

past officials and were secretly loaded onto a Dutch freighter on the high seas. After tracking the shipment for months, TRAFFIC-Japan uncovered and helped shut down an elaborate, multinational smuggling operation that was "laundering" the contraband through Thailand into Japan using thousands of forged permits.

The first rescue could never have happened without a TRAFFIC office right there in South America that had a solid working relationship with government officials.

The second example demonstrates the urgent need to get a TRAFFIC office up and running in Southeast Asia now -- before the last snow leopard vanishes forever.

It's not too late to protect the snow leopards from the black market traders. But if we wait to take action it may soon be too late. So please send your most generous gift of \$15, \$25, \$50, or even \$100 as soon as you can to help WWF get started right away.

And remember, World Wildlife Fund's TRAFFIC network is the only operation in the world working internationally to shut down the illegal trade in wildlife.

It's an enormous -- and an enormously important -- job. Only with your help can we begin to end the rampant, illegal trade in Southeast Asia that has put so much of our irreplaceable wildlife on the route to extinction.

Please do all you can to help today -- before it's too late.

Sincerely yours,

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P.S. Please take a look at the brochure I've enclosed. You'll see first-hand how the international trade routes operate and also see why the TRAFFIC network, and especially the new Southeast Asia office, is so critically needed to stop the tragic devastation of whole species of wildlife like the majestic snow leopard.