

TRAFFIC



CHINA'S WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT NEWS DIGEST

October 2021

Please note these are unofficial translations made for the benefit of non-Chinese readers. TRAFFIC is not responsible for the accuracy of their content and it is not recommended any of the information they contain is used without checking against the original Chinese text.

Yiwu Customs Seized Nearly 5 Kg of Ivory Painting Scroll Heads



News Release Date: 05 October 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Yiwu Customs

Location: Yiwu Customs, Yiwu City, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

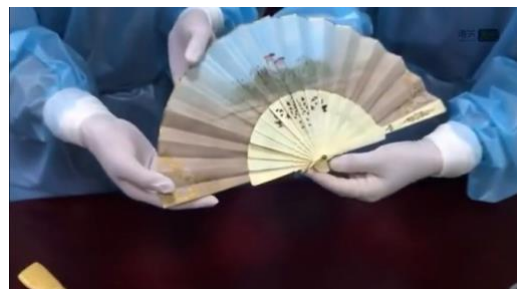
Species: 257 ivory painting scroll heads, total weight 4.95 kg, CITES I; two rosewood (*Dalbergia spp.*) painting scroll heads, CITES II; two sika deer (*Cervus nippon*) antler painting scroll heads, class I of National Protected Species

Transport Method: Inbound parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

[Read more](#)

Luzhou Customs Seized Ivory Folding Fan



News Release Date: 05 October 2021

Seizure Date: 27 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 folding fan, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Item was detained and handed over to relevant departments for further process

[Read more](#)

Kunming Changshui Airport Customs Seized Ivory Products



News Release Date: 05 October 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Kunming Changshui Airport Customs

Location: Inbound Traveler Inspection Site, Kunming Changshui Airport, Kunming City, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: Three ivory products, weight 18.1 g, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound passenger's carry-on luggage (undeclared)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

[Read more](#)

Zhanjiang Customs Seized Ivory and Red Coral Products



News Release Date: 05 October 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhanjiang Airport Customs

Location: Zhanjiang Airport, Zhanjiang City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

Species: Two ivory products, net weight 27.9 g, CITES I; one red coral product, net weight 0.9 g, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES III

Way of Transport: Inbound parcel (declared as 'silver plated necklace')

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

[Read more](#)



Aidian Customs Seized *Euchresta Japonica*



News Release Date: 08 October 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Aidian Customs

Location: Daidian Customs, Aidian Town, Ningming County, Chongzuo City, Guangxi Province

Detection Method: Risk Warning

Species: Two bags of *Euchresta japonica*, total weight 120 kg, Class II of National Protected Species

Transport Method: Outbound goods

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

[Read more](#)

Dalian Customs Cracked a Case of Smuggling Suspected Red Coral Products



News Release Date: 13 October 2021

Seizure Date: 08 October 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Dalian Harbour Customs

Location: Dalian Port Customs, Dalian City, Liaoning Province

Detection Method: Manual Inspection

Species: Coral beads bracelets and brooches, net weight 65 g, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES III

Transport Method: Inbound parcel (declared as 'Porcelain ornaments')

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

[Read more](#)

Luzhou Customs Seized Cactuses



News Release Date: 13 October 2021

Seizure Date: 28 September 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Luzhou Customs

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

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: Cactuses (*Echinopsis* spp.), CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

[Read more](#)

Wuhan Customs Seized Python Leather Skin Erhu and Sanruanqin



News Release Date: 14 October 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Wuhan Customs

Location: Inbound Express Supervision Channels, Wuhan Customs, Wuhan City, Hubei Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: Two Burmese python skin Erhu (*Python bivittatus*), one Burmese python skin Sanruanqin, Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound express

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

[Read more](#)

Dapeng Customs Seized Manchurian Ash TV Cabinet



News Release Date: 20 October 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Dapeng Customs

Location: Dapeng Customs, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Inspection

Species: 16 sets of Manchurian ash (*Fraxinus mandshurica*) TV cabinet, Class II of National Protected Species

Transport Method: Outbound goods (declared as 'TV cabinet')

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Handed over to other departments for further process

[Read more](#)

Kunming Customs Seized a Batch of Suspected Smuggled Dried Seahorses



News Release Date: 25 October 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Wanding Customs

Location: Wanding Customs, Kunming City, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Inspection

Species: 4381 dried seahorses (*Hippocampus spp.*), weight 34.4 kg, including hedgehog seahorses (*Hippocampus spinosissimus*), flat-faced seahorses (*Hippocampus trimaculatus*), spiny seahorses (*Hippocampus histrix*), great seahorses (*Hippocampus kelloggi*), Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound goods (declared as 'onions', concealed in four hidden white woven bags)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

[Read more](#)

Shanghai Customs Seized Four Corals



News Release Date: 27 October 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Shanghai

Waigaoqiao Port Customs

Location: Shanghai Waigaoqiao Port Customs, Shanghai

Detection Method: Inspection

Species: One cauliflower coral (*Pocillopora damicornis*), weight 256.6 g, CITES II
Three *Acropora armata* (*Acropora armata*), weight 587.1 g, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound crew member's luggage

Country of Export: Philippines

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Nationality: Chinese

Case Progress: Shanghai Customs Anti-Smuggling Division filed the case for investigation

[Read more](#)

Wuhan Postal Customs Seized Ivory Mahjong



News Release Date: 27 October 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Wuhan Postal Customs

Location: Wuhan Postal Customs, Wuhan City, Hubei Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: One set of ivory mahjong, weight 1809.8 g, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Item was detained and handed over to relevant departments for further process

[Read more](#)

Luzhou Customs Seized Ivory Cigarette Holders, Ivory Earrings and Other Ivory Products



News Release Date: 30 October 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Luzhou Customs

Location: Luzhou Customs, Hefei City, Anhui Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (CT machine)

Species: One pair of ivory earrings, one ivory cigarette holder, five ivory crafts, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Item was detained and handed over to relevant departments for further process

[Read more](#)

Tianjin Postal Customs Seized Ivory Seals



News Release Date: 30 October 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Tianjin Postal Customs

Location: Tianjin Postal Customs, Tianjin City

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: One ivory seal, weight about 33 g, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: The parcel was temporarily detained for further process

[Read more](#)



Luzhou Customs Seized Ivory Fan



News Release Date: 30 October 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Luzhou Customs

Location: Luzhou Customs, Hefei City, Anhui Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (CT machine)

Species: One ivory fan, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Item was detained and handed over to relevant departments for further process

[Read more](#)

Hengqin Customs Seized Ivory Products



News Release Date: 30 October 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Hengqin Customs

Location: Hengqin Customs, Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: Three batches of ivory products, including beads bracelets, pendants, rings and others, CITES I

Transport Method: Outbound item

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Item was detained according to relevant regulations for further process

[Read more](#)



Luzhou Customs Seized Ivory Made Paintings



News Release Date: 30 October 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Luzhou Customs

Location: Luzhou Customs, Hefei City, Anhui Province

Detection Method: Risk Warning, Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: Two ivory hanging paintings, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Item was detained and handed over to relevant departments for further process

[Read more](#)

Guangzhou Customs Continuously Seized 14 Ivory Products



News Release Date: 30 October 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Customs

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

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: 14 ivory products, net weight 321.8 g, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound mail

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Further process has been made.

[Read more](#)

Guangxi Pingguo City Police Bureau Cracked a Significant Case of Harming Nationally Protected Wild Plants



News Release Date: 8 October 2021

Seizure Date: 1 September 2021 (arrest date)

Law Enforcement Authority: Pingguo City Police
Bureau Forest Police

Location: A stone mountain near a natural village in
Matou Town, Pingguo City, Guangxi Province (crime
scene)

Detection Method: Tip off

Species: 57 dwarf cycad (*Cycas sexseminifera*),
Class I of National Protected Species/CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest and sale

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: The suspect was arrested
according to the law.

[Read more](#)

Forest Police of Ruzhou City, Henan Province Seized 26 Suspected Hwamei and Other Birds



News Release Date: 20 October 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Police of
Ruzhou City, Henan Province

Location: Suspect owned tobacco and liquor store,
Ruzhou City, Henan Province

Detection Method: Tip off

Species: 26 suspected Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax
canorus*) and other birds, class II of National
Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Poaching, illegal purchase,
breeding and sale

Number of Offenders: Six

Case Progress: Suspects were under criminal
compulsory measures according to the law

[Read more](#)



Fangchenggang Seized 1200 Suspected Smuggled Live Siamese Crocodiles



News Release Date: 23 October 2021

Seizure Date: 23 October 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Fangchenggang Border Management Branch Dongxing Border Control Team

Location: A abandoned residence near Datian Village, Malu Town, Dongxing City, Fangchenggang City, Guangxi Province

Detection Method: Patrol

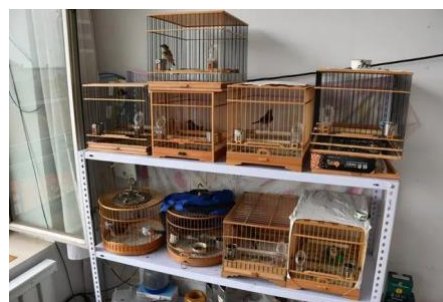
Species: 146 boxes/more than 1200 Siamese crocodiles (*Crocodylus siamensis*), CITES I

Reason for Seizure: Suspected smuggling

Case Progress: Crocodiles were handed over to Dongxing City Forest Police for further investigation.

[Read more](#)

Xincheng District Police Division Environmental Food and Drug Investigation Brigade Cracked a Case of Illegal Purchase and Transportation of Terrestrial Wildlife



News Release Date: 27 October 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Xincheng District Environmental Food and Drug Investigation Brigade

Location: A village resident's house at Genghis Khan Street Office, Xincheng District, Hohhot, Inner Mongolia

Detection Method: Investigation

Species: Six suspected Siberian rubythroats (*Calliope calliope*), Class II of National Protected Species; five suspected bluethroats (*Luscinia svecica*), Class II of National Protected Species; one suspected Japanese grosbeak (*Eophona personata*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal purchase and transportation

Case Progress: Case is under further investigation

[Read more](#)

Sichuan Aba Police Investigated a Case on Poaching Two Alpine Musk Deer



News Release Date: 28 October 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Aba County Forest Police Brigade

Location: Xiamarong Village, Kehexiang, Aba County, Sichuan Province

Detection Method: Tip off

Species: Two alpine musk deer (*Moschus chrysogaster*), Class I of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Poaching

Case Progress: The case is under further investigation.

[Read more](#)

Jiangsu Taizhou Jiangyan Police Confiscated Over 1000 Animal Products



News Release Date: 29 October 2021

Seizure Date: 25 April 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Tianmushan Police Station, Jiangyan Division of Taizhou Public Security Bureau

Location: Suspect's home in Jiangyan District, Taizhou City, Jiangsu Province; Shandong Province, Zhejiang Province, Nantong City in Jiangsu Province, Sichuan and Other Places (arrest location)

Detection Method: Intelligence, investigation

Species: More than 1000 wildlife products, including Eurasian lynx (*Lynx lynx*) Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II, leopards (*Panthera pardus*) Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I, snow leopards (*Panthera uncia*) Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I, Himalayan black bears (*Ursus thibetanus*) Class II of National Protected Species/CITES I, oriental white storks (*Ciconia boyciana*) Class I of National Protected Species, and a large number of other Class I and Class II of National Protected Species' body parts

Reason for Seizure: Illegal purchase and sale

Estimated Value: More than 100 million CNY

Number of Offenders: Five

Nationality: Chinese

Case Progress: Suspects were under criminal compulsory measures, and the case is under further investigation .

[.Read more](#)



Langao County Police Bureau Filed a Case of Harming Rare and Endangered Wildlife



News Release Date: 29 October 2021

Seizure Date: 13 October 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Hengxi Forest Police Station, Langao County Police Bureau

Location: A woodland in Shimen Town, Langao County, Ankang City, Shaanxi Province

Detection Method: Patrol

Species: 102 Wushan salamanders (*Liua shihi*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal fishing

Number of Offenders: Four

Case Progress: Suspects were under criminal detention and the case is under further investigation.

[Read more](#)

Ningming County Court Judged a Case of Illegal Transportation of Rare and Endangered Wild Animal

News Release Date: 10 October 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Ningming County Border Management Brigade Aidian County Nahe Duty Point

Judicial authority: Ningming People's Procuratorate, Court

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

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: One lion skull (*Panthera leo*)

Lion, CITES II; 14,255 dried seahorses (*Hippocampus spp.*), CITES II

Way of Transport: Buick Sedan

Reason for Seizure: Illegal transportation

Estimated Value: 2,197,425 CNY

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: The suspect was sentenced to five years in prison and fined 50,000 CNY and the additional 2,197,425 CNY for public welfare compensation.

[Read more](#)



Jiange County People's Procuratorate Supervised an Administrative Public Interest Litigation Case of Protecting Chinese Weeping Cypress

News Release Date: 12 October 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Jiange County Police Bureau, Sichuan Province

Judicial Authority: Ningming County Procuratorate, Sichuan Province

Location: Qibai Mountain, Qibai Village, Muma Town, Jiange County, Guangyuan City, Sichuan Province

Species: Two Chinese weeping cypress (*Cupressus funebris*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal logging

Estimated Value: 231,600 CNY

Number of Offenders: One

[Read more](#)

Qingdao Peoples' Procuratorate Litigated a Case on Illegal Sale and Purchase of Rare and Endangered Wildlife and Products

News Release Date: 12 October 2021

Sentence Date: 29 January 2021

Judicial Authority: Qingdao People's Procuratorate, Qingdao Intermediate People's Court

Location: An art appreciation center in Laoshan District, Qingdao City, Shandong Province

Species: One pangolin (*Manis spp.*), Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I; one brown bear (*Ursus arctos*), Class II of National Protected Species/CITES I; three monocled cobras (*Naja kaouthia*), National Protected Species of Important Ecological, Scientific and Social Value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal sale and purchase

Case Progress: The art center was fined by 1,089,000 CNY and a public apology on the national media

[Read more](#)



Yinchuan Railway Court Heard a Case of Harming Rare and Endangered Wild Animal



News Release Date: 22 October 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Yinchuan Police

Judicial Authority: Yinchuan Railway Court, Yinchuan Railway Procuratorate

Location: Xingqing District, Yinchuan City, Ningxia Province

Species: Ivory products, including three beads, two tiles, two cups, 35 bangles, two tusks, 12 pairs of chopsticks, weight 1.008 kg, CITES I

Way of Transport: Express; drive

Country of Export: Vietnam

Reason for Seizure: Illegal purchase and transport

Estimated Value: 42,019 CNY

Number of Offenders: three (one Vietnamese, at large)

Case Progress: The trial was held and the sentence will be made later

[Read more](#)

Review on China Customs Investigated Cases



News Release Date: 09 October 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: China Customs

Case: From January 2019 to September 2021, China Customs investigated 923 cases involving smugglings of endangered wild animals and plants and their products

Species: 1552.7 tons of endangered wild animals, plants and their products

[Read more](#)

Hong Kong SAR

Hong Kong customs makes largest-ever seizure of shark fins by value



Nearly 10 tonnes of shark fins were seized as part of a record HK\$210 million (US\$27 million) haul of luxury goods, including handbags from Hermes, Louis Vuitton and Gucci, and endangered wildlife products destined for mainland China, customs officials said on 6 October 2021.

The 9.7 tonnes of fins, valued at HK\$110 million on their own, were removed from some 15,000 animals, including endangered thresher sharks. The haul was the biggest-ever seizure of shark fins by value, according to Senior Superintendent Mark Woo Wai-kwan, of customs' syndicate crimes investigation bureau.

Customs officers made their largest shark fin seizure in terms of quantity in May last year, finding 26 tonnes taken from 38,500 endangered sharks in two shipping containers from Ecuador, though that haul was worth only a fraction of the price – HK\$8.6 million.

Woo said the latest bust, which took place on September 24, comprised higher-value fins worth an average of HK\$11,000 per kilogram.

Aside from that seizure, customs officers had already confiscated 362 tonnes of endangered flora and fauna – including red sandalwood, ginseng and totoaba fish – in 207 cases over the first nine months of the year, up nearly 60 per cent from 230 tonnes in 2020's 221 cases.

The senior superintendent said an investigation suggested the shark fins, endangered plants, fruit and other luxury goods in the latest bust had been sourced from around the world by a triad-controlled smuggling gang, then stored in a warehouse off Lung Kwu Tan Road in Tuen Mun while awaiting shipment to mainland China by speedboat.

In the warehouse raid last month, customs officers arrested a 34-year-old man on suspicion of attempting to export unmanifested cargo and possession of endangered species without a licence. He was released on bail pending further investigation.

In addition to the 9.7 tonnes of shark fin, the haul also included 2.2 tonnes of other high-value foodstuffs, such as bird's nest, dried fish maw and abalone, worth HK\$74 million.

Woo said they also seized dozens of endangered plants – mostly cactuses – and some originated from Mexico.



Describing the gang as cautious and “well-organised”, his colleague, assistant Superintendent Herman Lui Siu-fai, said it had carried out air, land and sea counter-surveillance with the use of drones in an attempt to evade capture. Intelligence indicated the HK\$210 million consignment was to be smuggled across the border on the day of the raid, according to Woo.

[Read more](#)

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected scheduled red sandalwood



On 7 October 2021, Hong Kong Customs seized about 3 186 kilograms of suspected scheduled red sandalwood, with an estimated market value of about \$2.16 million, at Hong Kong International Airport.

Through risk assessment, Customs officers inspected an air consignment, declared to be carrying furniture parts, arriving in Hong Kong from Dubai. Upon inspection, Customs officers found the batch of suspected scheduled red sandalwood inside two large wooden boxes.

The case was handed over to the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department for follow-up investigation.

[Read more](#)



Belgium

- [Une peau de tigre et des crânes de babouin dans un colis au centre de tri de Fleurus!](#)

Cameroon

- [Cameroun : Gros coup de filet dans le milieu du braconnage](#)

India

- [Odisha STF seizes elephant tusk, arrests one](#)

Malawi

- [A Taste for Pangolin Meat and the Fall of an African Wildlife Cartel](#)
- [Malawi: Three arrested over ivory in Kasungu](#)

Mozambique

- [PRM apreende duas pontas de marfim abandonadas em Mecula](#)

Nigeria

- [New joint operation with Nigeria Customs Service: two suspected high-level wildlife traffickers arrested, 1 tonne of pangolin scales seized](#)

Rwanda

- [Rwanda Arrests 4 Poachers With Elephant Tusks](#)