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Shanghai Customs Seized Cosmetics Containing Ingredients from Endangered Species



News Release Date: 7 September 2021
Law enforcement authority: Shanghai Customs Anti-Smuggling Bureau
Location: Shanghai
Detection Method: Cargo Inspection
Species: One batch of cosmetics containing sturgeon caviar extract (*Acipenser* spp.), CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound cargo
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Case Progress: The cargo was detained for further process. Shanghai Customs Anti-Smuggling Bureau has filed the case for investigation.

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Kunming Postal Customs Seized Sika Deer Antler Products



News Release Date: 7 September 2021
Law enforcement authority: Kunming Postal Customs
Location: Kunming Post Office, Kunming City, Yunnan Province
Detection Method: Routine Examination (machine inspection)
Species: Ten sika deer antler crafts (*Cervus nippon*), Class I of National Protected Species
Transport Method: Inbound mail (declared as 'toys')
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Case Progress: The mail was temporarily detained.

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Dongguan Customs Siezed 800 Export Caterpillar Fungus



News Release Date: 14 September 2021

Law enforcement authority: Dongguan Customs

Location: Dongguan Customs, Dongguan City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray image is not consistent with the declaration)

Species: 800 caterpillar fungus (*Ophiocordyceps sinensis*), total weight 199.1 g, class II of National Protected Species

Transport Method: Outbound cargo (declared as 'men's top')

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: The cargo was temporarily detained for further process.

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Xinzheng Customs Seized Seal Oil Capsules



News Release Date: 18 September 2021

Law enforcement authority: Xinzheng Customs

Location: Cross-Border e-Commerce Channels, Xinzheng Customs, Zhengzhou City, Henan Province

Detection Method: Inspection

Species: 5,547 harp seal oil capsules (*Pagophilus groenlandicus*), class II of National Protected Species

Transport Method: Inbound parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Under further process according to relevant law.

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Nanning Customs Handed over a Batch of Endangered Species and Their Products to Local Fishery Department



News Release Date: 19 September 2021
Transferal date: 2 September 2021
Transferal authority: Longbang Customs Anti-Smuggling Division
Recipient authority: Guangxi Fishery Administration Team
Transferal content: Thorny seahorses (*Hippocampus histrix*), CITES II; High-crowned seahorses (*Hippocampus coronatus*), CITES II
 18,170 seahorses were handed over.

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Nanning Customs Handed over a Batch of Endangered Species and Their Products to local Forestry Department



News Release Date: 19 September 2021
Transferal date: 8 September 2021
Transferal authority: Dongxing Customs
Recipient authority: Guangxi Fangchenggang City Forestry Bureau
Transferal content: 39.8 tons of rosewood (*Dalbergia cochinchinensis* Pierre), CITES II ; 1.6 tons of agarwood (*Aquilaria spp.*), CITES II ; 26.6 tons of golden chicken fern (*Cibotium barometz*), class II of National Protected Species

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Shanghai Customs Seized Ivory Painting Scrolls



News Release Date: 20 September 2021

Law enforcement authority: Shanghai Pudong Airport Customs

Location: Shanghai Pudong International Airport, Shanghai

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: One painting using ivory as scrolls, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound express

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Shanghai Customs Anti-Smuggling Bureau has filed the case for investigation.

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Luzhou Customs Seized Ivory Painting Scrolls



News Release Date: 20 September 2021

Law enforcement authority: Luzhou Customs

Location: Mail Supervision Site, Luzhou Customs, Hefei City, Anhui Province

Detection Method: Risk warning, routine examination (X-ray)

Species: One ivory scrolls, two hanging paintings, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Detained and handed over to relevant department for further process.

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Wenzhou Customs Seized a Pair of Ivory Bangles



News Release Date: 20 September 2021

Law enforcement authority: Wenzhou Customs

Location: Wenzhou Customs, Wenzhou City, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (machine inspection)

Species: One pair of ivory bangles, total weight 92 g, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound mail

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Guangzhou Customs Cracked a Suspected Case of Smuggling Ivory Products



News Release Date: 27 September 2021

Law enforcement authority: Guangzhou Customs

Location: Inbound Mail Channels, Guangzhou Customs, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: Seven table wares with ivory handles, net weight 112 g, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound mail

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Guangzhou Zhuhai Police Cracked a Significant Case of Smuggling Wild animals and Their Products



News Release Date: 1 September 2021

Law enforcement authority: Guangdong Zhuhai Police

Location: Storage site in Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province; hideout in Zhangzhu Village, Haozhou City, Anhui Province

Detection Method: Special Force Investigation

Species: Nearly eight tons of pangolin scales (*Manis spp.*), class I of National Protected Species/CITES I; live parrots (Psittaciformes) and a large number of live endangered wild birds and other wild animals

Transport Method: Smuggled into the country on water

Sent through logistics channels from Shenzhen to other cities

Intermediate Country: (Region) Shenzhen

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Estimated Value: About 400 million CNY

Number of Offenders: 33

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Kang County Police Bureau Forest Police Brigade Cracked a Number of Cases of Harming Nationally Protected Plants



News Release Date: 02 September 2021

Seizure Date: 28 March 2021

Law enforcement authority: Kang County Police Bureau Forest Police Brigade

Location: Suspect's home in Liaojiagou, Wangba Village, Kang County, Longnan City, Gansu Province; suspect's home in Dashuigou Village, Kang County, Longnan City, Gansu Province

Detection Method: Online patrol

Species: Seven Chinese yew (*Taxus chinensis*), class I of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal logging

Number of Offenders: Two

Case Progress: Case is under further process.

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Guangxi Fangchenggang City Seized 146 Suspected Smuggled Saiga Antelope Horns and Six Rhino Horn Bangles



News Release Date: 5 September 2021

Law enforcement authority: Guangxi Fangchenggang Border Management Branch Border Patrol Team

Location: The Border of Fangchenggang City, Guangxi Province

Detection Method: Patrol

Species: 146 saiga antelope horns (*Saiga tatarica*), class I of National Protected Species/CITES II; six rhino bangles (*Ceratotherium simum*), CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Estimated Value: 2.96 million CNY

Number of Offenders: Two

Case Progress: Two suspects have been approved of arrest.

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Hunan Province Shaoyang City Forest Police Bureau Cracked a Case of Suspected Harming Endangered Wildlife



News Release Date: 07 September 2021

Law enforcement authority: Hunan Province Shaoyang County Forest Police Bureau

Location: Laotang Reservoir in Xiangrong Village, Tiantang Township, Shaoyang County, Hunan Province

Species: 23 dead birds, including one class II of National Protected Species, fourteen protected species, eight unidentified species.

Reason for Seizure: Poaching

Number of Offenders: Four

Case Progress: Suspects are under criminal compulsory measures in accordance with the law. Case is under further examination.

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Inner Mongolia Baotou City Kundulun District Police Cracked a Case of Illegal Sale of Wildlife Products



News Release Date: 8 September 2021

Law enforcement authority: Kundulun District Police Division Forest Police Brigade

Location: Near an Antique City in Baotou City, Inner Mongolia

Detection Method: Intelligence, investigation

Species: Nine wild animal products, including five Eurasian eagle-owl products (*Bubo bubo*), class II of National Protected Species/CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal trade (online illegal trade)

Number of Offenders: Two

Case Progress: Suspects are under criminal compulsory measures in accordance with the law.

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Gansu Province Longnan City Cheng County Police Bureau Forest Police Brigade Successfully Cracked a Case of Poaching Wild Birds



News Release Date: 27 September 2021

Law enforcement authority: Gansu Province Longnan City Cheng County Police Bureau Forest Police Brigade

Location: Suspect's home in Diancun Town, Cheng County, Longnan City, Gansu Province

Detection Method: Intelligence, investigation

Species: 24 wild birds, including rosefinch (*Carpodacus spp.*), red-billed Leiothrix (*Leiothrix lutea*), oriental grosbeaks (*Eophona spp.*) and others. Red-billed Leiothrix is class II of National Protected Species/CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Poaching

Number of Offenders: Two

Case Progress: Case is under further investigation.

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Shandong Province Tai'an City Dongping County Court Enforced a Case of Ecological Public Interest Law Case



News Release Date: 22 September 2021

Judicial authority: Dongping County People's Court

Location: Inside a river ditch on the south of suspect's land in Dongping County, Tai'an City, Shandong Province

Species: Five dead little owls (*Athene noctua*), class II of National Protected Species/CITES II ; four dead spotted doves (*Streptopelia chinensis*) ; one dead azure-winged magpie (*Cyanopica cyanus*) ; one dead large-billed crow (*Corvus macrorhynchos*)

Reason for Seizure: Poaching

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: Suspect was sentenced to four months in prison, with five months' probation, fined one thousand CNY and State ecological loss compensation of 76500 CNY, and apologize to the public on mainstream media at country level or above.

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Court Judgement of a Case of Illegal Transporting Endangered Wildlife Products

News Release Date: 30 September 2021

Law enforcement authority: Ningming County Border Management Team Andian Town Nahe Duty Point

Judicial authority: Ningming County People's Court

Location: Nahe Duty Point, Aidian Town, Ningming County, Chongzuo City, Guangxi Province

Species: One lion skull (*Panthera leo*), class II of National Protected Species; 14,255 dried seahorses (*Hippocampus spp.*), class II of National Protected Species

Way of Transport: Sedan

Reason for Seizure: Illegal transport

Estimated Value: 2,197,425 CNY

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: Suspect was sentenced to five years in prison, fined 50,000 CNY and public welfare compensation of 2,197,425 CNY.

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Hong Kong SAR

Hong Kong Customs detects first case of smuggling suspected scheduled fresh totoaba fish maw this year



Hong Kong Customs yesterday (September 20) seized about 46 kilograms of suspected scheduled fresh totoaba fish maws, with an estimated market value of about \$7.4 million, at Hong Kong International Airport. This is the first smuggling case involving scheduled fresh totoaba fish maw detected by Customs this year.

Through risk assessment, Customs officers yesterday inspected an air consignment, declared to be carrying frozen fish fillets, arriving in Hong Kong from Mexico. Upon inspection, Customs officers found the batch of suspected scheduled fresh *Totoaba macdonaldi* fish maws mix-loaded with non-scheduled frozen fish fillets inside three cartons. A 58-year-old man suspected to be connected with the case was arrested.

Investigation is ongoing.

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