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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

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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



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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

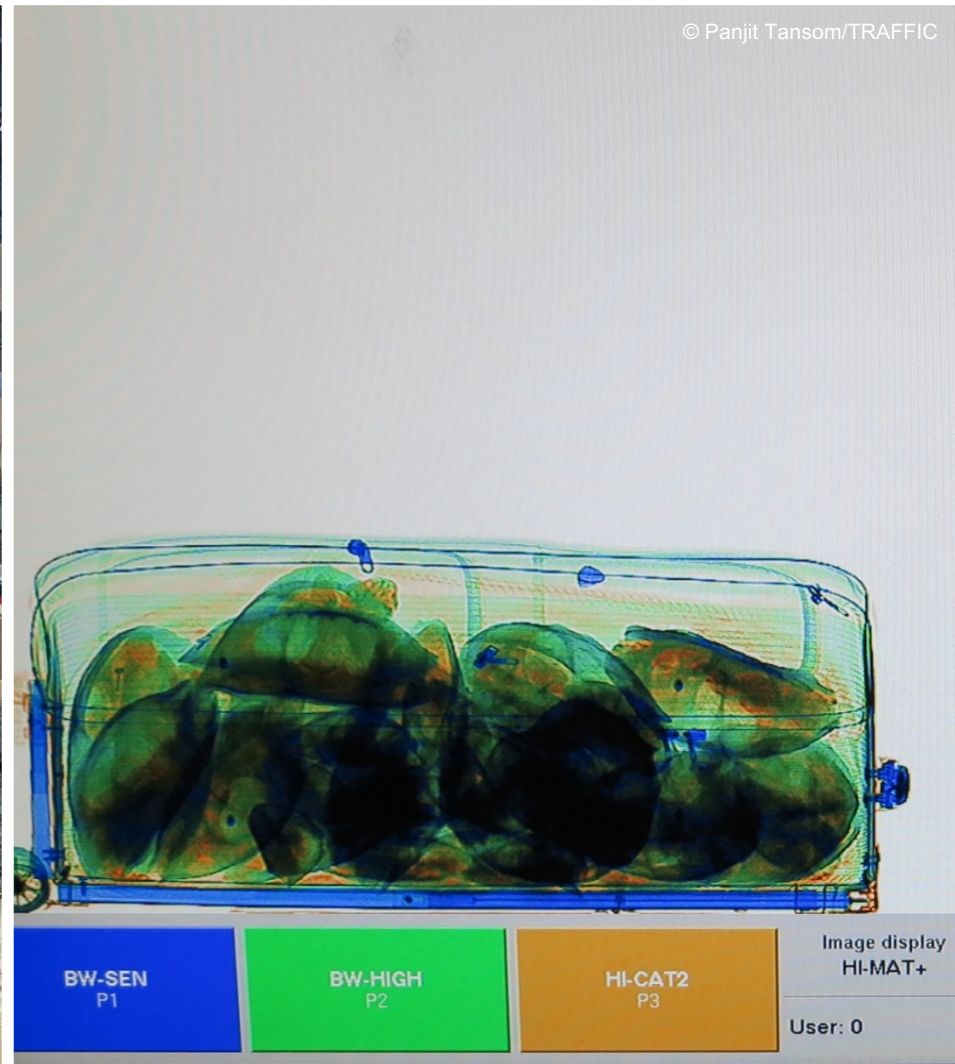


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Wildlife smuggling – Check-in baggage



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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 – 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

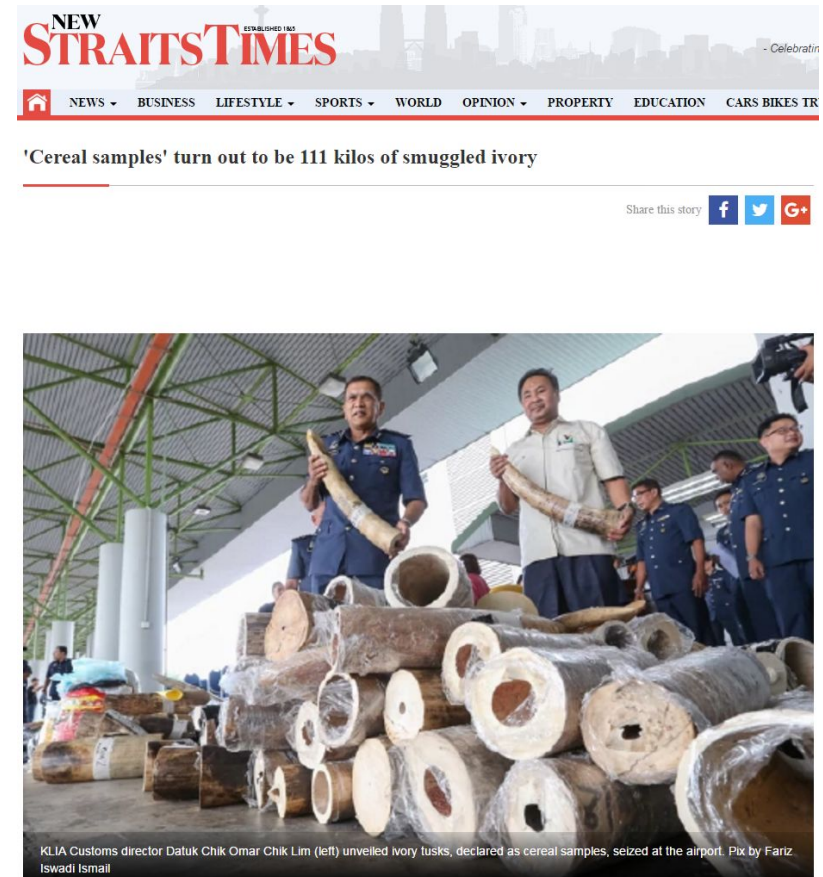


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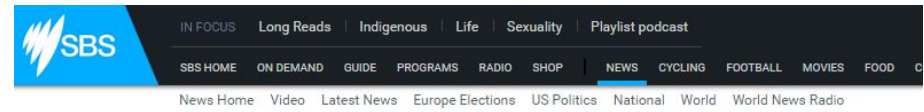
Case study – Cargo

- **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



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.

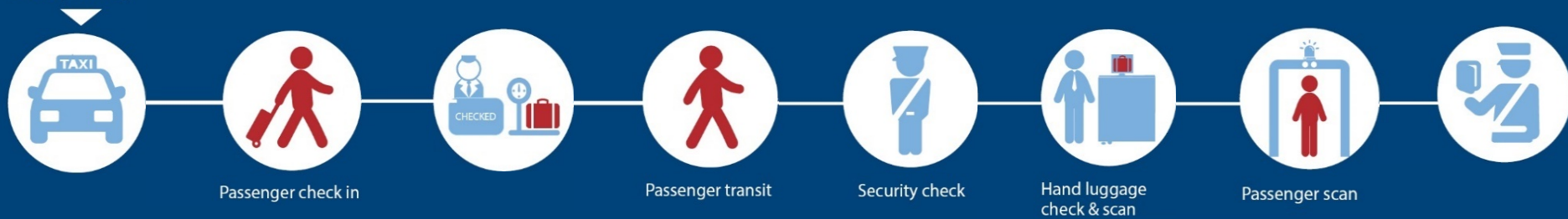
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WHAT YOU CAN LOOK OUT FOR



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

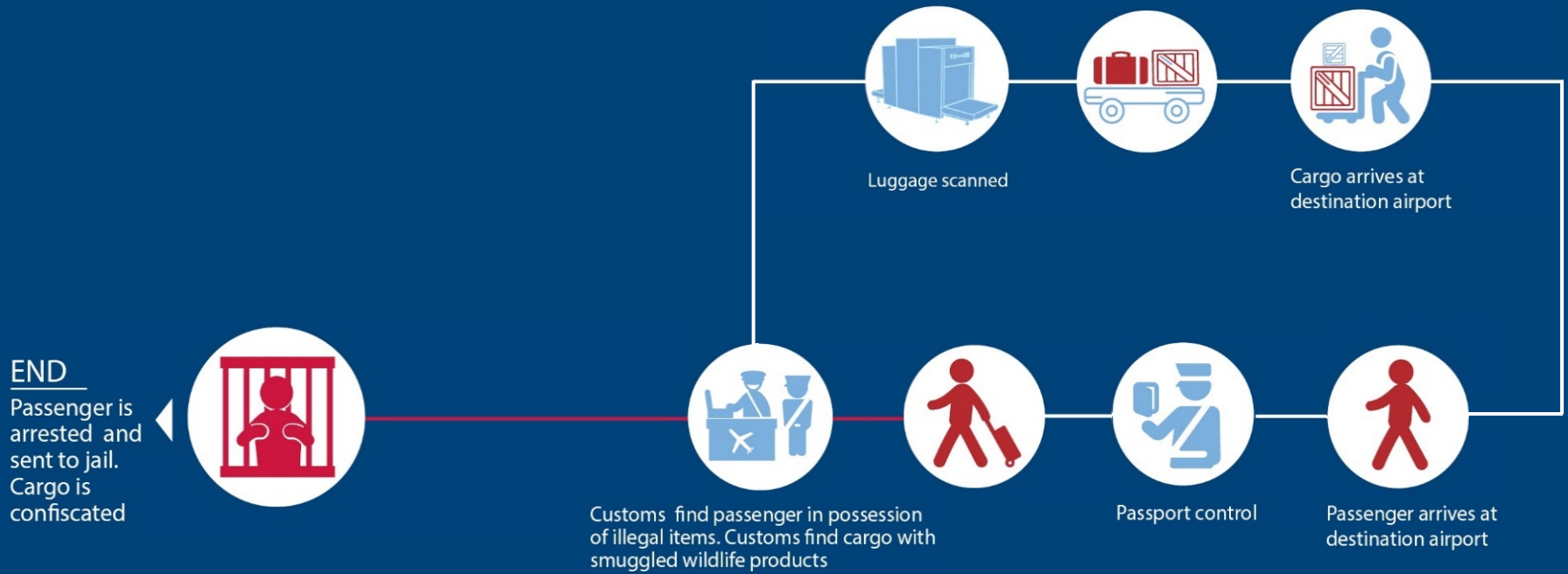
Flight en route



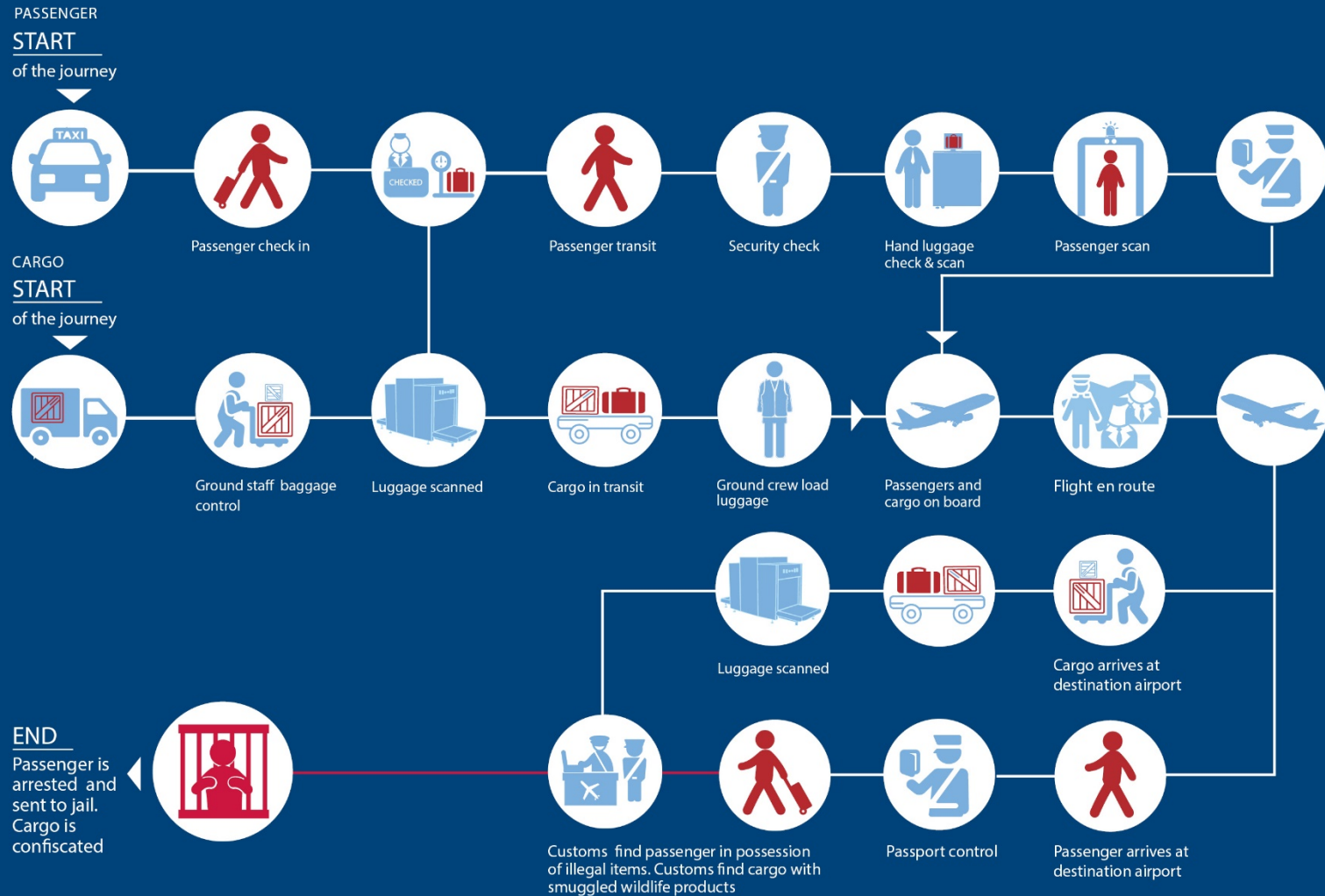
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    A[Truck] --> B((Ground staff baggage control))
    B --> C((Luggage scanned))
    C --> D((Cargo in transit))
    D --> E((Ground crew load luggage))
    E --> F((Passengers and cargo on board))
    F --> G((Flight en route))
    G --> H((Cargo 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

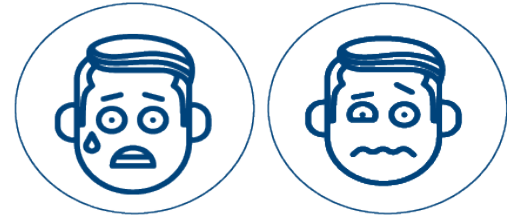


Remember!



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

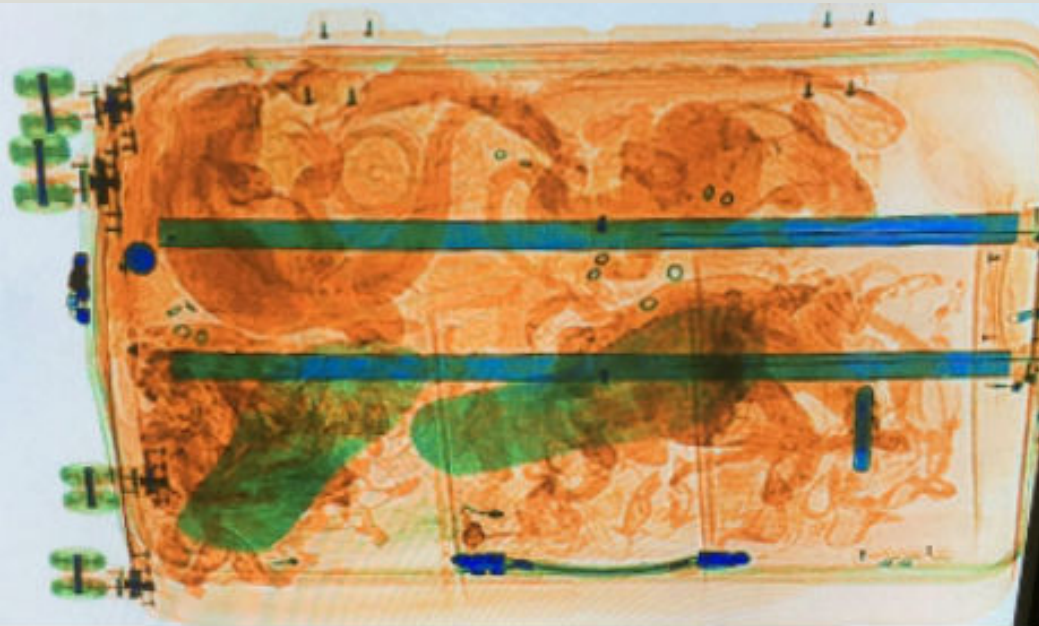


Use Your Senses

- 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 – 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



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*

