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Reducing Opportunities for Unlawful Transport of Endangered Species

Awareness for Airline and Airport Staff (*Middle East*)
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

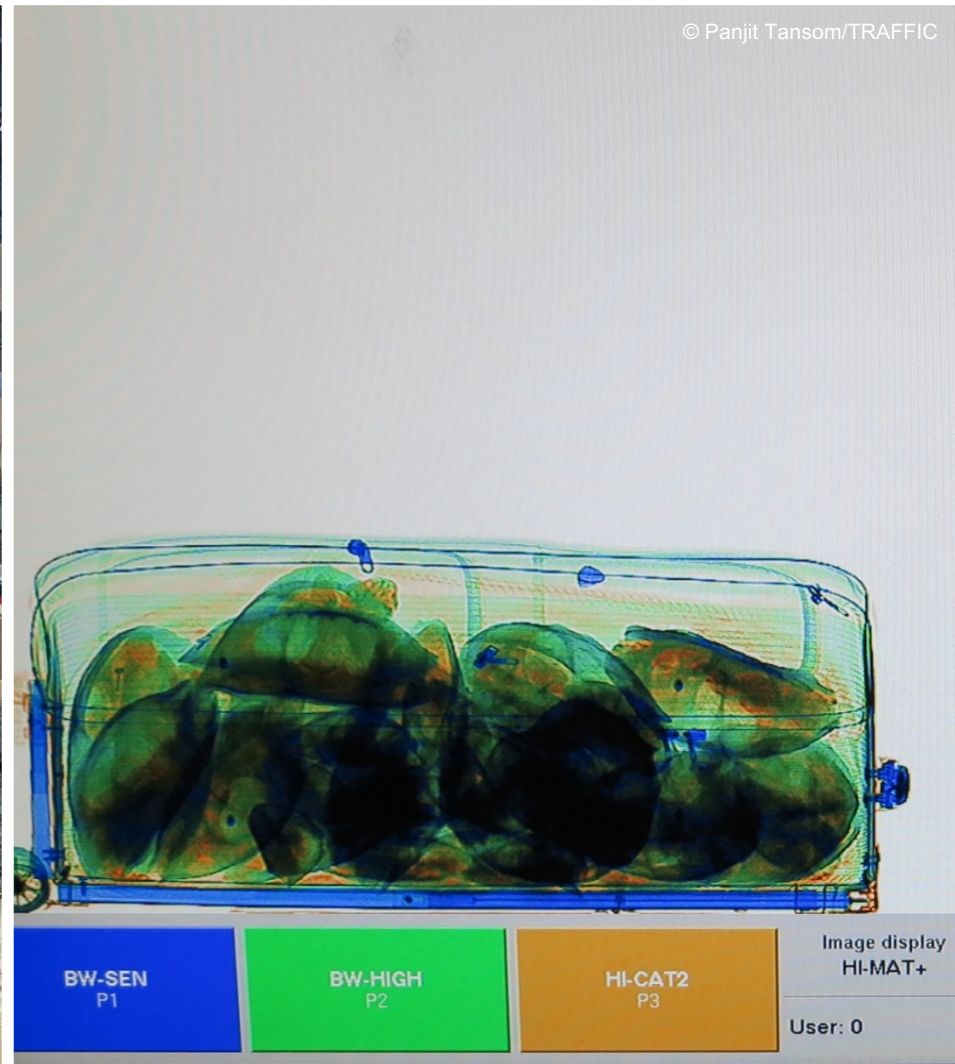


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Wildlife smuggling – Check-in baggage



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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 passenger

- **Manas, Kyrgyz Republic to Dubai**
- 4 falcons hidden under passengers' clothing
- Birds were hidden in pockets on their trouser legs
- Reported by cabin crew

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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

- **Astana, Kazakhstan to Sharjah, U.A.E.**
- 32 live Saker Falcons in four suitcases
- Officials seized the cargo during loading onto flight as they had no registration tags



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 – Cargo

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



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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

- **Africa to Asia via Dubai**
1,849 ivory pieces painted black and concealed among footwear – 3 July 2018
- **Perth, Australia to Abu Dhabi, U.A.E.**
4,226 insects, 27 spiders, 7 scorpions seized from check-in baggage – 20 February 2017
- **Mumbai, India to U.A.E.**
199 live tortoises, turtles in check-in bags – 15 October 2016
- **Faisalabad, Pakistan to Malaysia via Dubai**
45 live turtles in check-in bags – 12 March 2016



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

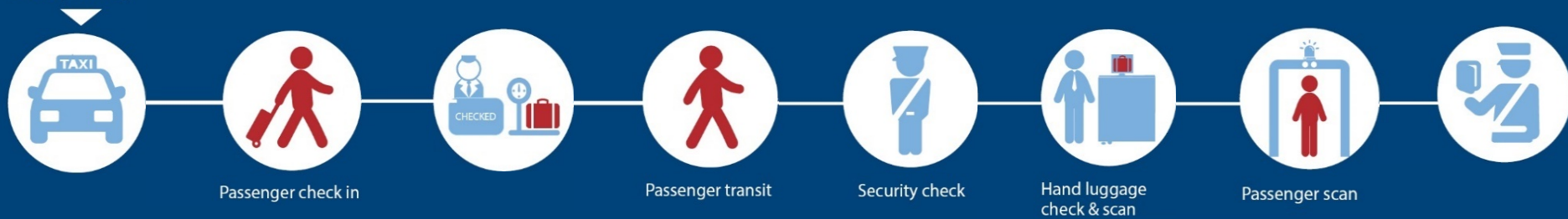
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WHAT **YOU** CAN LOOK OUT FOR



PASSENGER
START
of the journey



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PASSENGER
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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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Ground staff baggage control

Luggage scanned

Luggage scanned

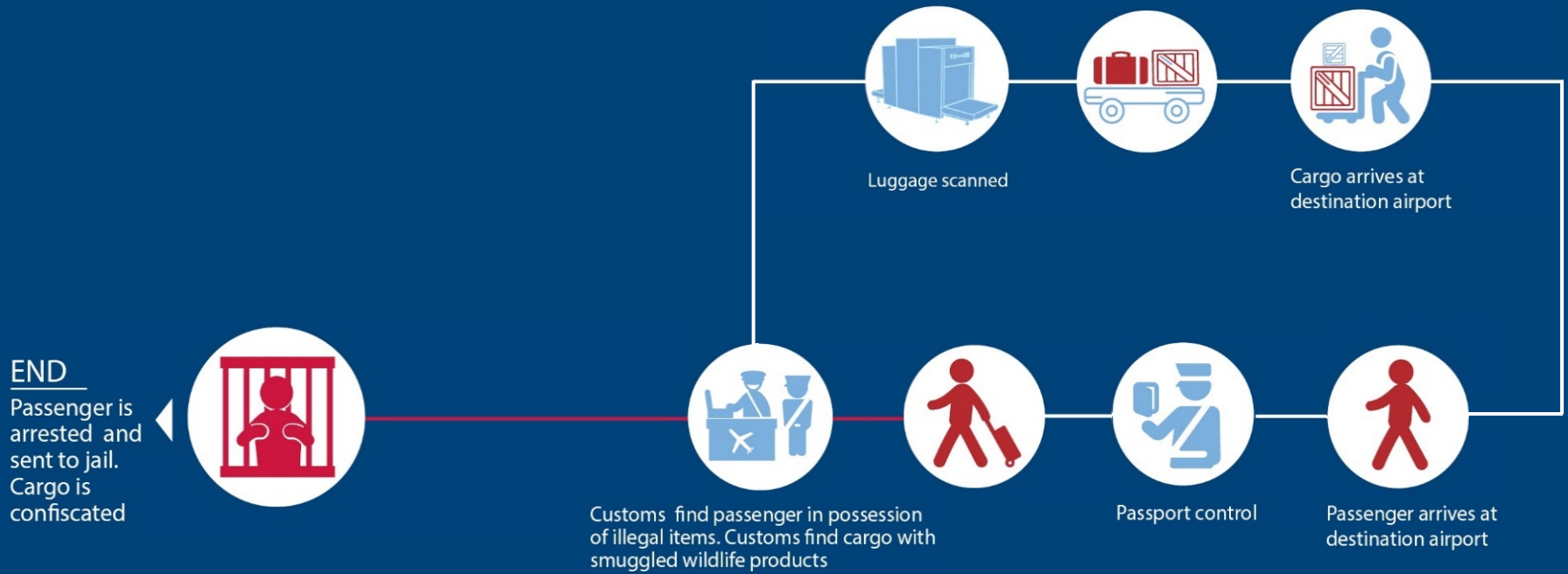
Cargo in transit

Ground crew load luggage

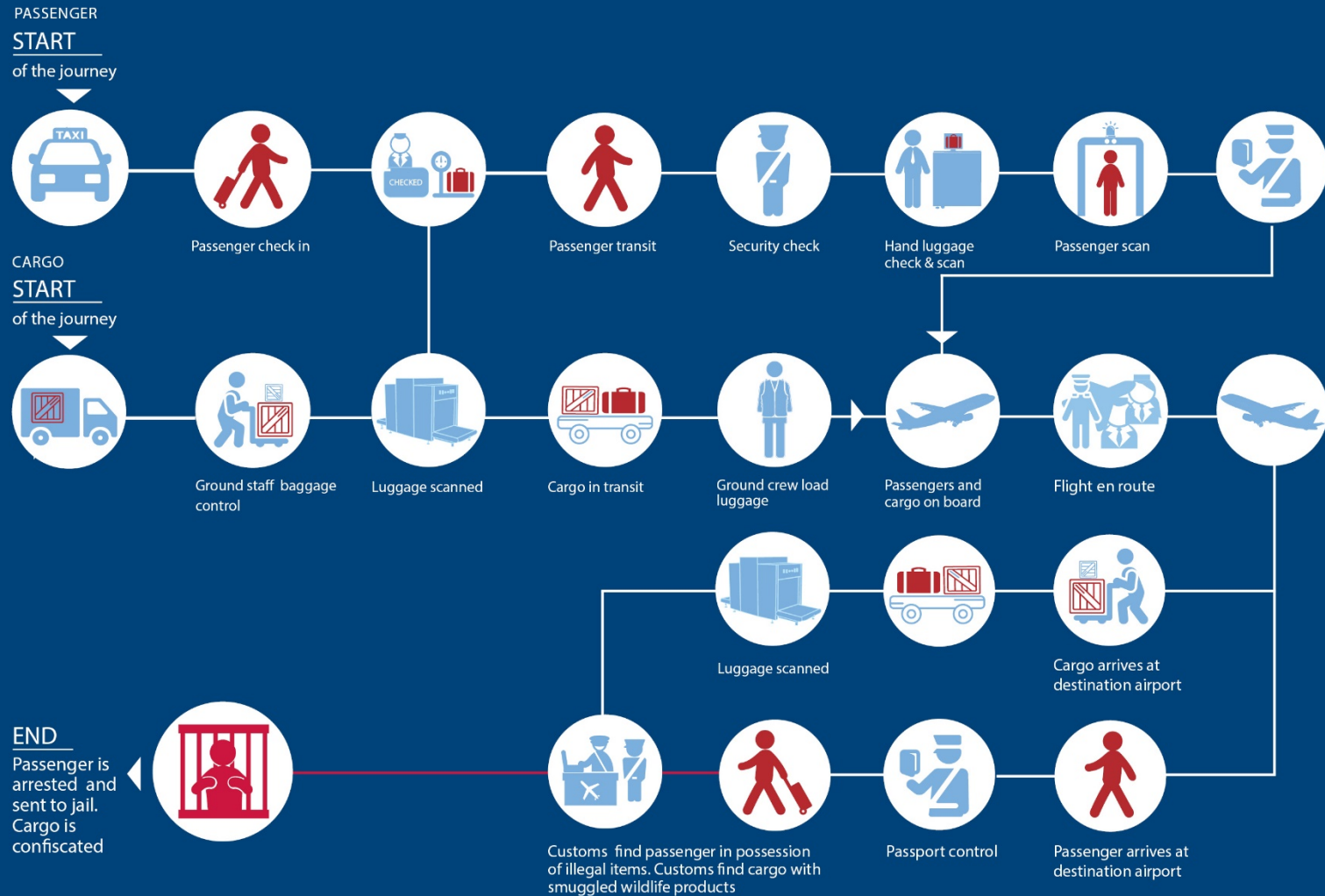
Passengers and cargo on board

Flight en route

Cargo arrives at destination airport



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

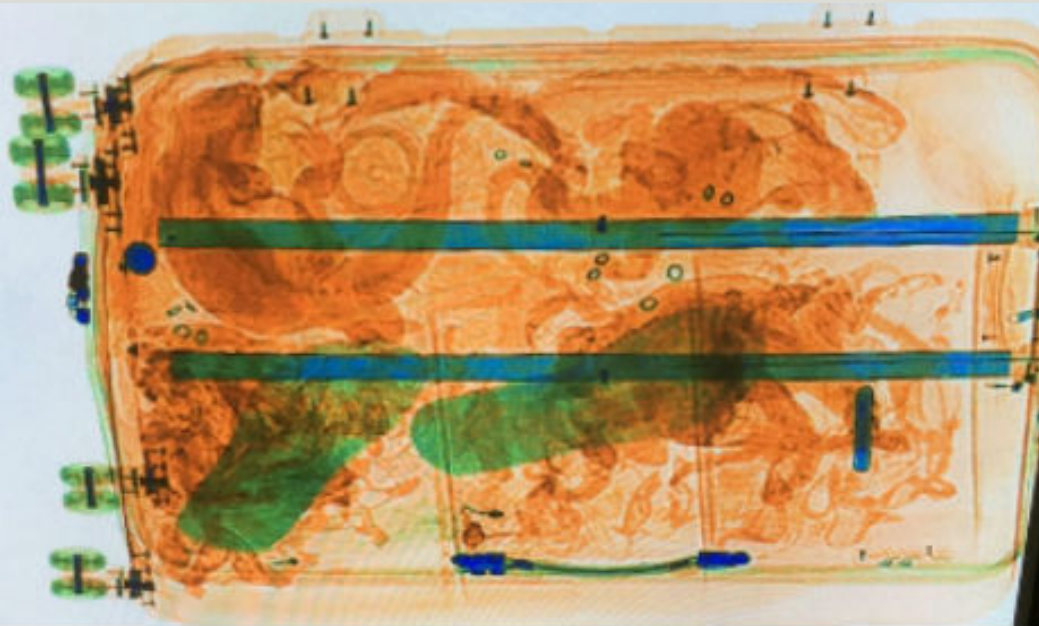


Use Your Senses

- 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 – Cargo

- **Mozambique to Malaysia via Qatar**
- 18 rhino horns found in a small crate in cardboard box at cargo warehouse
- The crate was declared as '*obra de arte*' (artwork)



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Case study – Baggage

- **Jakarta, Indonesia to Kuwait**
- Baby orangutan, 7 gibbons, 97 pythons and two cockatoos found in 2 suitcases
- The sedated animals were found when the case was X-rayed



Agus Priambudi, PHKA



Case study – Check-in baggage

European Eels to Hong Kong via U.A.E.

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



Case study – Cargo

- **Lagos, Nigeria to Hanoi, Viet Nam via Abu Dhabi**
- 309kg ivory found in cargo shipment
- Declared as ‘hydraulic toughened glass’



Case study – Cargo

- **Madagascar to Malaysia, via the U.A.E.**
- 330 endangered tortoises
- Hidden in baggage inside cardboard boxes, labelled as 'stones'

