Reducing Opportunities for Unlawful Transport of Endangered Species: ROUTES

CITES COP18, Geneva
GOAL: To disrupt wildlife trafficking by reducing the use of legal transportation supply chains.

• Funded by USAID
• Partners from the transport sector, US government, academics and NGOs

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Working together
DISRUPTING WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING ALONG LEGAL TRANSPORT SUPPLY CHAINS BY

- Improving Data Analytics
- Engaging Corporate Leaders
- Training Transport Personnel
- Strengthening Policies & Protocols
- Increasing Collaboration with Enforcement
Improving data analytics

• Analysis of seizures of rhino horn, ivory, reptiles, birds, mammals, pangolins, and marine products transported by air
Engaging corporate leaders

- Industry guidance and action plans
- B2B toolkit
- Profiling industry actions
Strengthen policies and protocols

- IATA Resolution committing to take action
- IATA & ACI Wildlife Trafficking Taskforces established
- Three industry guidance documents adopted, and a one document endorsed
- Raising the profile of wildlife trafficking with ICAO
Increasing collaboration with enforcement

- Identifying trafficking opportunities
- Recognizing links with criminal networks

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).

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

Mexico arrests 'hitman' for trafficking endangered fish
September 14, 2018

TRAFFICKING
BRIBERY
CORRUPTION
FRAUD
MONEY LAUNDERING
VIOLENCE
Training transport personnel

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

• Role specific eModules
• Aviation staff video
• Staff ‘toolbox talks’
Training transport personnel

- ROUTES training given by ROUTES
- ROUTES training used to develop company training
- ROUTES training used by others
Developed for the aviation sector with industry partners

- Industry relevant
- User-friendly
- Ready-to-use
- Free to download

General Awareness
(French, Spanish, Chinese)

Role-Specific

These materials are not designed to turn aviation staff into enforcement officers.
General Awareness

Module 1: Wildlife Trafficking Overview

Module 2: Wildlife Trafficking on Airlines

Module 3: Identifying Wildlife Traffickers

Module 4: Report and Respond

Regional adaptations:
Role-specific Presentations

See, hear, smell, feel

- **See**: Falcons found in baggage, fitted with air holes
- **Hear**: Splashing water alerts staff to woman smuggling fish under her skirt
- **Smell**: Four smell reveals dead reptiles
- **Feel**: Heavy, "chocolate bars" in baggage, found to be ivory

Toolbox Talks

- **Passenger Check-in**
- **Passenger Screener**
- **Cabin Crew**
- **Cargo Acceptance**
- **Cargo/Baggage Screener**
- **Ground Handler**
Check the website for the training resources...

https://routespartnership.org/training-modules
...and more

https://routespartnership.org
...to support an airport-wide wildlife trafficking response

“What to look for”

“Wildlife trafficking in aviation”

“Health & Safety”

“Next Steps to Help Combat Wildlife Trafficking”

Action Plans and Case Studies
Thank You