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Reducing Opportunities for Unlawful Transport of Endangered Species

Awareness for Airline and Airport Staff (*Americas*)
Module 3 – Identifying traffickers

Airline/Airport name here

Location and date of training here

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Training Objectives

Module 3 – Identifying Traffickers

By the end of this module, you will:

- Be aware of some of the ways used by traffickers to smuggle wildlife by air
 - In carry-on baggage, check-in baggage, disguised as something else by post or courier or in cargo
- Understand where airline and airport staff might be able to identify wildlife trafficking
- Be aware of clues which can help you identify wildlife traffickers





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There are four key ways traffickers move wildlife and wildlife products by air:

- Hidden on their body
- In personal baggage (check-in or carry-on)
- Air cargo
- By post or courier



Wildlife smuggling – On the person



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Wildlife smuggling – On the person



Wildlife smuggling – On the person



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Challenges: Concealed contraband

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Jakarta - Usaha penyelundupan dua Owa Jawa (*Hylobatidae*) oleh Warga Negara Kuwait Tamila F Basmanova berhasil digagalkan. Wanita cantik itu nekat membawa owa di betisnya. Kok bisa?

Informasi yang dihimpun, terungkapnya penyelundupan hewan langka Indonesia itu berkat ketelitian petugas mesin X-ray di Bandara Soekarno Hatta, Tangerang. Setelah



Wildlife smuggling – Carry-on baggage



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Wildlife smuggling – Carry-on baggage

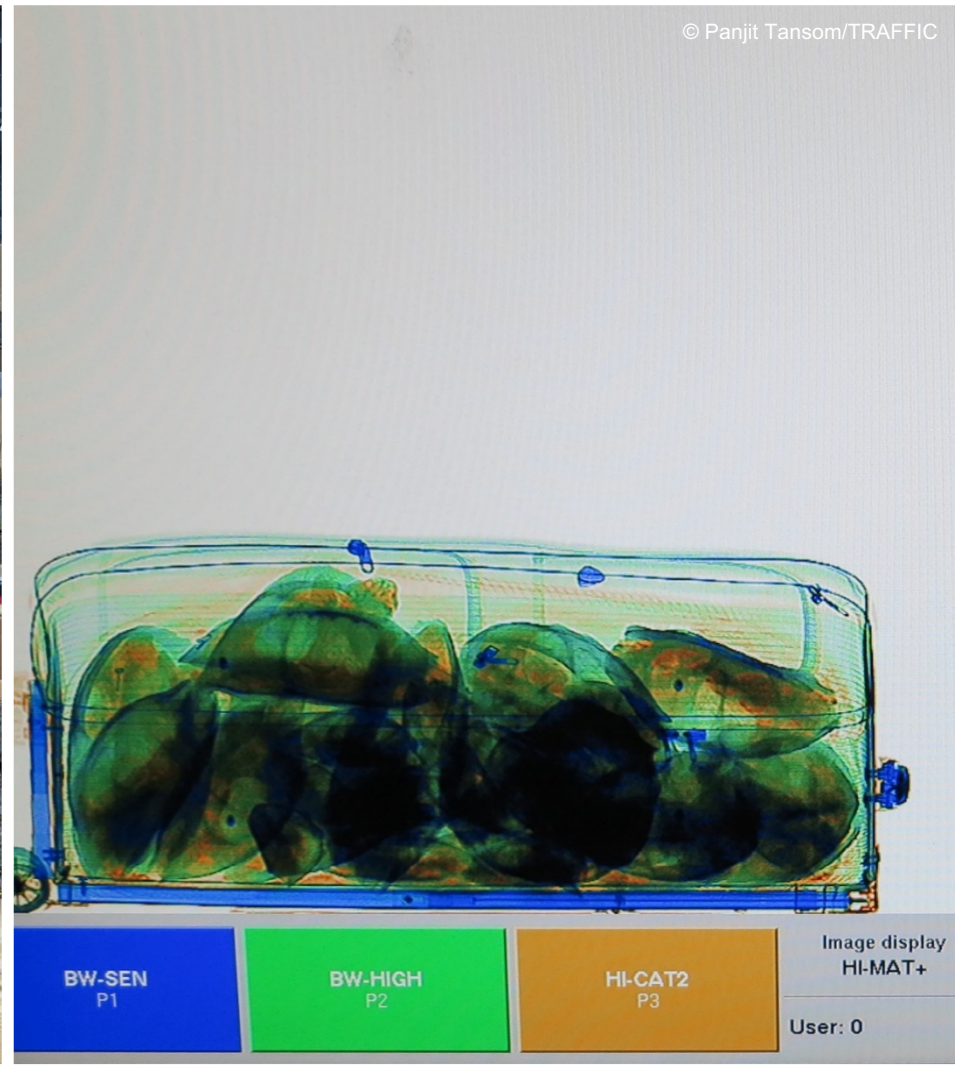


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Wildlife smuggling – Check-in baggage



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Wildlife smuggling – Disguised



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Wildlife smuggling – Cargo



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Wildlife smuggling – Cargo



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Wildlife smuggling – Post



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Wildlife smuggling – Post



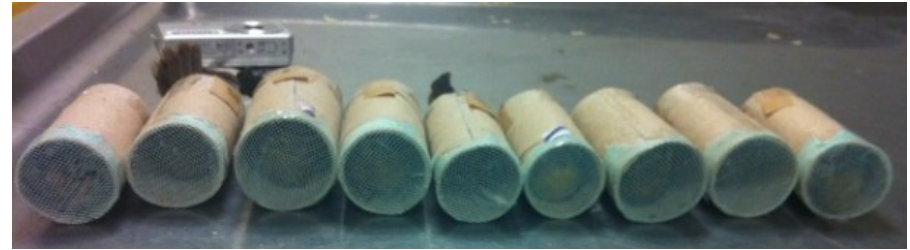
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Case study – On the person

- Guyana to JFK Airport, New York, USA
- Nine birds found in the sleeves of a passenger's shirt
- The finches were hidden in toilet paper tubes



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Case study – Check-in baggage

- **Detroit, U.S.A. to Shanghai, China**
- Over 1000 live turtles in passenger baggage
- Animals hidden in cereal boxes and rubber boots



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Case study – Baggage

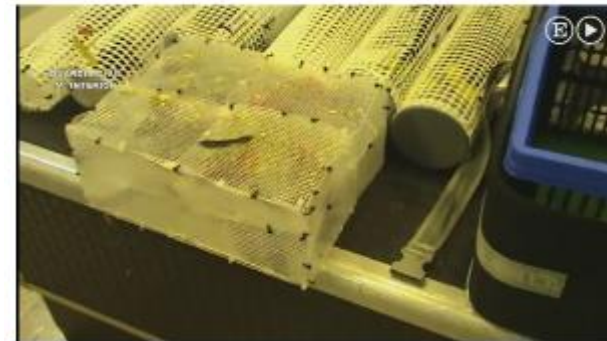
- **Mexico to Spain**
- 120 birds smuggled in four suitcases
- Suspects had been travelling between Mexico and Spain regularly

Illegal traffic of species: 120 birds hidden in four suitcases

The Civil Guard stops in Barajas two people for trying to introduce birds from Mexico. Almost half of the animals died asphyxiated in the trip



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Case study – Baggage

- **Viet Nam to Los Angeles, U.S.A.**
- 93 birds found in passenger baggage
- Most of the birds died



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Use this slide to provide local information on wildlife trade, for example this could include recent seizures, changes in the law etc.

This should be airport related.



WHAT **YOU** CAN LOOK OUT FOR



PASSENGER
START
of the journey



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PASSENGER
START
of the journey



Passenger check in

Passenger transit

Security check

Hand luggage
check & scan

Passenger scan

CARGO
START
of the journey



Ground staff baggage
control

Luggage scanned

Cargo in transit

Ground crew load
luggage

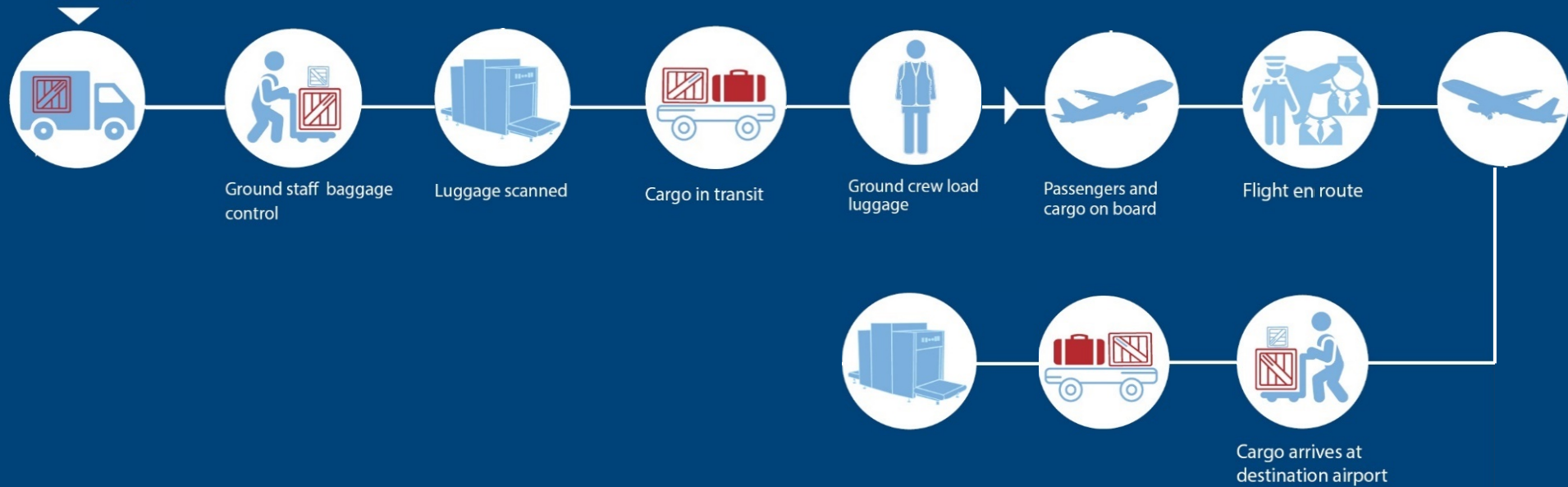
Passengers and
cargo on board

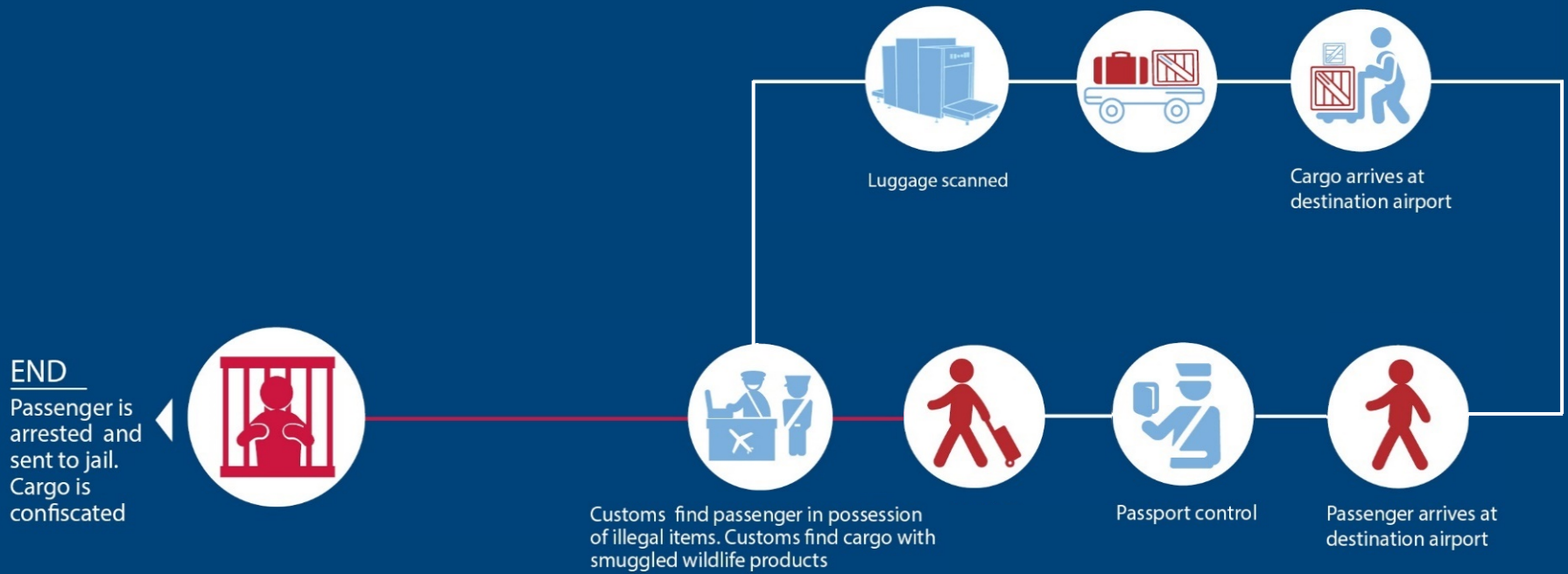
Flight en route



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CARGO
START
of the journey





Trail of the Trafficker

PASSENGER
START
of the journey



Passenger check in



Passenger transit



Security check



Hand luggage
check & scan



Passenger scan



CARGO
START
of the journey



Ground staff baggage
control



Luggage scanned



Cargo in transit



Ground crew load
luggage



Passengers and
cargo on board



Flight en route



END
Passenger is
arrested and
sent to jail.
Cargo is
confiscated



Customs find passenger in possession
of illegal items. Customs find cargo with
smuggled wildlife products



Passport control



Passenger arrives at
destination airport



Luggage scanned



Cargo arrives at
destination airport



What you can look out for



Check-in

- Unusual route and connections
- baggage smells unusual



Security

- Clothes too big
- Wrong clothes for climate
- Multiple connection boarding passes



What you can look out for



Scanner

- Unusual smell or movement
- Contents not as expected
- Scan shows organic items or ivory



Immigration

- Abnormal travel
- Nervous passenger



What you can look out for



Cargo Handler

- Origin doesn't match declared contents
- Air holes where none needed



Ground Staff

- baggage/cargo moving
- baggage/cargo smells
- baggage/cargo makes noise
- Unusual/multiple connection tags



What you can look out for



Cabin Crew

Passengers who:

- Don't eat or move
- Are very nervous
- Smell unusual
- Wear baggy clothing



Customs

- Act on tip offs
- Known trafficking routes
- Frequent checks
- Check passengers and small bags



Remember!



Inappropriate Clothing

- Wrong clothes for climate
- Baggy clothing
- Clothes don't match occupation



Involuntary Responses

- Sweating, dilated pupils
- Avoids eye contact
- Nervousness
- Shaking & twitching



Remember!



Nervous Body Movements/Speech

- Adjusts clothing/jewelery
- Talks fast
- Delayed responses
- Repeats questions

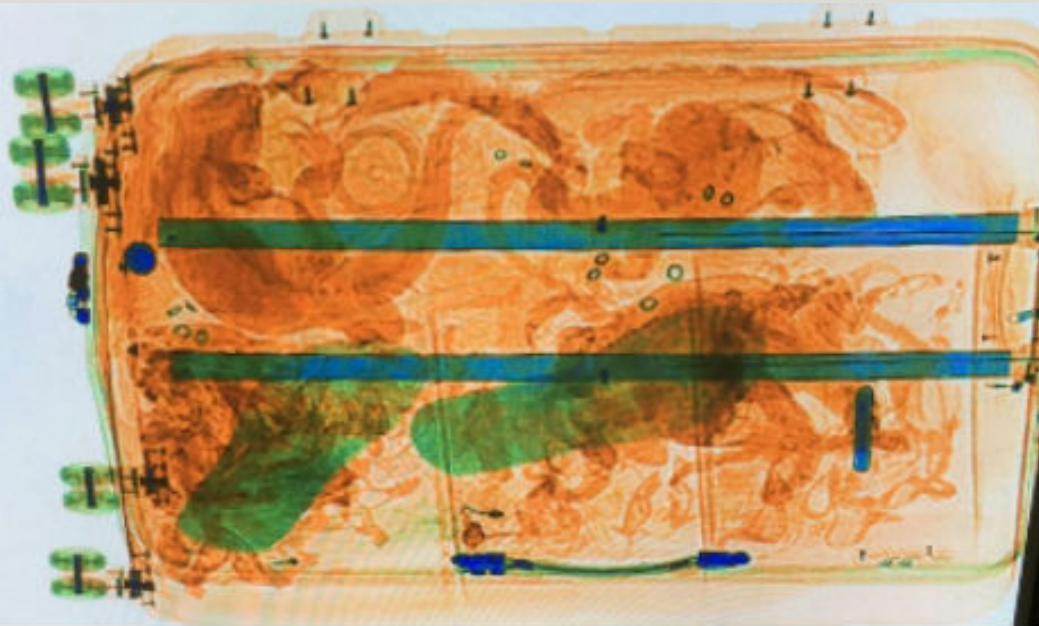


Use Your Senses

- Unusual smells
- Animal sounds/noises
- Moving clothing



What you can look out for



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What you can look out for



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Any Questions?



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Additional Slides



Case study – Baggage

- **Viet Nam to Houston, U.S.A.**
- 55 seahorses in a bottle, submerged in liquid
- Hidden in passenger baggage



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Case study – On the person

- **Havana, Cuba to Miami, U.S.A.**
- 9 live birds found on a passenger
- 6 found in a fanny pack and three hidden in his underwear



Customs and Border Patrol, USA



Case study – On the person

- **Peru to Mexico City**
- 18 titi monkeys (put into socks) hidden under passenger's clothing
- Suspect was behaving nervously and had a mysterious bulge under his clothes



Case study – Baggage

- **Dominican Republic to Switzerland**
- **261 Mexican Red-kneed Tarantulas in baggage**
- **The spiders were packed in individual plastic bags**



Case study – Hand-carry baggage

- Honduras to U.S.A.
- Corals, conch shells, sponges and other marine organisms in shopping bags (as carry on)



Case study – Hand-carry baggage

- **Costa Rica to Panama**
- 9 snakes, 84 frogs, 42 lizards and 203 tadpoles stuffed into plastic takeout containers inside baggage

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German man caught trying to smuggle 170 animals in a suitcase

Costa Rica police stop suspect as he tries to depart with frogs, snakes and lizards in his bags



Plastic boxes and bags with animals seized from a German citizen arrested for smuggling in San Jose, Costa Rica. Photo: EPA

