

## Reducing Opportunities for Unlawful Transport of Endangered Species: ROUTES

## Wildlife Trafficking in the Aviation Sector

















#### **ROUTES** Partnership



# GOAL: To disrupt wildlife trafficking by reducing the use of legal transportation supply chains.







- Analysis of seizures of rhino horn, ivory, reptiles, birds, mammals, pangolins, and marine products transported by air
- Development of interactive dashboard



#### **Rhino Horn Trafficking Routes**



#### Trafficking - Europe





Trafficking routes for 'marine products' 2011-2019. Lines darken towards destination points.

- Seahorses, eels, coral, fish bladders, tropical fish, mollusk etc..
- S.E. Asia was the most significant *intended* destination (HKIA)
- Europe acts as a destination and transit point for wildlife products
- Prominent origin point for European eel elvers

#### Eel trafficking by air





• 28 seizures

- c. 5,000 Kg
- Potential black market value: 20 million USD
- 78% found in passenger luggage

TRAFFIC: Seizures of European eel 2011-2019 by air. Individual to weight conversion based on 3,000 fish to 1Kg (UK Environment Agency).

Seizure location



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- B2B toolkit
- Profiling industry actions





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TRAINING MATERIALS QUICK GUIDE

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HELP COMBAT WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING IN THE AVIATION SECTOR

DEVELOPED FOR THE AVIATION INDUSTRY, OUR TRAINING MATERIALS ARE RELEVANT,

SCALABLE AND EASY TO USE

GENERAL AWARENESS TRAINING

Global Focus or Regional Focus\*

One-hour presentation or half-day training

ROLE-SPECIFIC TRAINING

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\*Available for Africa, the Americas, Asia Pacific, E Middle East and South & Central Asia

- General awareness training material •
- Face-to-face training •



100%

DO YOU KNOW HOW TO IDENTIFY WILDLIFE SMUGGLERS?

87% After Trainin

#### Next Steps to Help **Combat Wildlife Trafficking**

Learn About the Illegal Wildlife Trade Download the ROUTES Corporate Case for Support TES to receive regular updates on wildlife seizures eness With Your Colleagues awareness posters in offices and employee spaces re the ROUTES three-minute video on how aviation on about wildlife trafficking in staff communications Counter Wildlife Trafficking nager or HR about wildlife trafficking training nute ROUTES e-module training on wildlife training materials into training curricula and



• Role specific E-modules

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Aviation staff video •

Indicators of wildlife trafficking

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Staff 'toolbox talks'

### Strengthen policies and protocols

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- IATA Resolution committing to • take action
- IATA & ACI Wildlife Trafficking Taskforces established
- Three industry guidance documents adopted, and one document endorsed
- Start of socialization for wildlife trafficking to be recognized as a secondary security threat





- Identifying trafficking opportunities
- Prototype for a reporting app
- Test case for automated illegal wildlife detection



Traffickers of all types tend to utilize the same trafficking methods to evade detection in airports. Some networks overlap, and may move other illicit products in addition to wildlife (In Plane Sight). Mexico arrests 'hitman' for trafficking endangered fish September 14, 2018



Recognizing trafficking as a secondary security threat

#### ROUTES & Government / public commitments



EU Action Plan on Wildlife Trafficking & UfW Transport Taskforce Buckingham Palace Declaration

- Increase support for awareness- raising and targeted demand reduction campaigns in the EU and worldwide
- Raise awareness of business sectors trading in wildlife products within/from the EU or facilitating such trade
- Support private-sector initiatives to curb the illegal wildlife trade and encourage sustainable sourcing of wildlife products in/from the EU

- Commitment 2: Increase passenger, customer, client, and staff awareness about the nature, scale and consequences of wildlife trafficking.
- **Commitment 6:** Identify and promote systems for staff and the public to **report suspicions** in relation to the transportation of illegal wildlife and their products.
- **Commitment 7 (1):** Improve **the training of staff** within the transport sector to enable them to detect, identify and report suspected illegal wildlife trade.
- Commitment 7 (2): Acknowledge staff who champion this cause.
- Commitment 8: Develop a secure, harmonized system for passing information about suspected illegal wildlife trade from the transport sector to relevant customs and law enforcement authorities, where permitted by law

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The USAID Reducing Opportunities for Unlawful Transport of Endangered Species (ROUTES) Partnership brings together transport and logistics companies, government agencies, development groups, law enforcement, conservation organizations, academia and donors to disrupt wildlife trafficking activities, and forms a key element of the concerted international response to addressing wildlife poaching and associated criminal activities worldwide



#### Thank You



