



HALCYON

ON THE WIRE

Stop a shark finning operation in Malaysia

Briefing

Greetings, Special Agent.

One of our field agents in Malaysia managed to physically breach the office of a corrupt politician. Doubling as a mole for a Chinese criminal enterprise, mostly smuggling endangered animals. In this case their evil business involves shark fin trade and other exotic food items.

During the breach, our agent successfully obtained several pieces of information on the organization. Currently this does not include their name, as they only communicate using anonymous messages and codenames. We hope that the information, which includes pictures, floorplans, data dumps and packet captures. Will lead to a more complete picture of this organization.

We know that the Malaysian government will be exceptionally happy to get this criminal enterprise out of its borders. All data has been divided over several agents. Your segment for this contract is the analysis of a packet capture file. Figure out what is being communicated and find the message that matters.

As always, Special Agent, the contract is yours, if you choose to accept.

Materials

on-the-wire-starting-materials.zip

Answer Instruction

Use the answer to unlock the flagfile, this will reward you with your badge.

Updated for 2025:

The link itself is now the answer, not the destination.

Flagfile

Be advised, the flagfile is an encrypted ZIP. Make sure your OS supports the ZIP format. Ensure the password contains no hidden characters.

Write-Up

There is an attached file called a write-up, this will give you the answer in case you get stuck.

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