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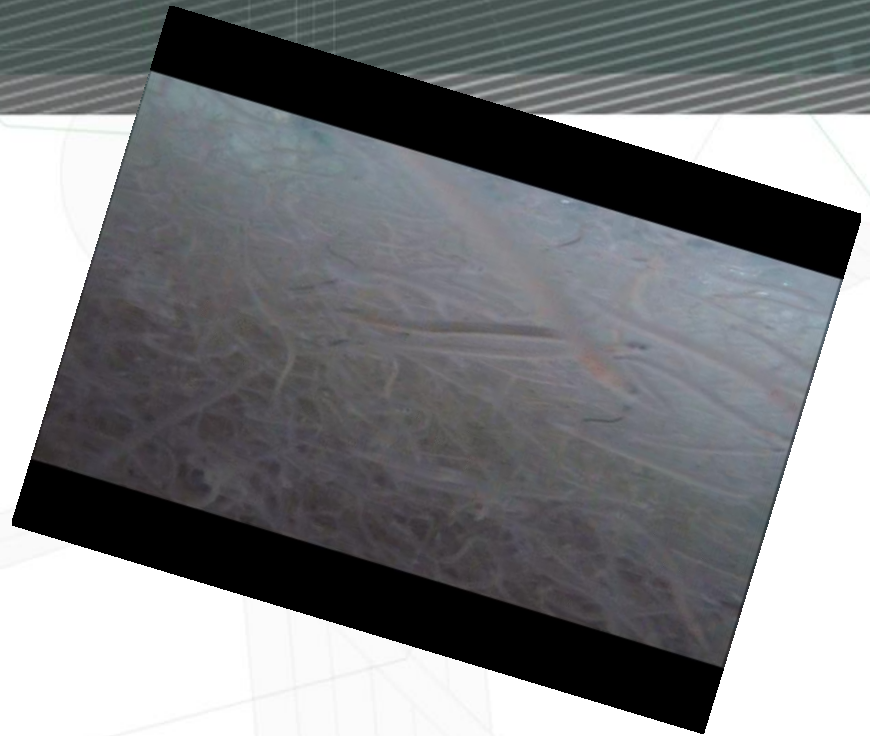
**CITES listed species and
fisheries crime**

Glass eels trafficking

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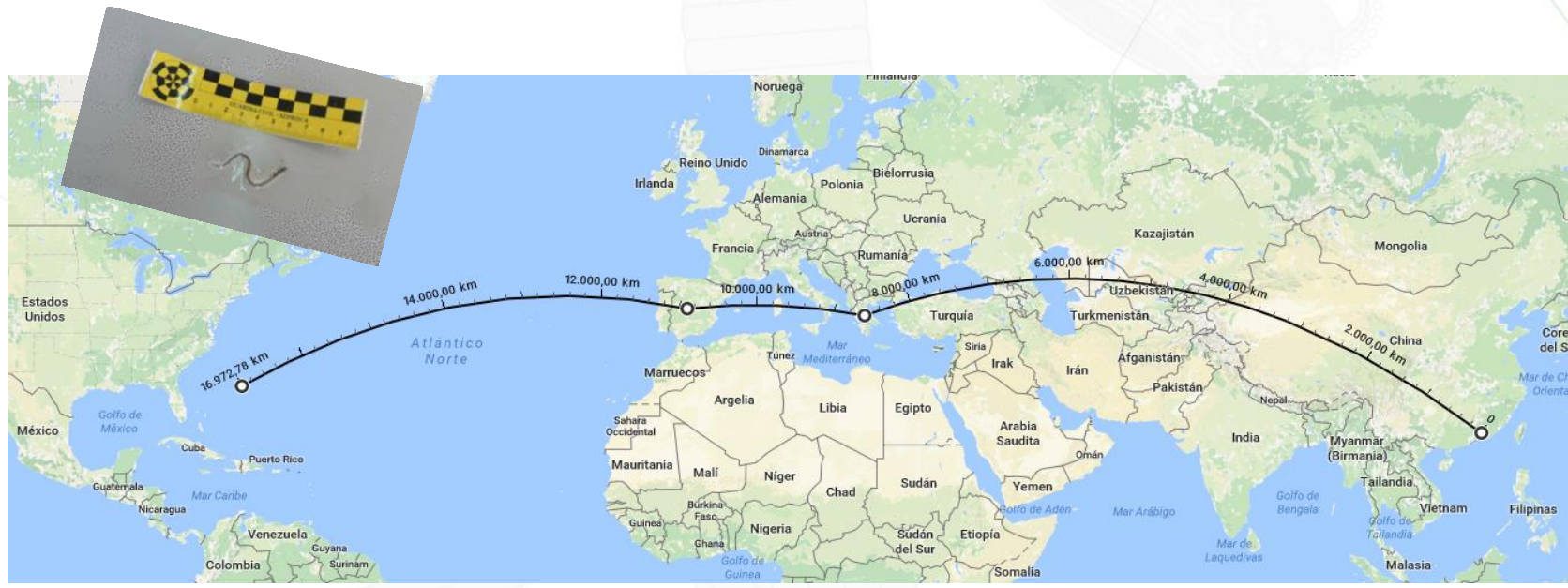
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Environmental Protection Service (SEPRONA)



General Overview

A 17000 kms journey: Eels migrated from Sargasso Sea to spawn areas at European rivers where after been pouched were sending to Hong Kong through Athens to be served as "delicatessen" in East Asian restaurants.



It can not be possible breeding in captivity so it is necessary to fish baby eels for aquaculture

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General Overview

In 2009 *Anguilla anguilla* was listed in **Appendix II** CITES and **Annex B** EU Regulation RGTO CE 338/98

Currently situation: **ZERO EXPORT QUOTA** (forbidden export outside EU territory) for live glass eels (specimen sized below 12 cms)

SPANISH REGULATION:

Available commercial and/or sport fishing under Licence in País Vasco, Cantabria, Asturias, Murcia, Comunidad Valenciana and Cataluña and **forbidden** fishing in Galicia and Andalucía



CRIMES UNDER INVESTIGATION

- Environmental crime - Illegal fishing¹
- Smuggling - Illegal export
- Money laundering
- Falsification of documents
- Criminal Group Organization (CGO)

¹Spanish Criminal Code: Art 332 - Whoever hunts or fishes endangered species, ..., against the laws or provisions of a general nature that protect species of wild fauna, or who trade or traffics with them ... shall be punished ...



General Overview

Eels "BUSINESS": high value mean high profits



Traffickers pay till 325 €/kg to poachers



Chinese Companies pay till 925 €/kg to Spanish traffickers



Chinese Companies win over 5000 €/kg after fed eels for 6 months



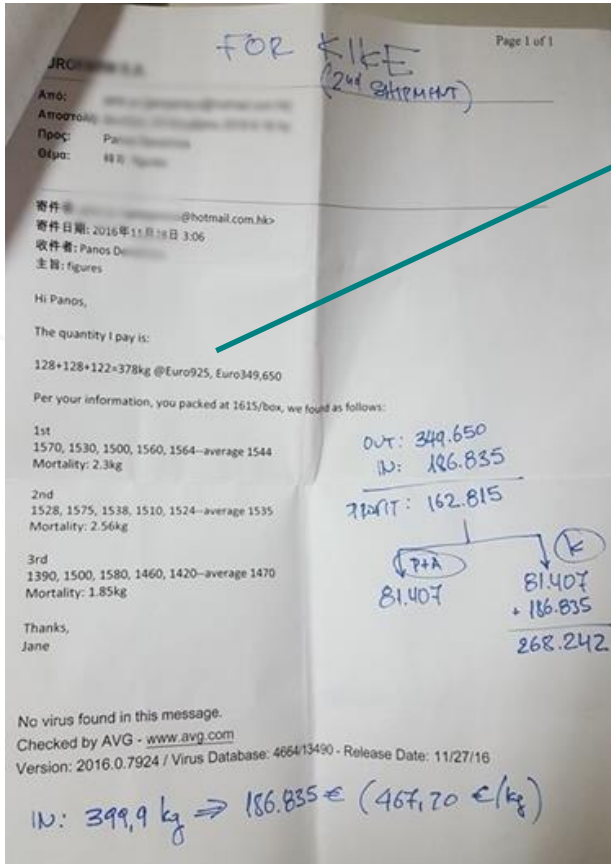
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General Overview

From a real example - Op ABAÍA



Per 378 Kgs:
Outgoings **186.835 €**
In **349.650 €**
Profit x 378 kgs \approx **163.000 €**

Benefit for Spanish Organization
x Kg 430 €

1 Kg glass eel \approx 675 Kgs valid
adult meet eel

Estimated final profit for
Chinese Company x 378 kgs
1.890.000 € x 378 kgs

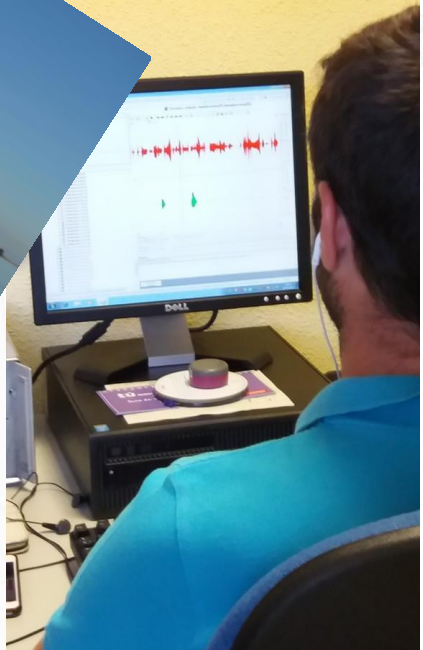
10 Tns smuggled during season 2016/2017
with a profit estimated at 10 million €

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Modus Operandi (I)

OP SUCULENTAS (2012) / OP SUCULENCIAS (2014)

Modus Operandi: Smuggling from airports as cargo. Customs declaration as other species (ex: *Mugil cephalus*)

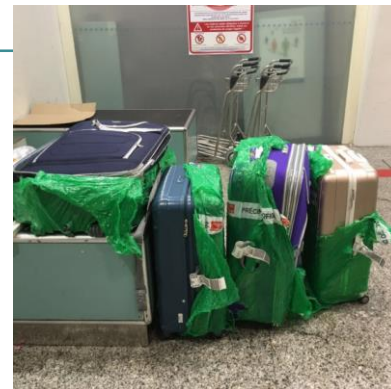
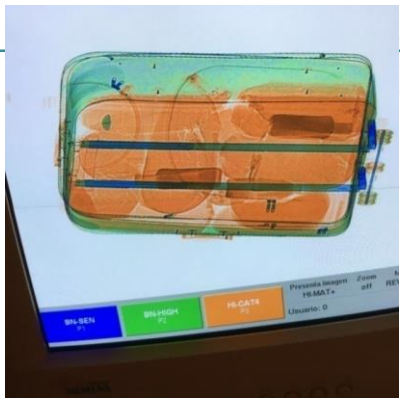
- 30 people under arrest
- 2.000 kgs of glass eels seized
- 15 companies involved
- Routes detected from Spain/Portugal to China
- Cooperation with Portuguese Law Enforcement Agencies (GNR and ASAE)



OP BLACK GLASS / LAKE (I) EUROPOL (2015)

Modus Operandi: Smuggling in passengers suitcases as personal luggage

- Difficulties to prove that passengers could have belong to a CGO
- Administrative offence Vs Crime fault
- 19 People under investigation (smuggling, belonging to a criminal network). 8 arrest warrants for Chinese citizen
- 700 kgs of glass eels seized



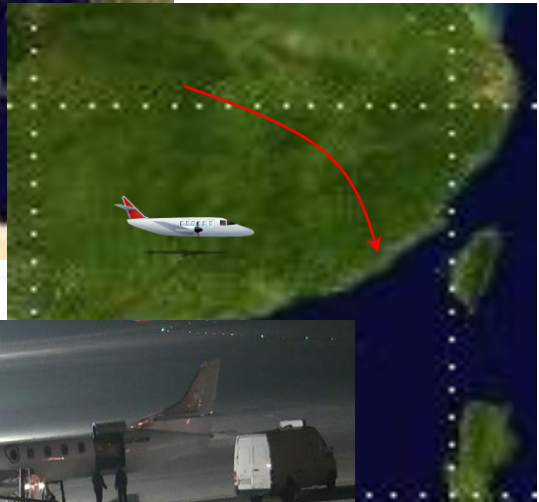


OP ABAÍA/LAKE II - season 2016/2017

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New Route



Mandatory to prove in Court that glass eels at the end of the chain are coming from Spain waters



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SPAIN

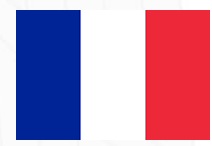


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FRANCE



PORTUGAL



GREECE



THE RELATIONSHIP CHART BETWEEN COUNTRIES

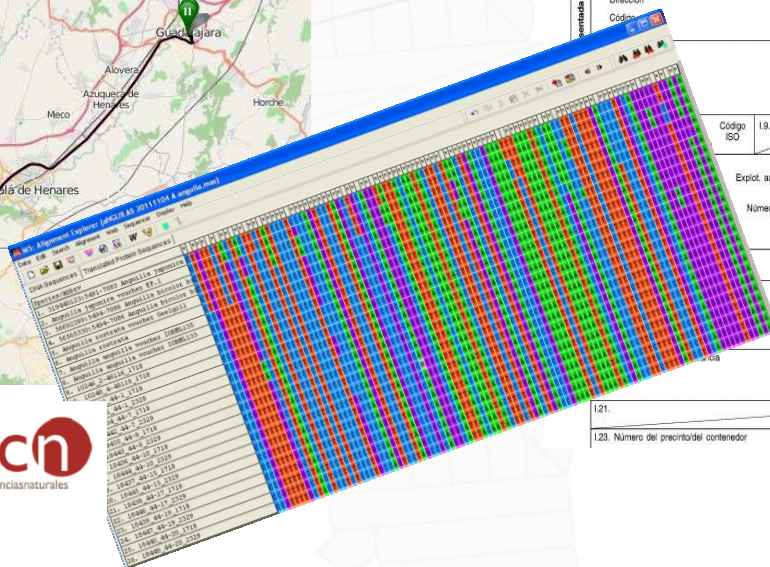
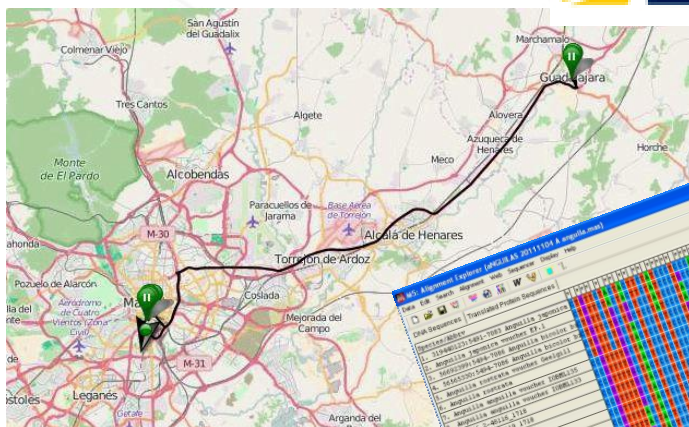
Preliminary Phase

Police work: GPS tracking, wire taps, surveillance

Analysys of fish caches, transport docs, TRACES

Laboratory identification

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Certificado Intracomunitario			
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13. Autoridad central competente			
14. Autoridad local competente			
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15. Fecha y hora de salida			
17. Transportista		Número de autorización	
Nombre		Número de autorización	
Dirección		Estado miembro	
Código postal		Código postal	
119. Código de la mercancía (código SA)			
120. Cantidad		122. Número de bultos	
123. Número del precinto/del contenedor		124. Tipo de embalaje	





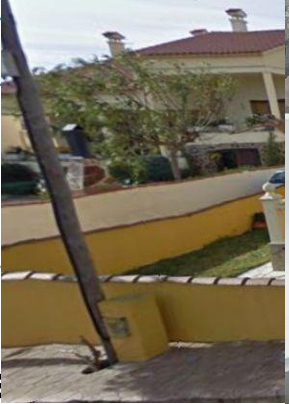
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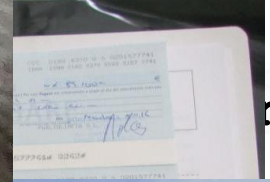
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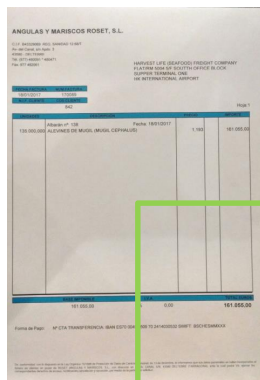
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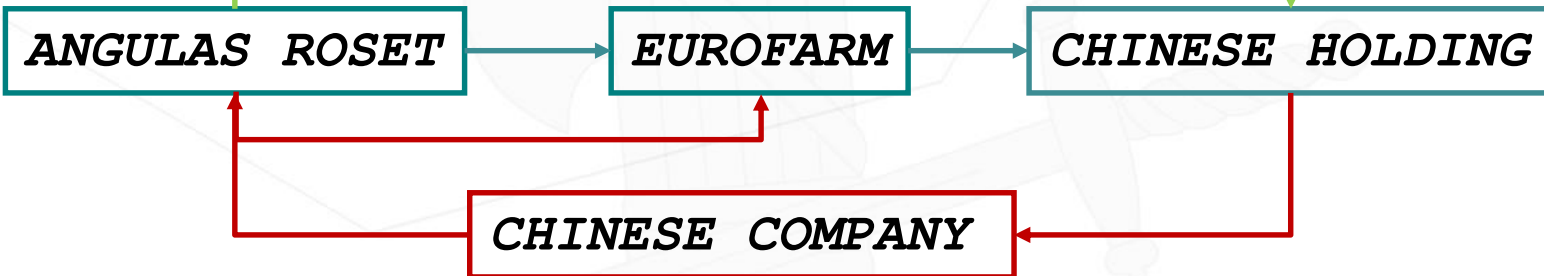
Money laundering (I)



FAKE INVOICE

MUGIL
(*Mugil cephalus*)

GLASS EELS



MONEY

"HAWALA"



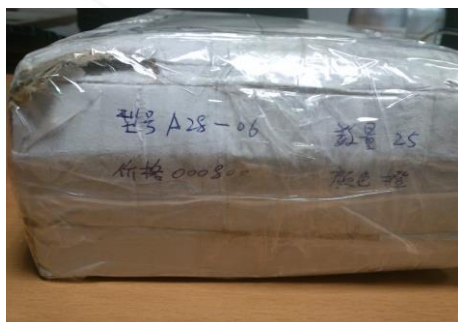
Money laundering (II)

SYSTEM: Paying in cash

COMPENSATION / MONEY DOES NOT TRAVEL

"HAWALA", "CHOP" o "FEI-CH' IEN"

Once the shipment arrives at Hong Kong, targets in Spain get money in cash from Chinese cooperators who have businesses in Madrid



Money seized during Operations Suculencias (110.000 €) and Abaía (249.000 €) after being paid by Chinese citizens

Money laundering (III)

SYSTEM 2: Simulating fish sales

Spanish target send a shipment of mugil (*Mugil cephalus*) to Hong Kong. In return Chinese target pays more than 100% rise of real value

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DESCRIPCION	PRECIO	CANTIDAD	IMPORTE
Alevis de mugil (MUGIL CEPHALUS) MÉRCAANCIA DE ORIGEN ESPAÑOL PUNDO APROXIMADO POR UNIDAD 0 22 GR.	0,150	18.000,00	18.000,00
TOTAL IMPORTE			18.000,00

Forma de Pago: CONTADO

Real invoice
0,15 €/fish

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 SUPPER TERMINAL ONE
 HK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

DESCRIPCION	PRECIO	CANTIDAD	IMPORTE
Alevis de mugil (MUGIL CEPHALUS)	1,100	18.000,00	198.000,00
TOTAL IMPORTE			198.000,00

Forma de Pago: N° CTA TRANSFERENCIA. IBAN ES70 0049 2609 70 01414500532 SWIFT: BSCHES33XXX

Fake invoice
1,10 €/fish

135.000 esp

161.055 €

20.250 €





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Environmental Central Unit

