

ROUTES

Reducing Opportunities for Unlawful Transport of Endangered Species

Awareness for Airline and Airport Staff (*Europe*)
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



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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 – Check-in baggage

European Eels to Hong Kong via UAE:

- **From Madrid via Abu Dhabi:** 109kg found in check-in baggage.
- **From Lisbon, Portugal via Dubai:** 30kg found in two suitcases.



Case study – Check-in baggage

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



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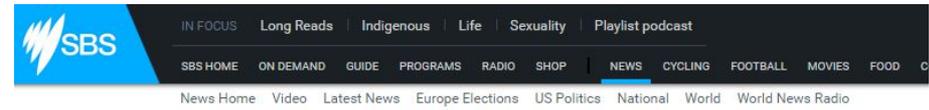
Case study – Cargo

- **Uganda to Malaysia, via Istanbul:**
- 111kg ivory, declared as cereal
- Hidden in 6 parcels of air cargo
- Arrived in Malaysia on a Turkish Airlines flight



Case study – Post

- **Northern Europe to Melbourne**
- Live snakes and spiders discovered in parcel
- Box marked as ‘two pairs of shoes’
- Some died in transit, the rest were euthanized



Melbourne border officials discover live snakes and spiders in 'shoe box'



Case study – Post

- **Zimbabwe to Hong Kong via Amsterdam:**
- In two separate cases 24kg & 51kg ivory found in inbound airmail parcels labelled “Decorative Tiles”
- Ivory hidden under sawdust



Case study – Unaccompanied backpack

- **Madagascar to Nuremburg via Abu Dhabi and Frankfurt**
- Backpack sent to airport's lost and found counter had 11 chameleons in it
- Hidden in socks and packed in a carton
- One did not survive



Customs, Germany



Additional Case Study Examples

- **Madagascar to Hong Kong, via Paris**
18,000 dehydrated seahorses in a commercial transit container – 14 February 2015
- **Italy to China**
An elephant tusk and 3 rhino horns seized from passenger – 9 March 2015
- **Cameroon to the United States, via Paris**
119 live scorpions, declared as samples for medical research – 18-22 September 2015
- **United Kingdom to China**
Tiger tail and pieces of 4 paws in a package addressed to Shanghai – 19 August 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

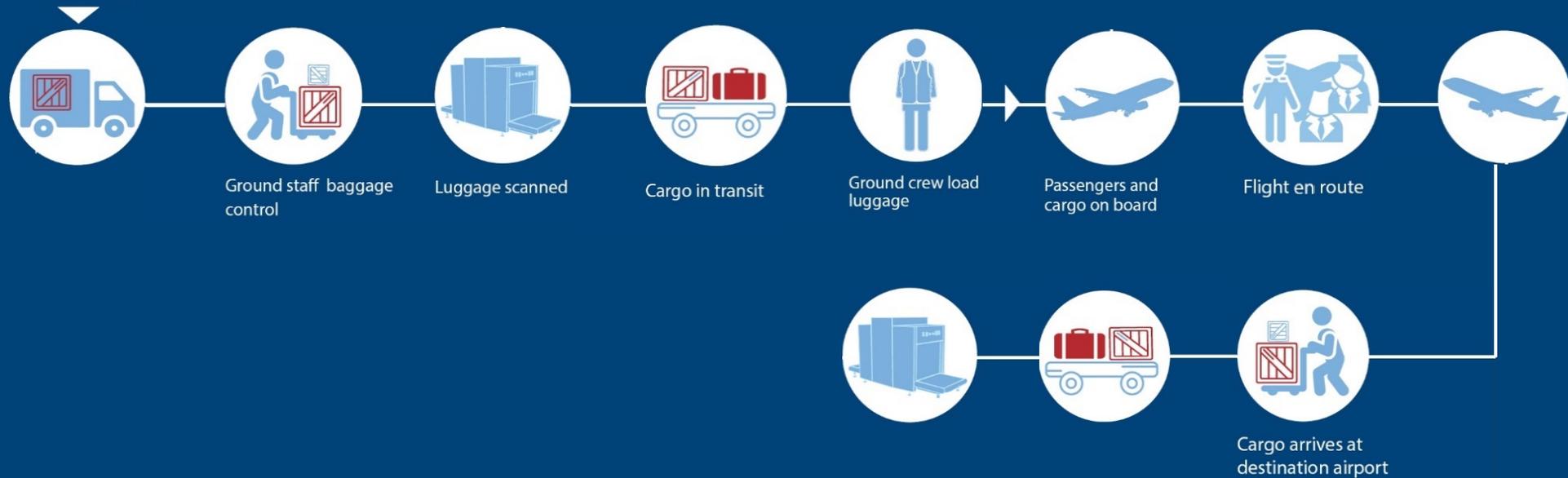
Ground crew load
luggage

Passengers and
cargo on board

Flight en route



CARGO
START
of the journey



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



Trail of the Trafficker

PASSENGER
START
of the journey



Passenger check in

Passenger transit

Security check

Hand luggage
check & scan

Passenger scan

CARGO
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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

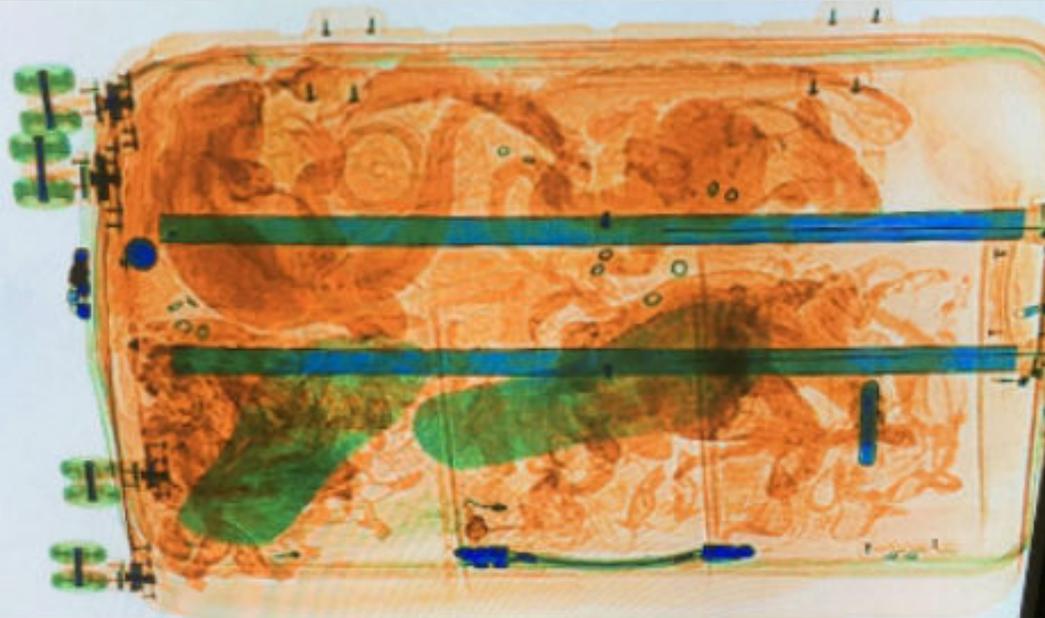


Use Your Senses

- 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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Over
35,000



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Numbers

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Additional Slides



Case study – Post

- **Germany to Viet Nam**
- Customs at Schönefeld Airport seized 11 crates containing 625 kg of elephant tusk ivory
- Declared as ‘marble clocks’



Customs, Germany



Case study – Baggage

- From Africa to Calabria, Italy
- Sixteen pieces of stony corals in two passenger bags
- The suspects had arrived on a flight from Africa



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Reggio Calabria - In seizure airport 16 corals

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GEAPRESS - Statement of the Office of Reggio Calabria Customs officials, on duty at the airport of the Straits of Reggio Calabria and the territorial CITES staff of the State Forestry Corps, with the cooperation of the military of the Guardia di Finanza. To be been found were sixteen corals of the genus.

The specimens, deprived of CITES documents, were kept inside two bags in tow as many travelers from the African continent. The goods were impounded and handed over to the State Forestry Corps personnel



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. The main content area features a large image of a bird being held by hands. Below this 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 also visible in the article.

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