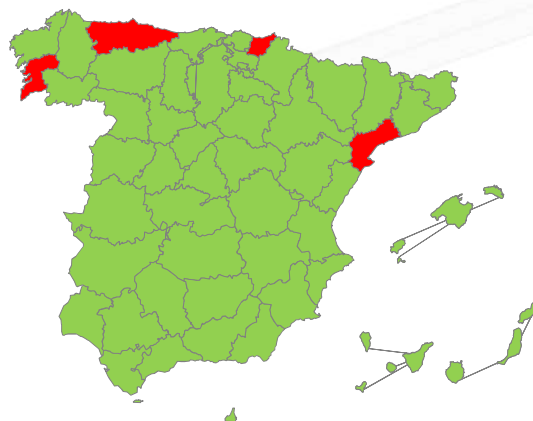
KABAYAKI
GRILLED/SMOKED EEL



Operation «SUCULENTA» 2011-2012

WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING SMUGGLING OF EUROPEAN GLASS EELS

Arrested	14
Range	Spain: Pontevedra, Tarragona, Asturias and Guipúzcoa Romania, Bulgaria and Portugal
Modus Operandi	Smuggling via cargo and private jet
Species	European Glass Eel
Seizure	1.5 tons of eels
Valoración	1.650.000 €



BACKGROUND – GUARDIA CIVIL

Operation «SUCULENCIAS» 2012-2014

WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING SMUGGLING OF EUROPEAN GLASS EELS

Arrested	12
Places involved	Spain: Sevilla and Murcia Portugal
Modus Operandi	Smuggling to Asia via cargo
Species	European Glass Eel
Collaborations	Portugal ASAE
Seizure	750 kg of eels
Profits	1.125.000 €



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Operation «LAKE - BLACK GLASS» 2015-2016

WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING SMUGGLING OF EUROPEAN GLASS EELS

Arrested	20 (Chinese and Spanish)
Range	Madrid, Galicia, País vasco, Zaragoza, Salamanca CHINA
Modus Operandi	“Mules” by plane
Species	European Glass Eel
Seizure	2.5 tons of eels
Valoración	4.000.000 €



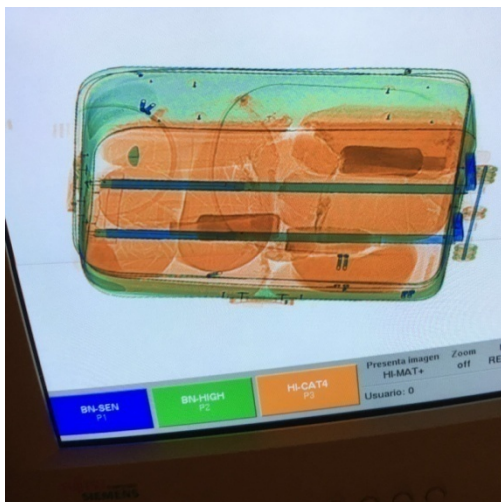
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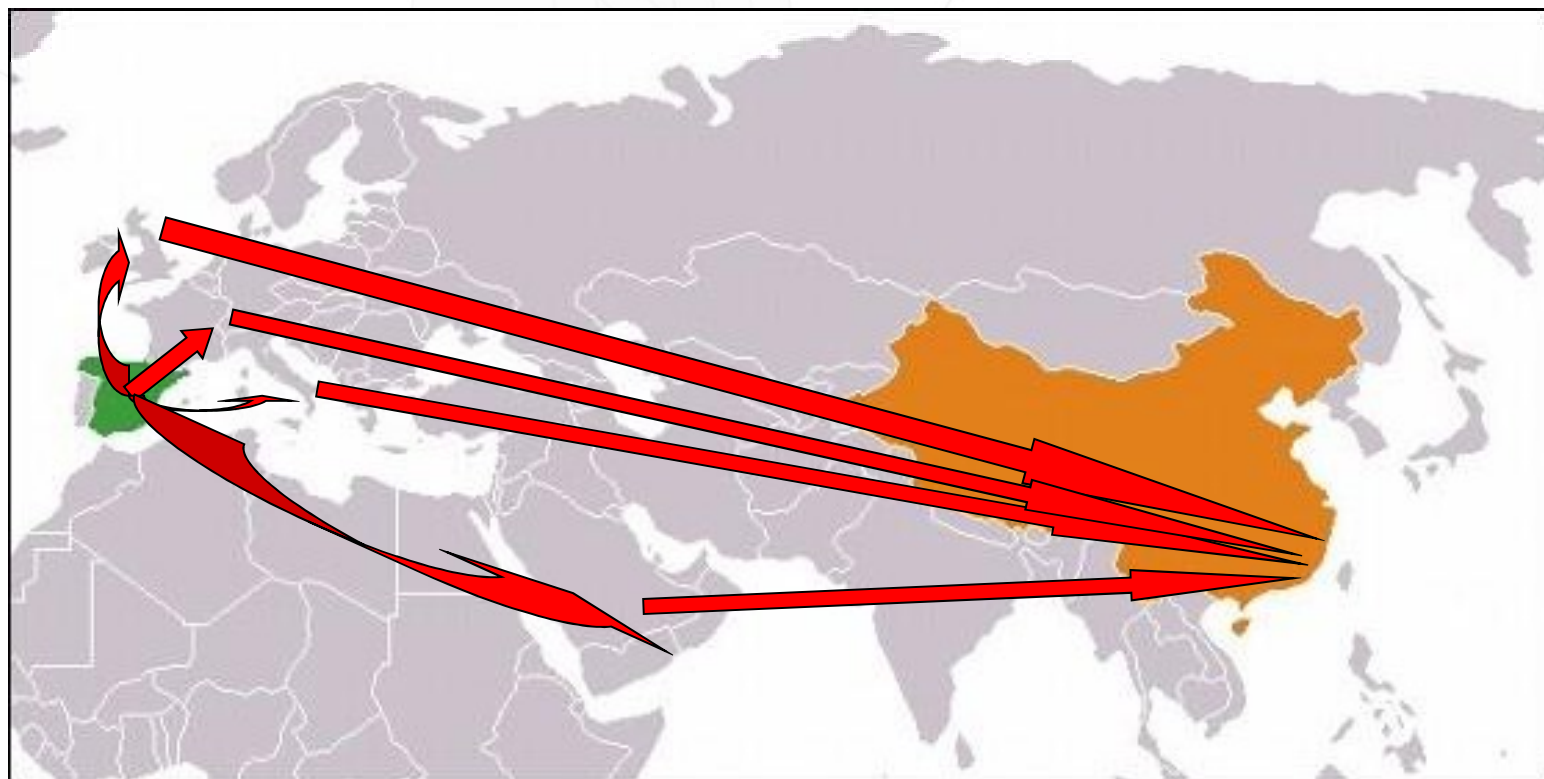
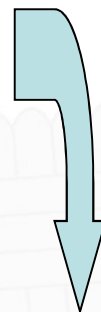
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WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING

SMUGGLING OF EUROPEAN GLASS EELS

Arrested	23
Places involved	Spain (Tarragona, Sevilla,, Ciudad Real y Valencia) France, Portugal, Italy, Greece and China
Modus Operandi	Smuggling to Asia via cargo
Species	European Glass Eel
Collaborations	Europol and Eurojust
Seizure	1.200 Kg 600.000€ in cash
Profits	7.500.000 Euros per year

OPERATION «LAKE II - ABAIA» 2016-2017



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PROFIT IN FIVE YEARS (2012 – 2017) AROUND 35.000.000 € (NET 20.000.000 €). 37.500 TONS OF GLASS EELS ILLEGALLY EXPORTED.

WE ESTIMATE A PROFIT OF 280.000.000 € IN FIVE YEARS TO CHINA NETWORK .

6.000.000 OF HERITAGE SEIZED TO ROSET GROUP DURING THE OPERATION



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WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING SMUGGLING OF EUROPEAN GLASS EELS

Arrested	11
Places involved	Spain (Algeciras & Asturias) Portugal Morrocco China
Modus Operandi	“Mules” with suitcases
Species	European Glass Eel
Collaborations	Europol and ASAE
Seizure	2.400 kg
Profits	5.500.000 € per year

OPERATION «LAKE - ELVER»

2017-2018



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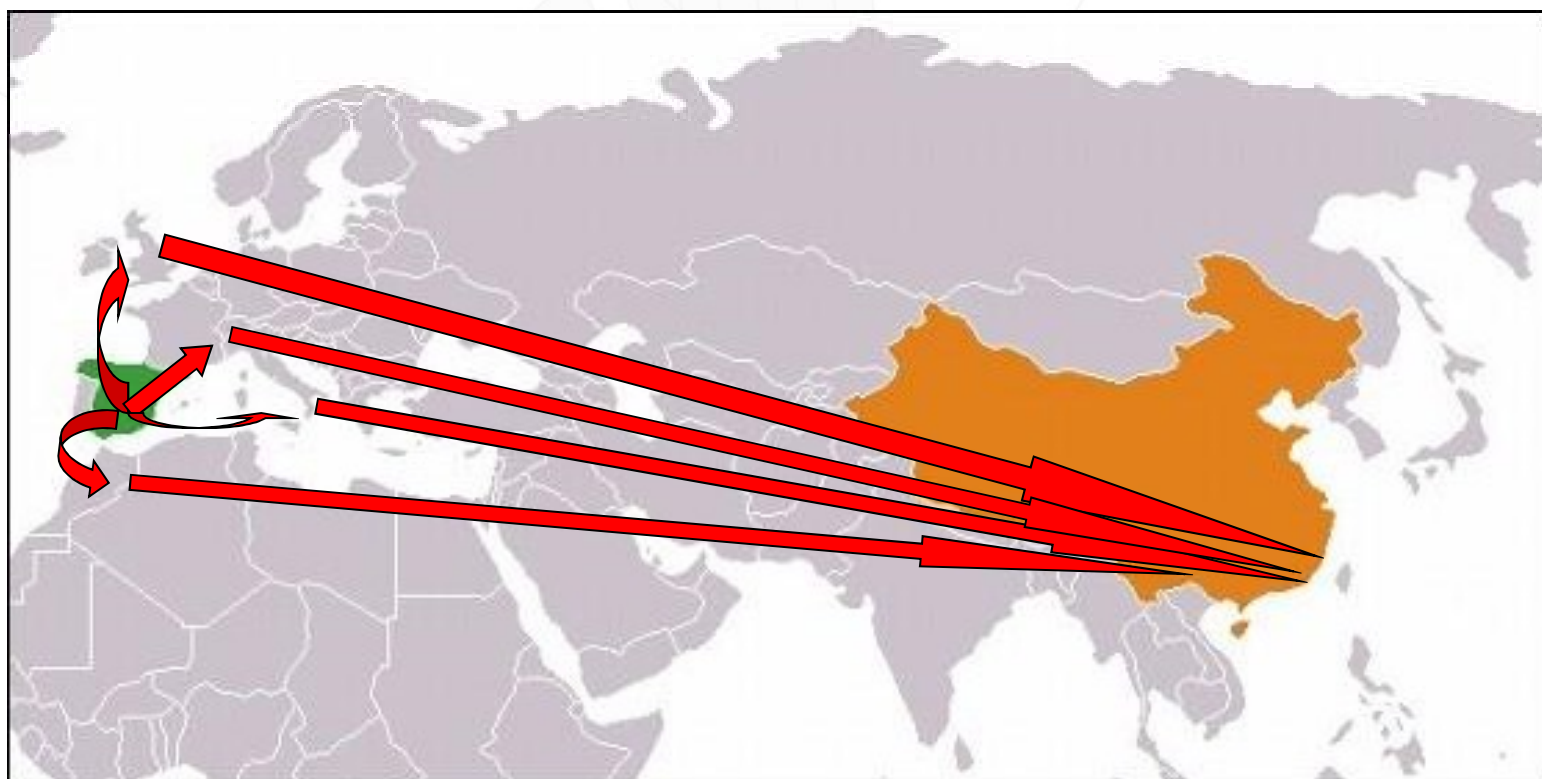


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WE GATHERED INFORMATION ABOUT A NEW ROUTE OF
ASIAN GROUP



All hands on deck



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MODIS OPERANDI

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THE *MODIS OPERANDI* HAS BEEN DESIGNED
FOR BIG COMPANIES IN HK AND SOUTH
KOREA



Main problems in eel fishery and trade control

- The determination of species and within this the possibility of the concretion of the areas of origin of the *Anguilla anguilla*.
- The urgent need to create a protocol for the reintroduction of the glass eels intervened during the various operations.
- From the point of view of the researchers, it is very important to know the data of the first purchase at the auction.





OPERATION LAKE

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THANK YOU

Cảm ơn bạn

Gracias

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Salamat sa iyo

Merci

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