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WASTE TRAFFICKING



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On MediaTerre on Nov 3, 2020

West African countries have to manage their own waste, but also face the flows generated by the various traffics, especially from Europe. [Read more](#)

230,000 tonnes of plastic thrown into the Mediterranean every year

On Le Quotidien on Oct 27, 2020

230,000 tonnes of plastic thrown into the Mediterranean every year. "Plastic pollution is a source of long-term damage to terrestrial and marine ecosystems and biodiversity," stresses the IUCN. Unscrupulous ships also illegally dump tonnes of waste in what they consider a landfill. [Read more](#)

WILDLIFE CRIMES



In Catalonia, the Guardia Civil is dismantling a major trafficking of protected wild animals.

On France Bleu on Nov 12, 2020

In Catalonia, the Guardia Civil dismantles an important traffic of protected wild animals.

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OPERATIONAL ACTIONS



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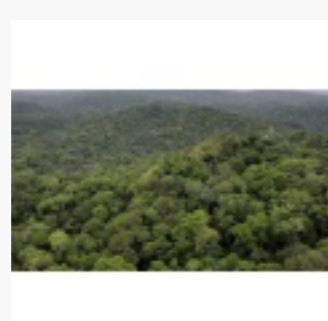
On The News International on Nov 10, 2020

A month-long operation against wildlife crime has yielded **699 arrests** and the seizure of elephant tusks, a lion cub and live chimpanzees among more than **2,000 trafficked creatures and plants**.

Participating countries focused on particularly vulnerable species protected under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), an international agreement aimed at ensuring the international trade in wild animals and plants does not threaten their survival.

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FORESTS DAMAGES



French Guyana: when mining companies put the Amazon in jeopardy

On France TV info on Oct 26, 2020

The French Amazon stretches over 8 million hectares, but mining activity has destroyed the forest and given way to pollution.

This region is also affected by illegal gold panning.

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Australia: UAVs in the service of the bush

On France TV info on Oct 19, 2020

For several months, the country now uses drones capable of flying over the burnt land to drop seeds.

New tools that can provide many ideas for application to facilitate the work of law enforcement that adapts to a wide variety of contexts (illegal mining, combating illegal waste dumps, waste fires, surveillance of sensitive areas, etc.....).

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