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## **TRANSPORT TASKFORCE INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN**

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### LATEST TASKFORCE ALERTS

*Full Alerts and downloadable PDFs available on the Taskforce Portal at the links provided*

**New Taskforce Alert** (01 Nov 2018 – Maritime, Air, & Postal)

### **Smuggling of Blocks / Tablets Made from Processed Leopard Bones**

Wildlife traffickers in Africa are increasingly processing leopard bones into tablet and block shapes for onward trafficking by air, sea, and post, primarily to Asia.

Wildlife traffickers using this method first process leopard bones by crushing and boiling the bones to make a viscous paste which is then placed into a mold to cool and be cut into tablet or block shapes (pictured). The finished tablets/blocks are hard and smooth to the touch and generally lack any distinctive odor.



**RED FLAGS:** Hard, smooth objects in a tablet or block shape in air cargo, air express, or maritime cargo, passenger luggage, or postal packages, particularly out of West African ports of departure with a destination in Asia.

View/Download the Full Alert: <https://www.taskforcewildlife.org/alert/smuggling-of-blocks-tablets-made-from-processed-leopard-bones>

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### INTELLIGENCE-LED COLLECTIVE ACTION

*Taskforce success stories and best practice case studies*

**Major Seizure Investigation Aided by Taskforce Member Organization:** In October 2018, a taskforce member organization provided critically valuable assistance to a law enforcement investigation of a large multi-ton seizure of illegal wildlife products.

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#### RECENT NEWS

**Businessman charged in connection with Malaysia's biggest pangolin scale seizure.** TRAFFIC.

<https://www.traffic.org/news/malaysias-biggest-pangolin-scale-seizure-charges/>

Malaysia's first prosecution related to a large scale pangolin seizure.

**Monkey skulls, snakeskin boots and bear bile: Morbid items fill Heathrow's 'dead shed.'** CBC.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/world/heathrow-airport-dead-shed-illegal-poaching-1.4868822>

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#### NEW TASKFORCE RESOURCES

**UfW TRANSPORT Taskforce Overview Flyer** Taskforce Library

<https://www.taskforcewildlife.org/library>

Shareable infographic document summarizing the UfW Transport Taskforce and its activities.

**UfW FINANCE Taskforce Overview Flyer** Taskforce Library

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Shareable infographic document summarizing the UfW Finance Taskforce and its activities.

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