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2 March 2021

**MC(21)20**

**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

1 March 2021

## Announcements

**5th ANNIVERSARY OF THE UfW TASKFORCES:** We're pleased to highlight that March marks the five-year anniversary of the United for Wildlife Taskforces, with the historic signing of the Buckingham Palace Declaration – first signed on 15th March 2016. To celebrate the game-changing collective impact we have made together in combatting global wildlife trafficking, United for Wildlife will be producing and sending out media resources to all Transport and Financial Taskforce members. In addition, on 15th March 2021, the UfW social media and comms channels will be highlighting the successes of its Taskforce members, which we hope as many of you will support on your own channels. More details to follow.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Thank you to all of our members and partners who contributed to the success of the first episode of our new 'Uniting for Wildlife' webinar series. We invite everyone to join us for Episode #2, "**Poaching: The Means to an End**" on Wednesday, 31 March 2021 @ 1300 UK. [Register now](#)

## CONTENTS

**1) Taking Action:** Public-private partnership against wildlife trafficking paying dividends in Nigeria. Taskforce commentary on financial sector developments. New partner podcast on bringing wildlife traffickers to justice.

**2) New Taskforce Alerts** on wildlife trafficking in the contested Kashmir region of India, corrupt shipping agents in Nigeria, and the convergence of cyber crime, money laundering, and wildlife trafficking with the online donkey skin trade.

**3) Convergence Report** on wildlife trafficking overlaps with corruption and kleptocracy, cyber crime, narcotics, and pandemic / zoonotic disease risk.

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

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## TAKING ACTION

*News, success stories, and best practice from Taskforce members and partners*



**Major Seizure and Arrest in Nigeria:** On 21 January, Nigeria customs authorities in Lagos Apapa port seized a total of 8.8 metric tons of illegal elephant ivory, pangolin scales, and various body parts of endangered wildlife species. The seized container was destined for Vietnam and declared as a shipment of furniture. A local shipping agent, Felix ONAME, was subsequently arrested in connection to the seizure. The seizure and post-seizure investigation were the result of cooperation between Nigerian and international law enforcement, supported by relevant UfW Transport Taskforce partners and member companies. More information [here](#).



**Taskforce Commentary on new Egmont report & EU 6th Anti-Money Laundering Directive (6AMLD):** Chair of the UfW Financial Taskforce David Fein and UfW Head of Intelligence Tim Wittig commented on countering wildlife trafficking in context of new European Union measures that makes environmental crime a predicate for money laundering, as well as the recent ECOFEL [report](#) "Financial Investigations into Wildlife Crime." [Read full article](#)



**Podcast - 'Bringing Wildlife Traffickers to Justice:'** In-depth discussion on the *This Wild Life Conservation Podcast* of the complexity of global wildlife trafficking and the role United for Wildlife Taskforce members and partners are playing to dismantle the trade. [Listen Here](#)

**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

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## INTELLIGENCE UPDATE

*Latest wildlife trafficking threat and convergence trends*

### LATEST TASKFORCE ALERTS

**⚠ Illicit wildlife trafficking networks in Jammu and Kashmir region, India:** Wildlife trafficking syndicates operating in the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir, which borders China and Pakistan in the Himalayan mountains, are increasingly servicing supply chains for Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) and European luxury goods. [FULL ALERT](#)

**⚠ Corrupt shipping agents facilitate wildlife trafficking networks from Nigeria:** Corrupt shipping agents – customs brokers, freight forwarders, clearing agents, et – based in and around Apapa Port in Lagos, Nigeria are key risks in relation to facilitating the movement of large volumes of illegal wildlife from Africa to Asia. [FULL ALERT](#)

**⚠ Online trade in donkey skins and hides converges with cyber crime, narcotics, money laundering, and global wildlife trafficking:** The illicit online trade in donkey skins in Africa converges with transnational wildlife trafficking networks, and is likely being used as both a trade-based money laundering vehicle and a concealment for illegal wildlife products. Current evidence indicates that the illegal donkey skin trade also converges with cyber crimes, in particular wire fraud, cyber fraud, and the online trade of illegal goods. [FULL ALERT](#)

## CONVERGENCE REPORT

- **CORRUPTION / INSIDER THREATS:** [Corrupt officers, diplomats and prosecutors – inside Asia’s deadly rhino horn market](#) The Independent (UK)
- **CORRUPTION / KLEPTOCRACY:** [How corruption in Zimbabwe’s justice system is helping wildlife traffickers get off scot free](#) Oxpckers
- **CYBER CRIME:** [How Instagram Celebrities Promote Dubai’s Underground Animal Trade](#) Bellingcat
- **NARCOTICS / KLEPTOCRACY:** [One Party, Many Crimes: The Case of Honduras’ National Party](#) InSight Crime
- **PANDEMIC / ZOO NOTIC DISEASE:** [How loopholes in China’s animal protection law risk new virus outbreaks](#) The Independent (UK)

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## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

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

### Country Risk

- **Source:** Benin; Botswana; Burkina Faso; Cabo Verde; Cameroon; Chad; Cote d'Ivoire; Egypt; the Gambia; Ghana; Guinea; Guinea-Bissau; India; Kenya; Liberia; Mali; Niger; Nigeria; Poland; Senegal; Sierra Leone; South Africa; Tibet; Togo; and Uganda
- **Transit:** Cambodia, Malaysia, India, Pakistan; South Korea, Singapore, Spain
- **Demand:** China; China (Hong Kong); Switzerland; Vietnam

### Specific High-Risk Geographies

- **India:** [Anantnag](#); [Manwal](#)
- **Nigeria:** [Lagos port](#)
- **Switzerland:** [Bern](#); [St Moritz](#)

### Client Risk (corporates)

- **Animal hide exporters and abattoirs**, especially those beneficially owned by Chinese nationals operating in or via source countries.
- **Businesses that trade or advertise donkey skins online**, especially from countries with relevant trade prohibitions or restrictions.
- **Luxury retailers, hotels** marketing and sales of *shahtoosh* shawls
- **Suspicious activity related to Nigeria-based logistics, clearing agents, customs brokers, freight forwarders, and other shipping agents**, in particular those with a prior history of being linked to seized illegal wildlife shipments or criminal investigations
- **Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) businesses** marketing '*ejao*' and/or donkey products
- **Traditional Chinese Medicine** manufactures, suppliers, retailers marketing products from leopards, bears, and/or Himalayan species

### Client Risk (persons)

- **India:** activity related to recently arrested wildlife traffickers in Jammu and Kashmir region named in adverse media.
- **Nigeria:** activity related to recently arrested facilitators of wildlife trafficking in / around Lagos port named in adverse media

### Transaction Risk

- **Keywords:** '*ejao*'; '*shahtoosh*'; '*toosh*'
- **Payments to online vendors** with a record of advanced fee fraud or non-delivery scams.
- **Illogically large payments** to online vendors of donkey skins or related products.

### Commodity Risk

- **Agricultural products:** seeds, nuts, sisal fibers
- **Medical equipment**
- **Furniture**
- **Animal products:** Donkey skins, *shahtoosh* or other exotic Himalayan wools, bear bile, leopard parts (including bones and skins), musk pods and/or traditional medicinal products made from them

### Investor Risk

- **Investments related to donkey skin and other animal hide traders**
- **Investments in Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) manufacturers** that produce or deal in donkey skins, or related products.
- **Investments in Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) products** which include or are marketed to include parts from leopards, bears, and/or Himalayan species
- **Investments in luxury goods manufacturers or suppliers** trading in *shahtoosh* or other exotic Himalayan wools

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