

ROUTES

Reducing Opportunities for Unlawful Transport of Endangered Species

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

Airline/Airport name here

Location and date of training here



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







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



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Wildlife smuggling – On the person



Challenges: Concealed contraband

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Wanita Kuwait Cantik Ini Ditangkap karena Selundupkan Hewan Langka di Betis

Edward Febriyatri Kusuma - detikNews

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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?

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Wildlife smuggling – Carry-on baggage



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Wildlife smuggling – Carry-on baggage



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Wildlife smuggling – Check-in baggage



Wildlife smuggling – Disguised



Wildlife smuggling – Cargo



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Wildlife smuggling – Cargo



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Wildlife smuggling – Post



© Australian customs



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Wildlife smuggling – Post



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Case study – On the person

- **Jakarta, Indonesia to Kuwait, via the U.A.E.:** Two baby gibbons.
- Suspect bandaged the apes to her leg and hid them underneath her long cloak (*abaya*)



The image shows a screenshot of a news article from DetikNews. The article title is "Wanita Kuwait Cantik Ini Ditangkap karena Selundupkan Hewan Langka di Betis" (A Beautiful Kuwaiti Woman is Caught for Smuggling Rare Animals in Betis). The author is Edward Febriyatri Kusuma. The article includes social media sharing icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Google+, and a comment count of 19. A photograph shows a woman in a hijab sitting on a green chair, holding a small animal. The text below the photo describes the incident: "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



Case study – Hand carry baggage

- **Abidjan to Hong Kong, via Dubai:**
26kg ivory products
- Hidden in tailor-made vests, inside hand baggage



Case study – Check-in baggage

- **Angola to Paris, en route to Viet Nam**
- 26 elephant tusks, 142kg ivory
- Ivory covered with ‘sealant’ in suitcases



Video screenshots taken from <https://youtu.be/N4OnaKv0fHk>



Case study – Cargo

- **Entebbe, Uganda to Singapore via Abu Dhabi**
- 500 kg ivory sent as cargo
- Ivory hidden in four metallic drums, labelled as shea butter



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Case study – Post

- **Malaysia to Taiwan: Fifteen endangered turtles smuggled in sports shoes**
- The parcels arrived on a FedEx flight



The screenshot shows a news article from Taiwan News. The main headline is "15 endangered turtles found smuggled in shoes: Taiwan Customs". Below the headline, it states "The turtles were turned over to a wildlife center in northern Taiwan". The article is by Matthew Lubin, Taiwan News Staff Writer, dated 2017/03/15 19:38. A photo of a turtle is shown with the caption "Angonoka tortoise (courtesy Forestry Bureau)". To the right, there is a "MOST POPULAR" section with several article thumbnails and titles.

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15 endangered turtles found smuggled in shoes: Taiwan Customs

The turtles were turned over to a wildlife center in northern Taiwan

By Matthew Lubin, Taiwan News, Staff Writer
2017/03/15 19:38

Angonoka tortoise (courtesy Forestry Bureau)

Updated: 2017-03-15 08:02:43 EDT

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- Rain Apocalypse: Video and prices of yesterday's monsoon rain in Taiwan
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Case study – Post

- **Indonesia to Australia: Biosecurity inspectors at Melbourne's international mail facility discovered 13 live snakes in a package.**
- **Boxes were marked as "mixed powder"**



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Snake smugglers thwarted by Melbourne biosecurity officials

ABC Rural By Anna Vidot

Updated 24 June 2015 at 1:22 pm
First posted 24 June 2015 at 9:12 am

Biosecurity inspectors at Melbourne's international mail facility have been given a rude shock, discovering 13 live snakes hidden in a package from Indonesia.

The snakes were found as part of routine inspections last Saturday, after being mailed in boxes marked "mixed powder".

Department of Agriculture head of pathway compliance, Nicola Hinder, said it appeared the animals had been smuggled into Australia for sale as pets or breeding stock, and posed a high biosecurity risk.

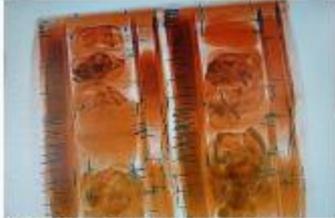
All 13 snakes were euthanised.

"This detection of concealed and illegally imported snakes, sent from Indonesia, is a clear attempt to get around the rules that are in place to protect us all," Ms Hinder said.

"Where we find intentional non-compliance like this, we investigate and seek to apply the full force of the law.

"I want to warn those involved in this failed importation, or thinking about using the mail to bring in animals, that that we aim to find you and hold you to account."

The Department of Agriculture said it was still investigating the case.



Snakes detected by biosecurity officials at Melbourne's international mail facility. (Department of Agriculture)



Thirteen Indonesian snakes euthanised at Melbourne's international mail facility. (Department of Agriculture)



Additional Case Study Examples

- Bangkok, Thailand to Chennai, India
6 tortoises, 3 Meerkats in suitcase - 4 May 2017
- From Malaysia and Indonesia seized in Jinan, China
2,800 dead butterflies (labeled as 'dresses') - 14 April 2016
- Viet Nam to Houston, Texas, USA
Seahorses found in passenger baggage - 1 March 2016
- Manila, Philippines to Japan
47 animals in Styrofoam boxes (labeled as aquatic plants) - 30 Jan 2016



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



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

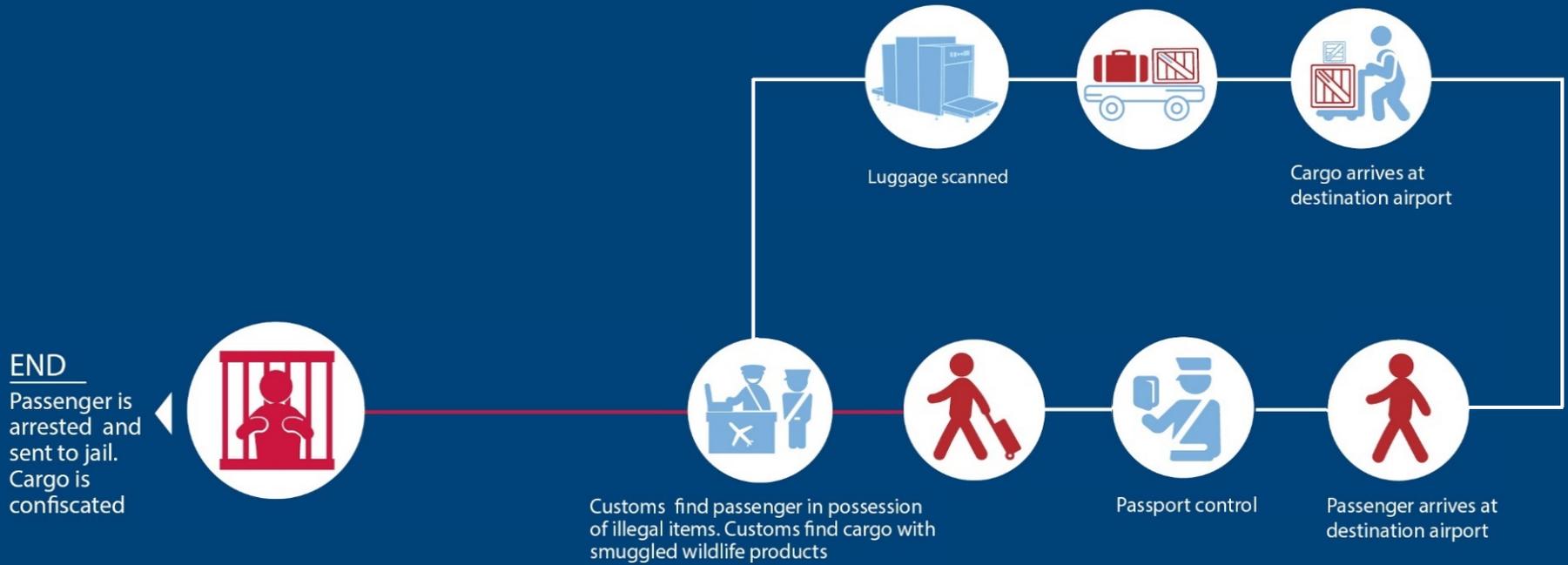
Cargo in transit

Ground crew load
luggage

Passengers and
cargo on board

Flight en route





Trail of the Trafficker

PASSENGER
START
of the journey



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Passenger transit

Security check

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CARGO
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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



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

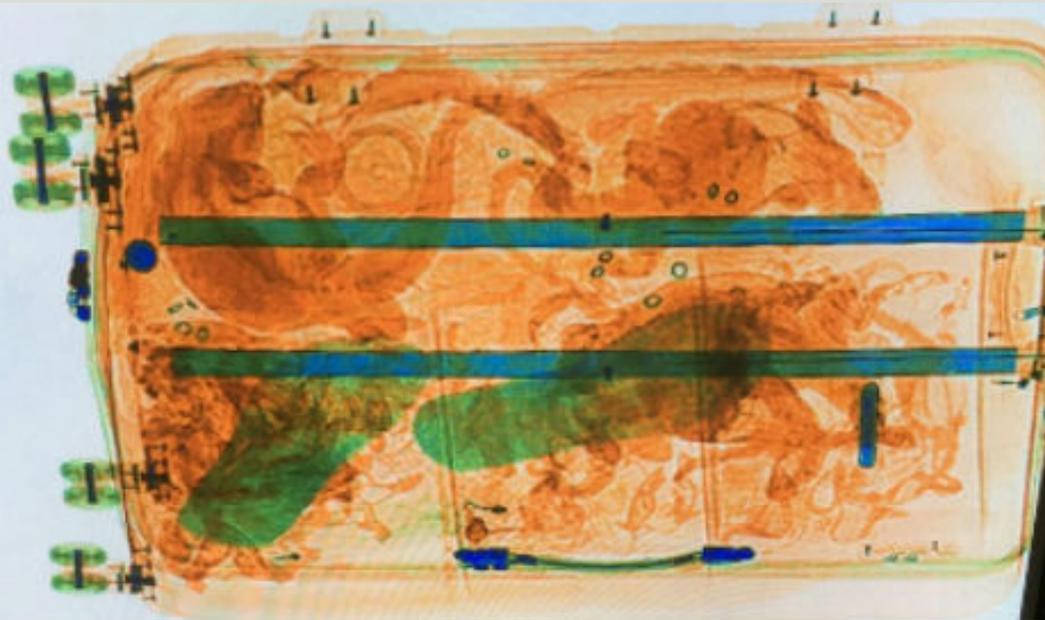


Use Your Senses

- 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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THE NUMBERS GAME!

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Over 320
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Over
35,000



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Numbers

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Any Questions?



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Additional Slides



Case study – Check-in baggage

- **Viet Nam to Singapore: Twelve endangered songbirds discovered in white plastic containers**
- **Hidden in clothing in suitcases**



Case study – Cargo

- **Nigeria to Ha Noi, Viet Nam: 309kg ivory seized at Noi Bai International Airport**
- Transported in container labeled as glass

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309 kilos of suspected ivory seized in Hanoi

By VnExpress October 2, 2016 | 11:11 am GMT+7



The suspected ivory found at Noi Bai airport on Saturday. Photo by VnExpress/Bon Duong

Around 309 kilograms of what are suspected to be elephant tusks from Nigeria were seized at Noi Bai Airport on Saturday.



Case study – Baggage

- **Africa to Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam, via Qatar: 2kg rhino horns in passenger suitcase**
- **Horns were cut into pieces and hidden in milk powder cans**



The image shows a screenshot of a news article from Thanh Nien News. The article is titled "Man caught with 4 rhino horns at Vietnam airport" and is categorized under "Society". The author is "Dien Huy" and the date is "Sunday, July 31, 2016 17:56". Below the text is a photograph showing a red plastic basket containing several pieces of white, cylindrical rhino horn. The basket is placed on a table next to a blue container of "Mama" brand milk powder and a black suitcase. The background shows a room with chairs and a table.

Man caught with 4 rhino horns at Vietnam airport

By Dien Huy, Thanh Nien News

Sunday, July 31, 2016 17:56

Small Print

Mono horns are cut into pieces and hidden in milk powder cans. Photo provided by Customs Office



Case study – Check-in baggage

- **Bangkok to Japan:** Don Mueang International Airport officials found twelve otters, five owls and three hawks in checked in baggage
- **Suspect was on his way back to Japan**



By checking the bar code stickers on luggage containing live wildlife, found that The owner of the luggage named the passenger is Mr. Kazashi Yamamoto, 57, Japanese nationality. Hold a passport number TR 4759229 invite the investigator to accept that. Luggage is their own To return to Japan, which later Mr. Pakpong Phaithong forestry officer skillfully. Chief of Don Mueang Airport Wildlife Sanctuary Is accusing Mr. Kazakis in accusations under The Conservation and Protection of Wild Animals Act 1992, sent the Don Mueang Investigation Officer to conduct a criminal case at 345/2560 and seized 195/2560 by all wildlife officials.



Case study – Wildlife in transport cages

- **Indonesia to Belgium: 8 Binturongs, 2 Red Giant Flying Squirrels and 1 Echidna**
- The animals arrived in transport cages and were not
*microchipped



The screenshot shows the website of Natuurhulpcentrum vzw, a wildlife rescue center. The header includes the organization's name, logo, and a search bar. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for Home, Natuurhulpcentrum, Wild animals, Actions & Events, How to help?, L-shop, and Media archive. A large banner image shows a person holding a bird of prey. Below the banner is a news section titled "Seizure Indonesian mission" with a date of 01/12/2017. The text of the article describes the seizure of 11 animals (8 binturongs, 2 red giant flying squirrels, and 1 echidna) at Zaventem airport. A small image of an echidna is shown next to the text.

Natuurhulpcentrum vzw
Opvangcentrum voor zieke en gewonde dieren

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Seizure Indonesian mission

01/12/2017
The Wildlife Rescue Center today revealed the only solution for 11 animals already stayed 72 hours in their transport cages.

The border inspection of the FASFC (Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain) today held at Zaventem airport against a transport of exotic animals from Jakarta. It was about eight bear martens, 2 tapocons (red giant flying squirrels) and one echidna.

The animals were not microchipped, so that all health certificates and related documents were also invalid. Therefore, the FASFC decided to stop the shipment. Since the animals were already 72 hours in their transport boxes, was very urgent robotic sought for them.

* *Not microchipped, so health and other documents were deemed invalid*