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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

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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

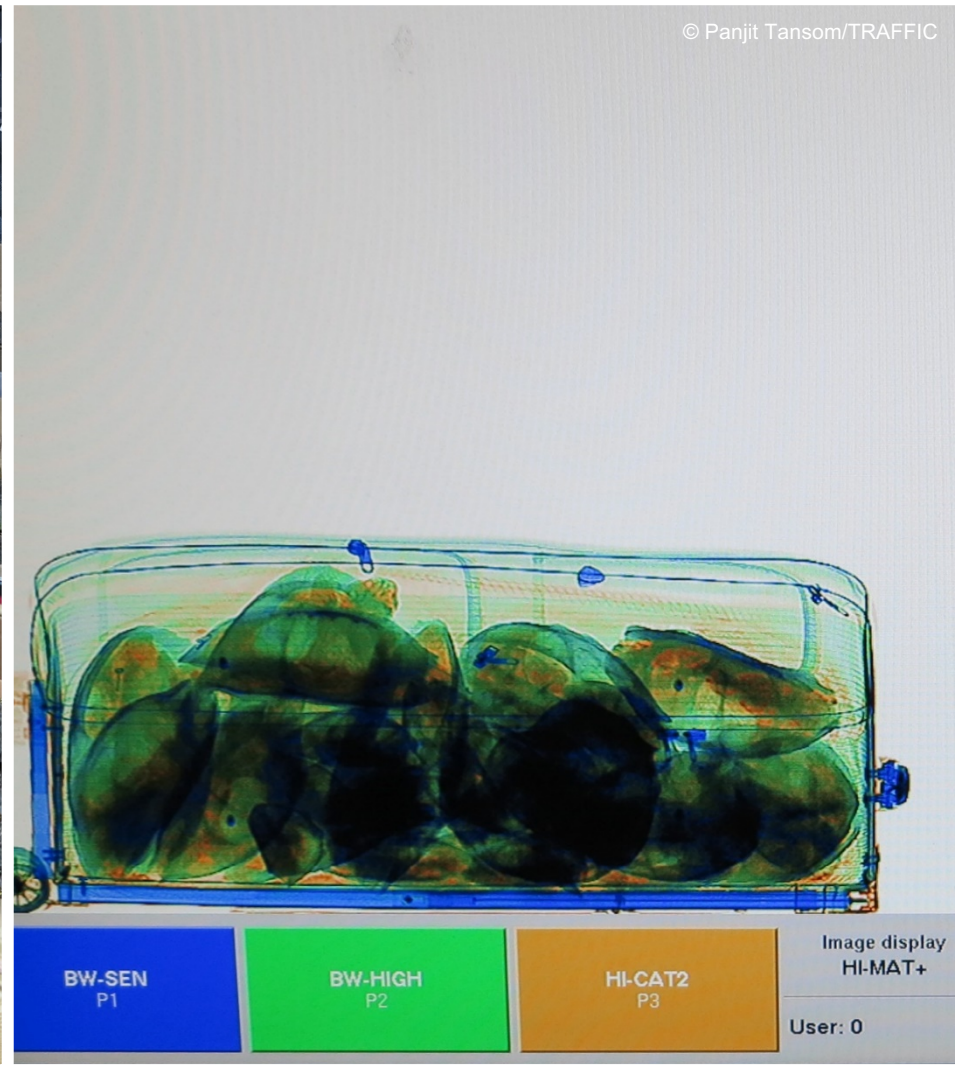


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Wildlife smuggling – Check-in baggage



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

- **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*)



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



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"**



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.

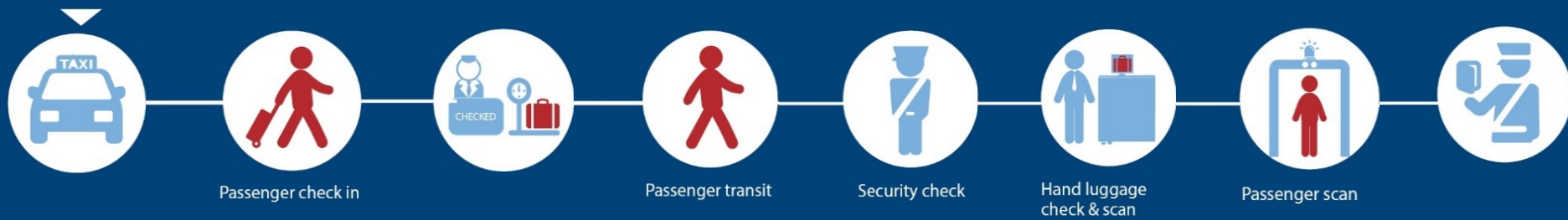
This should be airport related.



WHAT **YOU** CAN LOOK OUT FOR



PASSENGER
START
of the journey



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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



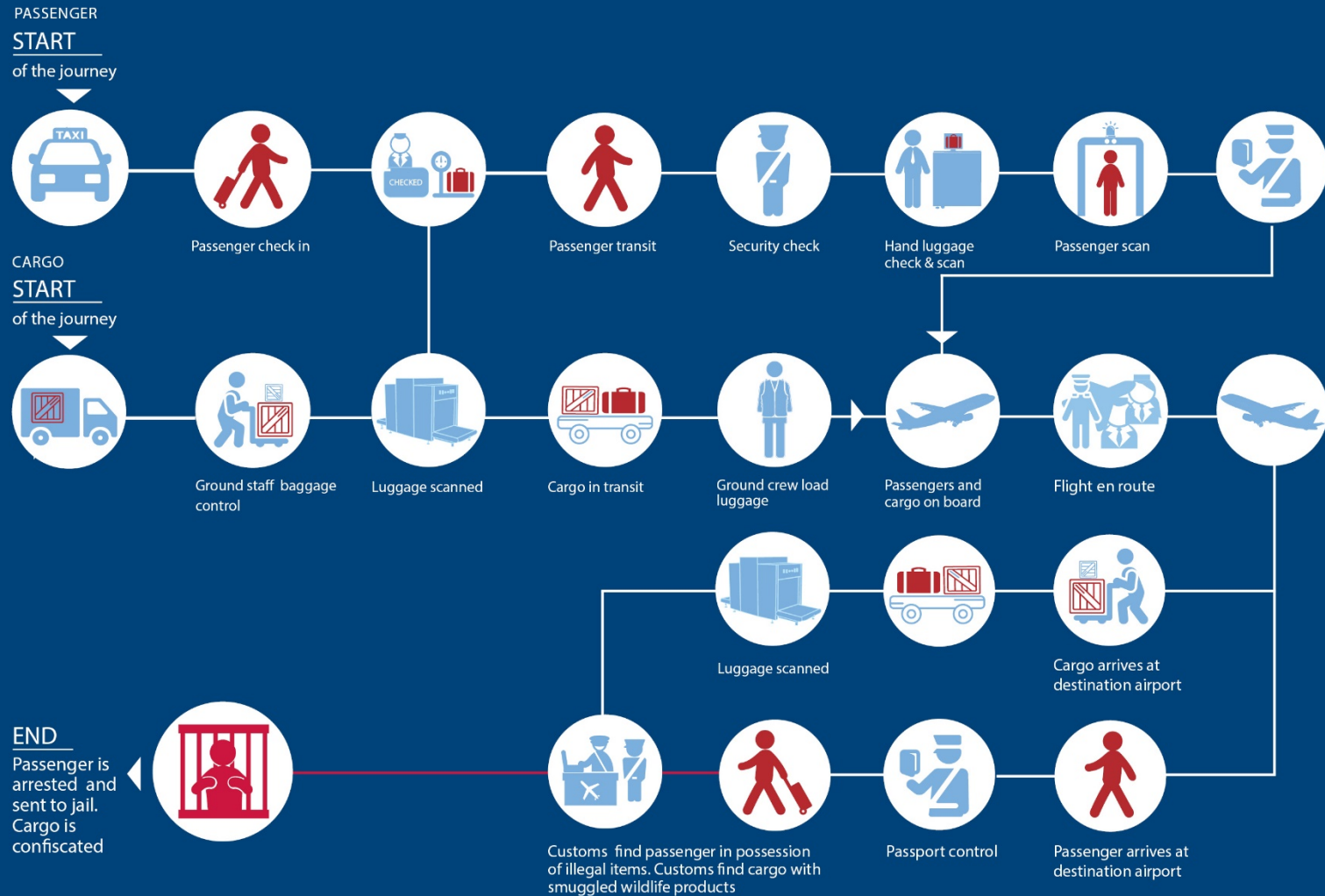
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    A[Truck] --> B((Ground staff baggage control))
    B --> C((Luggage scanned))
    C --> D((Cargo in transit))
    D --> E((Ground crew load luggage))
    E --> F((Passengers and cargo on board))
    F --> G((Flight en route))
    G --> H((Cargo arrives at destination airport))
    I((Luggage scanned)) --> H
    J((Cargo in transit)) --> I
  
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Trail of the Trafficker



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

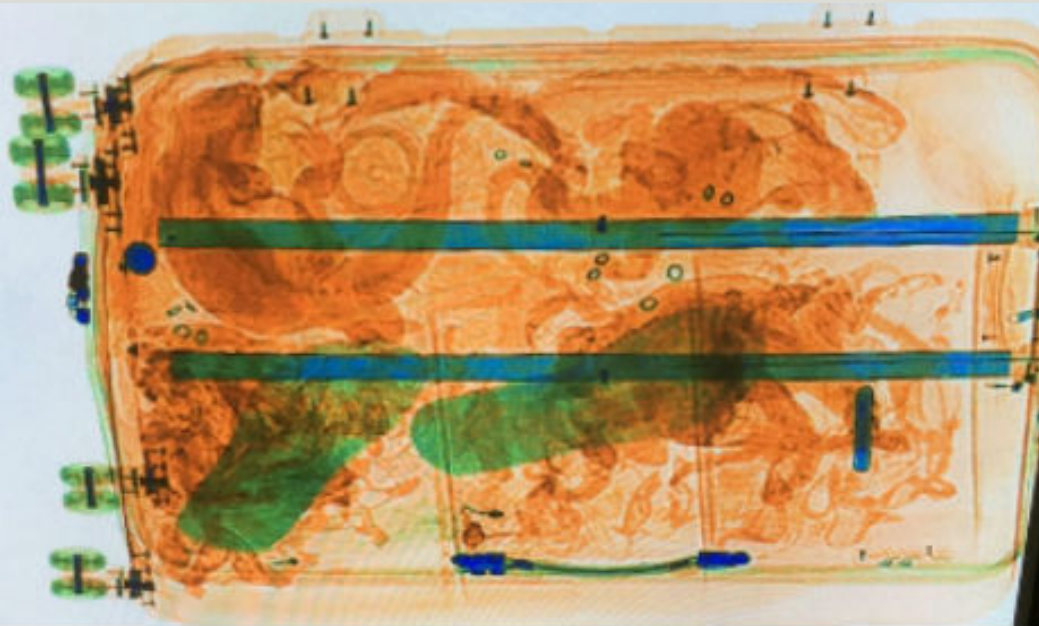


Use Your Senses

- 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 – 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



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



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. Kazazhi 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 Phaitthong 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



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

