WILDLIFE CRIME
FINAL PAPER OUTLINE

1. TITLE PAGE

Title Page: Insert a picture of the animal you are studying and a title of the paper. Be creative about the title. The title should reflect the purpose/goal of your research. Include your name and course title.

2. TABLE OF CONTENTS

(1 page—single spaced)

3. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This should be a one-page summary of the entire paper, from beginning to end. Make sure you include all relevant and important information in this part. Reading an executive summary, the readers should know exactly what the entire report is about. (1 page)

4. BACKGROUND ON [THE ANIMAL]

Insert Progress Report 1 here that incorporates a brief background on the animal/plant, including all names (common and scientific), descriptions, ecology, taxonomy, range states, etc... Don’t forget to insert a clear range map. Include ONLY the following points from Progress Report #1:

1. List the Scientific and Common Names of the animal/plant.
2. Give the following species information in a table format:
   a. Taxonomy → Phylum → Class → Order → Family
3. Give a brief description of the animal’s/plant’s ecology (i.e. weight, measures, other physical characteristics). Be as descriptive as you possibly can.
4. Identify the geographic areas where these animals/plants are natives of. Provide a RANGE MAP showing these geographic areas. You can find these maps by searching the Internet. Identify ALL the countries within these geographic areas that the animal inhabits (plant grows) in.
5. What’s the estimated global wild population (numbers of) of the animal/plant? Can you find statistics to show how many of the animal/plant are in what country? Try to be as specific about this as possible.
6. What is the CITES status of the animal/plant (i.e. is it listed in the CITES, and if yes, what Appendix is it in? Also, what year was it listed in the CITES?)
7. Describe the animal’s/plant’s IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) species status. What year was it classified under that status?
5. **MAJOR THREATS TO THE SURVIVAL OF [THE ANIMAL/PLANT]**

Here you insert your Progress Report #2. Make sure you incorporate all the comments received and make all appropriate changes. Try to focus on threats that are caused by humans (e.g. illegal poaching, deforestation, etc...). You can mention other threats, such as habitat loss, etc..., but try to focus on the “wildlife crime” aspect of the threat. In this section you will also discuss all the themes you have identified in your Progress Report #2. This section of the paper should be comprised of headings outlining each point/theme you are discussing. This will make the paper more organized.

6. **LEGAL STATUS:**

First part of your Progress Report #3 goes here. In this section you first discuss the National and International laws that specifically address your animal/plant. You can then briefly mention other generic laws that are designed to protect all endangered species.

7. **REGIONAL ACTIONS:**

The second part/section of your Progress Report #3 goes here. Insert any other actions that have been taken regionally/locally to address the problem.

8. **PROPOSED ACTIONS TO ADDRESS THREATS:**

In this section, you describe the details of the actions you are proposing to address the threats the animal is facing (last section of Progress Report #3). You have to discuss your proposal in as much detail as you possibly can. The proposal should highlight the threats it intends to address (e.g. illegal poaching) and the means by which it plans to achieve its goals. Also, discuss how you are going to evaluate the effectiveness of your proposed action.

9. **RESEARCH AND DATA NEEDS:**

*(500 words minimum)* In this section, you have to discuss what information is needed to better understand the status of the animal/plant.

You have to propose FIVE research questions and come up with potential methods/data sources that can be used to address these questions.

For example, if you found out that there was no data on how many of the species are left, then a research question could be: *What is the estimated population of [the animal] in each range state?* .....and a potential method/data source could be either conducting aerial surveillance of the range countries, or contacting the countries’ responsible agencies and asking for their cooperation in doing ground-truthing (i.e. going into the field and calculating the species/samples one by one). Make sure what you propose is both logical and feasible.

If your research question is: *What have the international trade patterns of [the animal] been in the past 30 years?*.....then a great data source for this would be the CITES Trade Database (briefly mentioned in class). When describing your potential methods/data sources, you have to be detailed and clear. You must explain why the proposed method/data source is the best means to address the question you are asking. It is not enough to say “I will use the CITES Trade Database”...you should explain the database and what information it contains that allows you to address the proposed question.
The references must cite ALL sources you have used for the paper. It must include at least 10 scientific sources (e.g. reports, articles, books). Websites can be included, however these are NOT considered a scientific source. **If there is a source that has been used in your paper but not cited in the references, this will be considered plagiarism. If this is discovered, you will receive a zero for the entire paper. No exceptions.**

All references must be cited in APA format.