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TRANSPORT TASKFORCE INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN

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New Taskforce Alert (15 Oct 2018 – Maritime & Air Cargo)

Plastics a Key Ongoing Concealment & Misdeclaration Tactic for Illicit Pangolin Scale and Ivory Shipments from Nigeria to Asia

Wildlife traffickers operating in Nigeria regularly use plastics of various description to obscure large and medium scale illegal shipments of pangolin as well as ivory from Nigeria to Asia, both as a misdeclaration tactic and physical concealment method.

RED FLAGS: Shipments with the following combined profile may indicate a higher risk of wildlife trafficking and/or warrant enhanced due diligence:

- Country of Origin: NIGERIA
- Country of Destination: CAMBODIA, CHINA, CHINA (HONG KONG), LAO PDR, VIET NAM
- Description of Goods: PLASTICS (HS code 39 series)
- Other Factors: Shipment has illogical or unclear business purpose. Shipping documentation is incomplete, shows anomalies, and/or indicates potential fraud.

View/Download Alert: <https://www.taskforcewildlife.org/alert/plastics-a-key-ongoing-concealment-misdeclaration-tactic-for-illicit>

INTELLIGENCE-LED COLLECTIVE ACTION

Taskforce success stories and best practice case studies

Transport Taskforce Represented at the Global 2018 IWT Conference in London: Transport Taskforce Chair Lord Hague led a public panel discussing the early achievements and future plans of the UfW Transport Taskforce. Great job to the panelists who shared their companies' experiences working on the Taskforce! Photos [here](#) and [here](#).

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Illicit Ivory Seized: In late August 2018, a Taskforce Member Organization confiscated 10kg of illicit ivory in its network and worked with law enforcement on follow on investigations.

Illicit Ivory Seized, Connected to Major Ivory Trafficking Network: In late August 2018, a Taskforce Member Organization confiscated 20kg of illicit ivory in its network and worked with law enforcement on follow on investigations. The Taskforce Member Organization shared the intelligence on this illicit shipment with the Taskforce analyst, who was able to connect the named counterparties on the illicit shipment to a major known wildlife trafficking network operating in Africa and Asia.

Suspect Container Investigation Aided by Taskforce Member: In late September 2018, law enforcement provided the Taskforce with reliable intelligence on two suspicious containers traveling on the vessels operated by a Taskforce Member Organization. Working in collaboration with the Taskforce analyst and law enforcement, the Taskforce Member Organization was able to provide additional visibility on these shipments which catalyzed law enforcement action and ongoing criminal investigations.

RECENT NEWS

[Duke of Cambridge recruits 'financial taskforce' to tackle international wildlife crime](#) The Telegraph

[Malaysia makes record \\$12-mn rhino horn seizure](#) Phys.org

[UK fingerprinting kits to help in fight against illegal wildlife trade](#) - UK Government

[Ivory processing workshop found in Angola following airport rhino horn seizure](#) - TRAFFIC

[Duke of Cambridge visits Royal Mail's Worldwide International Logistics Centre at Heathrow Airport to see how our transport taskforce members are working to stop illegal wildlife trade.](#) United for Wildlife

NEW TASKFORCE RESOURCES

[Social Media Toolkit for World Rhino Day](#) Google Drive link

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