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ESA SOTHO PHOTO BOOK 2021



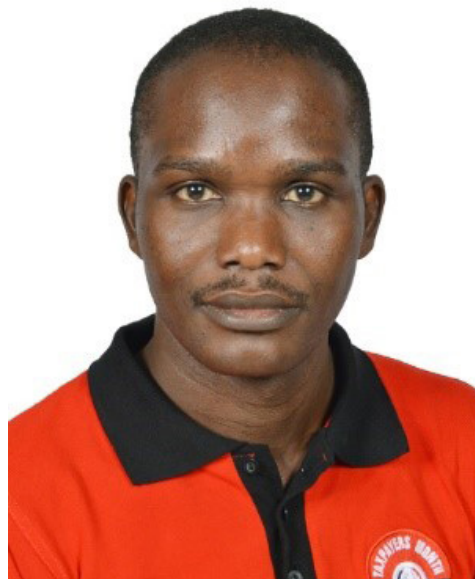


Editorial – Photo Contest 2021.

We present to you the ESA Sotho Photo Contest 2021 book! Our member administrations shared photos that tell the Customs story with some highlighting the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic.

In this edition we share with you Angola's *Horny Business*, Burundi's *Customed Pilot*, Ethiopia's *Fishy Business*, Kenya's *Cannabis Cookie*, Madagascar's *Sniffy Officer*, Malawi's *Gone Bananas*, Mauritius's *COVID Hunters*, Rwanda's *Sanitizing Agenda*, South Africa's *Faithful friend*, Uganda's *X-ray Vision* and Zambia's *State Guard*.

Angola's Horny Business carried the day showcasing the impounding of wildlife products – feline teeth and rhino horns. Mauritius's COVID Army revealed precautionary measures by officers rummaging a ship to come a close second. Malawi, the Warm Heart of Africa, came third with Gone Bananas, impounded energy drinks concealed in a banana consignment.



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Director

These go a long way in sharing best practises and experiences that prop up our efforts in promoting trade facilitation, revenue mobilisation, compliance and enforcement, integrity and human capital development.

Enjoy!



ESA 'Sotho photo' Contest 2021

Angola



The World Customs Organization, East and Southern Africa, Regional Office for Capacity Building, launched the **Annual ESA 'Sotho photo' Contest**. This called for Members to submit their 'best' photos to be displayed and voted for during the meeting of the region's Directors General, the Governing Council, annually. This contest was christened 'Sotho' in honour of the nation and people of Lesotho, which hosted the first photo contest in the region during Governing Council in May, 2016. We also hoped that this contest will further boost our Members' submission of photos for the WCO Annual Photo Competition.

Mauritius



Meanwhile, all the photos submitted form part of the **'ESA Sotho photo Book, a collection of photos that tell Customs stories.**

The results were as follows;

Winner – Angola

1st Runners Up - Mauritius

2nd Runners Up – Malawi

Malawi



Below, please find all photos submitted by Members for this year's competition



1. Angola – Horny Business



During boarding flight VN88 bound for Vietnam, a physical inspection of the luggage of a 58-year-old male passenger from Vietnam was carried out in the container area at the International Airport 4 de Fevereiro in Luanda, and wildlife products were found, namely 439 (four hundred and thirty-nine) feline teeth and 8 (eight) rhino horns, with absence of the official LICENSE /CITES Certificate (Convention on International Trade in Endan-

gered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora. Such conduct is a violation of Presidential Decree 311/18 of 19 December, which approves the Regulation on the import, export re-export of endangered species of wild fauna and flora, as well as presidential legislative decree No. 10/19 of 29 November, which approves the Customs Tariff of Import and Export Duties, since it is a prohibited commodity, pursuant to Article 75.



2. Burundi – Customed Pilot



A female Customs officer trained to pilot a surveillance boat to counter smuggling on Lake Tanganyika during a training held in Bujumbura on 19th April 2021.



3. Ethiopia – Fishy Business



Ethiopian Customs Commission employees at border check points committed searching illegal goods entering to the country.



4. Kenya – Cannabis Cookie

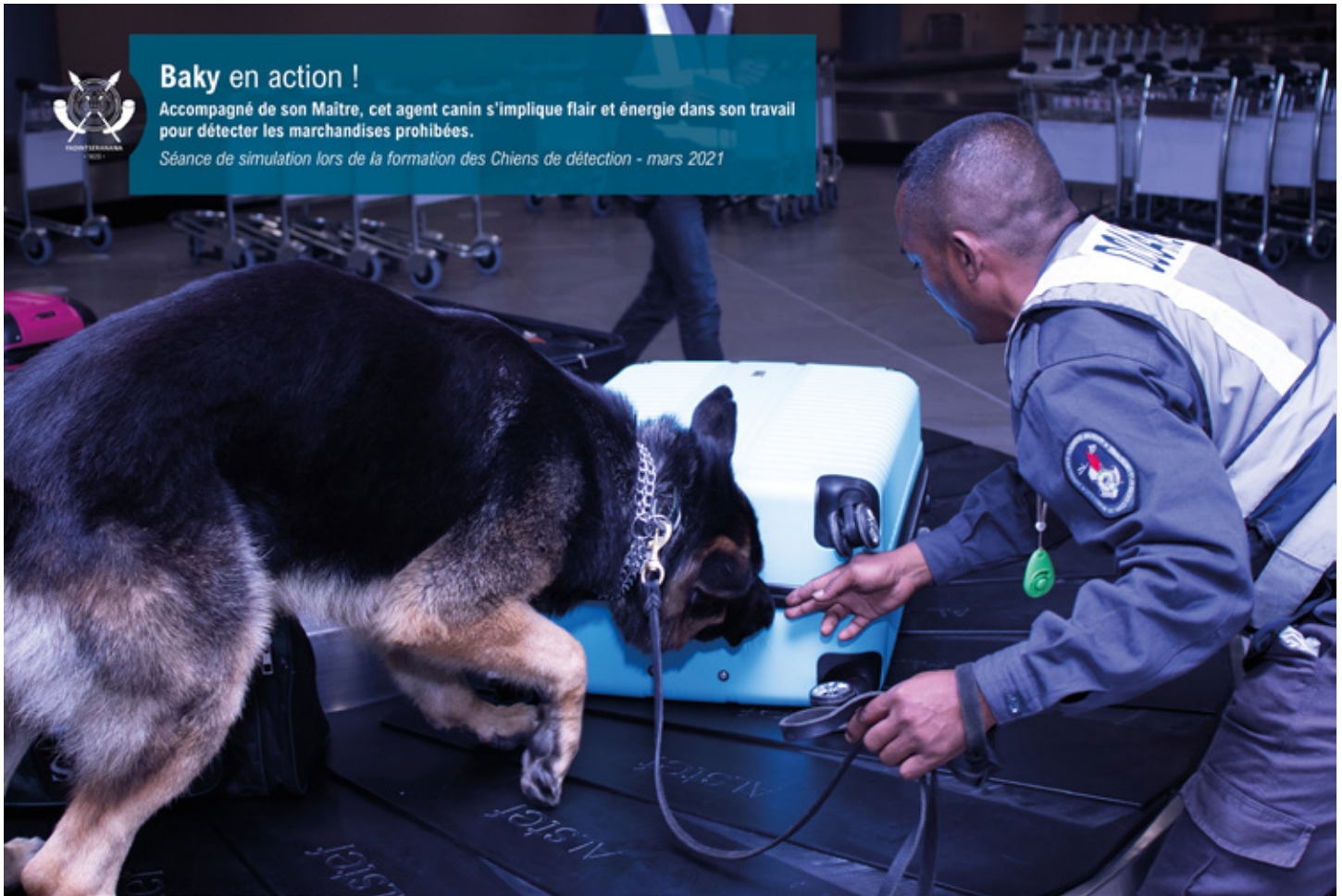


On 23/02/2021 at around 12:00hrs, Enforcement team at City Square and KRA K9 suspected one parcel to contain some concealment, K9 sniffed and responded positively, a Multi-agency team was called and interception was done at 11:00 am on 24th March 2021. A consignment

was for Sierra Char, originating from United Kingdom which was declared as Cosmetics. During interception, 2pkgs found to have Cannabis Cookies and High Cannabis Cookies, preliminary test shows the presence of Marijuana, which is a prohibited substance.



5. Madagascar –Sniffy Officer



Accompanied by his Master, this canine agent is involved in his flair and energy in his work to detect prohibited goods.

6. Malawi – Gone Bananas



Smugglers are devising sophisticated means of concealing goods. Despite the COVID-19 Pandemic, Customs Officers at the Malawi Revenue Authority are still vigilant in curbing smuggling as seen in the photo where energy drinks were concealed in a banana consignment.



7. Mauritius – COVID Hunters



On this time of world pandemic COVID-19, our officers are taking all the necessary precaution such as wearing of masks, face shield, disposable overall and gloves, sanitizers, also after each rummage, electro-magnetic sanitizing sprayer are used to sanitize our officers and their respective Personal Protective Equipment(PPE).

On 19.03.2021, a rummage was mounted to search a suspicious vessel; last ports: Oman, Seychelles and Madagascar. The vessel was of Indonesian flag and all the crew

members were Indonesian. The said vessel was moored at Mauritius Container terminal and during the search, our officers found concealed inside the air vent two plastic parcels wrapped with brown sealed taped suspected to contain Heroin of a Gross indicated weight 2kg.

The MRA drone and Customs Fast Interceptor boats were used for surveillance and intelligence near the cargo Vessel. Sniffer Dogs from the MRA K9 Unit were also deployed during this rummage operation.

8. Rwanda – Sanitizing Agenda



The above pictures are for Kiyenzi site, a dry port operationalized on 28th April 2020 7km away from Rusumo border as part of the government's strategies to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Rwanda while facilitating the continuous movement of essential goods across the region.

The objective of this port was to extend customs clearance services near the border. All trucks entering through Kiyenzi were decontaminated as shown in the picture above. Medical screening and testing was available for customs staff, stakeholders and truck drivers.



9. South Africa – Faithful friend



Customs Lands Modality

The Customs & Excise mandate is to be the first line of control over the movement of goods across our country's borders and to ensure that all Excisable goods manufactured and administered within the country are correctly accounted for and compliant with the policies and laws of the state. Key functions are Control and Customs Enforcement.

Strategic Objectives for Customs is to create awareness, clarity and certainty for traders, make it easier and simple to comply, detect taxpayers and traders who do not comply, making non-compliance hard and costly.



10. Uganda – X-ray Vision



Scanner Image analysts at the National Targeting Centre- Non Intrusive Inspection Central Command and Monitoring Centre in Kampala conducting Image analysis. We are increasingly relying on use of non-intrusive inspection to improve efficiency and risk management in Customs processes.



11. Zambia – State Guard



Customs work goes beyond Revenue Collection. A Zambian Customs Official taking count of the Illegal Immigrants intercepted in the Eastern Region of the Country. Continuous effort, day and night by the Customs Administration to ensure security and protection of Society.

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