# Wildlife crime and conservation expert John Scanlon appointed chair of UK government's Illegal Wildlife Trade Challenge Fund

International Environment Minister Lord Goldsmith has appointed John Scanlon as chair of the Illegal Wildlife Trade (IWT) Challenge Fund.

## <u>Public safety boosted with 1,000 new probation officers</u>

Frontline probation services will be boosted by more than 1,000 new recruits as part of a major three-year plan to strengthen the supervision of offenders unveiled today.

# <u>Change of Her Majesty's Ambassador to Paraguay</u>

Mr Ramin Navai has been appointed Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay in succession to Mr Matthew Hedges.

## <u>Government further boosts chances of</u> <u>UK receiving COVID-19 vaccine</u>

Deal announced which will secure early access to a promising new coronavirus vaccine, enhancing the UK's growing portfolio of vaccine candidates.

#### Dstl awards £300 million weapons

### research contract

The Weapons Sector Research Framework (WSRF) contract will provide the armed forces with the battle winning technology to fight future conflicts including directed energy, complex and conventional weapons technologies