U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Office of Law Enforcement - International Operations Unit



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- 1. Support wildlife trafficking investigations in the country and region
 - 2. Foster transnational collaboration and investigations
 - 3. Advise on the use of assets to combat wildlife trafficking
 - 4. Assist in capacity building efforts

Relationship with Host & Regional Countries

- FOSTER Transnational Criminal Investigations
 - Facilitate investigative work between countries
- FACILITATE movement of criminal intelligence
 - Evidence & Intel Sharing
- Provide resources & investigative support
 - USFWS Forensic Lab
 - Digital Evidence Recovery
- Fund & Support Wildlife Investigation Units
 - Training and Equipment
- Provode Targeted Capacity Building
 - Wildlife Crime Scene, Wildlife Investigations, Border & CITES Enforcement, Advanced Investigative Technics, Wildlife Trafficking Cybercrime Program, International Conservation Chiefs Academy (ICCA) Leadership Development program, etc.
- Advise on most effective use of U.S. Government Funding to Counter Wildlife Trafficking





FWS Resources

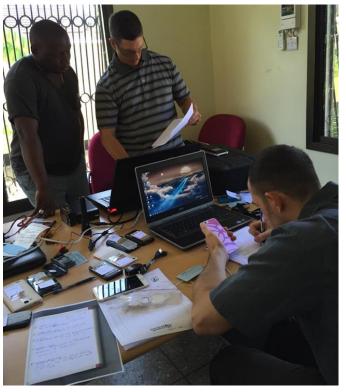
Digital Evidence Recovery and Technical Assistance Unit (DERTSU)

- Obtaining and Executing Digital Evidence Search Warrants
- Guidance on Proper Handling/Preservation of Digital Evidence
- Extraction and Analysis of data from seized digital devices
- Provision of detailed reports from extraction data
- Fully CERTIFIED Digital Evidence Examiners Testify in Court
- Training



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory

- Identification of Species through DNA Analysis, Mass Spectrometry, Morphology, etc.
- Time and Cause of Death Reports
- Contamination Identification
- Ballistics (Contracted out to another accredited lab)
- Trace Evidence Detection
- Online identification resources: www.lab.fws.gov



Timber Trafficking Investigations

Through Implementation of Lacey Act, U.S. Valuable Partner

The U.S. is a SIGNIFICANT importer of timber from around the world and will NOT be a conduit for illegal trade and deforestation.

Illegal Timber Trade is \$52-\$170 Billion annual industry and SIGNIFICANT driver of **CORRUPTION**

Since 2020 USFWS has seized more than 400 tons of Amazonian timber at various U.S. Ports; in cooperation with Brazilian authorities.

Trade Interests & LEVERAGE of U.S. market can effect positive changes in regulatory controls and trade practices



Wildlife Repatriation

Vítimas do tráfico internacional, sapos endêmicos do Amazônia brasileira retornam ao país

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Sapos apreendidos foram enviados ao Zoológico de São Paulo. Foto: Fundação Zoo SP

Dismantling TOC Networks

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, January 25, 2021

U.S. Attorney Announces Extradition Of Kenyan National For Large-Scale Trafficking Of Rhinoceros Horns And Elephant Ivory And Heroin Distribution

Indictment Alleges Conspiracy to Smuggle at Least 190 Kilograms of Rhinoceros Horns and at Least 10 Tons of Elephant Ivory Valued at More Than \$7 Million

Audrey Strauss, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced today that MANSUR MOHAMED SURUR, a/k/a "Mansour," a Kenyan citizen, was extradited from Kenya and arrived in the United States this morning. SURUR was arrested by Kenyan authorities on July 29, 2020, in Mombasa, Kenya, on charges of conspiracy to traffic in rhinoceros horns and elephant ivory, both endangered wildlife species, which involved the illegal poaching of more than approximately 35 rhinoceros







\$1,000,000.00 USD

FOR INFORMATION
LEADING TO THE ARREST AND/OR CONVICTION OF



Abdi Hussein Ahmed

Wanted for Wildlife Trafficking & Narcotics Trafficking

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Tackling CORRUPTION – U.S. Sanctions for Wildlife & Timber Trafficking

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Treasury Sanctions Wildlife Trafficking Organized Crime Group



October 7, 2022

WASHINGTON – Today, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) designated Malaysian national **Teo Boon Ching**, the **Teo Boon Ching Wildlife Trafficking Transnational Criminal Organization** (TCO), and the Malaysian company **Sunrise Greenland Sdn. Bhd.** for the cruel trafficking of endangered and threatened wildlife and the products of brutal poaching. Teo Boon Ching specializes in the transportation of rhino horn, ivory, and pangolins from Africa, generally utilizing routes through Malaysia and Laos and onward to consumers in Vietnam and China.

"Wildlife trafficking groups are cruel and inhumane, and they also perpetuate corruption and illicit finance," said Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence Brian E. Nelson. "The United States considers wildlife trafficking to be not only a critical conservation concern, but also a threat to global security."

Today's action is the result of a collaboration between the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of State, and the U.S Department of Justice. The United States appreciates the assistance of the Royal Thai Government in this case.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service – International Attachés



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