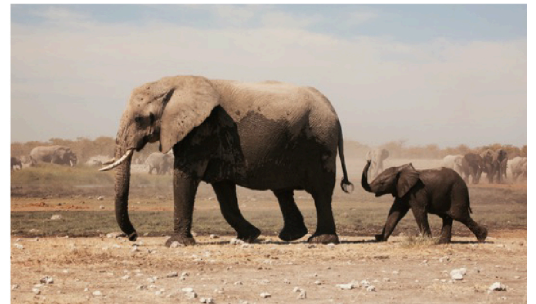


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Guangzhou Airport Customs Seized 53 Ivory products through Inbound Traveller Inspection Channel



News Release Date: 1 December 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Airport Customs

Location: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Inbound Traveller Inspection Channel, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

Species: 53 Ivory products, including beads, combs and carvings, 1240 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound passenger luggage (Concealed at the bottom of the luggage in the fishing rod and tea bag, non-declaration channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Items have been further processed.

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Kunming Nansan Customs Seized 150 Tropical Pitcher Plants in Outbound Freight at Nansan land port



News Release Date: 4 December 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Kunming Nansan Customs

Location: Nansan land port, Kunming, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: 150 Tropical Pitcher Plants (*Nepenthes* spp.), CITES I/II

Transport Method: Outbound freight (declared as general trade)

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Guangzhou Postal Customs Seized Four Buddha statue Bases Made from Black Rosewood in an Inbound Mail



News Release Date: 4 December 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Postal Customs

Location: Guangzhou, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

Species: Four Bases of Buddha statue made from Black Rosewood (*Dalbergia* spp.), CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound mail (declared as "Brass Buddha statues")

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Nanjing Jinling Customs Seized Giant Clam Go Stones 5.23kg in an Inbound Mail



News Release Date: 4 December 2022

Forensic Result Confirmation Date: 28 November 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Jinling Customs

Location: Nanjing, Jiangsu Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.), go stones, 5.23 kg, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Shenzhen Postal Customs Seized 44 Tropical Pitcher Plants in an Inbound Mail



News Release Date: 4 December 2022

Seizure Date: 28 November 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Shenzhen Postal Customs

Location: Shenzhen, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

Species: 44 Tropical Pitcher Plants (*Nepenthes* spp.), CITES I/II

Transport Method: Parcel (declared as "intelligence toy")

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Kunming Changshui Airport Customs Seized 1,245 Orchids in a Freight



News Release Date: 4 December 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Kunming Changshui Airport Customs

Location: Kunming Changshui Airport, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (Manual Inspection)

Species: 1,245 Orchids (*Orchidaceae* spp.) with 4 species, which were Blue Orchid (*Vanda coerulea*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; *Christensonia vietnamica*, CITES II; *Vanda pumila*, CITES II; and *Tolumnia* spp., CITES II

Transport Method: Freight (declared as "noble dendrobium")

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Wuhan Postal Customs Seized Live Plants Including 2 *Tillandsia xerographica* in an Inbound Mail



News Release Date: 5 December 2022
Law Enforcement Authority: Wuhan Postal Customs
Location: Wuhan, Hubei Province
Detection Method: Routine Examination
Species: 14 live plants, about 600 g, which were *Hippeastrum rutilum*; Texas Bluebells (*Eustoma grandiflorum*); Crane Flower (*Strelitzia reginae*); *Tillandsia velutin*; and 2 *T. xerographica*, CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound parcel (Disguised as "food")
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Nanjing Lukou Airport Customs Seized Two Stony Corals Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 10 December 2022
Seizure Date: 3 December 2022
Law Enforcement Authority: Nanjing Lukou Airport Customs
Location: Nanjing Lukou Airport, Jiangsu Province
Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)
Species: Two Stony Corals (*Scleractinia* spp.), about 1.9 kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound passenger luggage
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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Wuhan Tianhe Airport Customs Seized One Gabon Ebony Carving Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 10 December 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Wuhan Tianhe
Airport Customs

Location: Wuhan Tianhe Airport, Hubei Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: One Gabon Ebony (*Diospyros
crassiflora*) carving, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound passenger luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Qianjiang Customs Seized Two Ivory Painting Scroll Heads in an Inbound Mail



News Release Date: 10 December 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Qianjiang Customs
Location: Hanzhou, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine
Inspection)

Species: Two Ivory painting scroll heads, gross
weight 498 g, Class I of National Protected Species,
CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized 13 Ivory Products through Inbound Traveller Inspection Channel



News Release Date: 13 December 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs

Location: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Inbound Travellers Inspection Channel, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

Species: 13 Ivory products, including 5 beads bracelets, 1 bangle and 7 fang-shaped pendants, total 300 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound passenger luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 3

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Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport Customs Seized 298 rosewood beads bracelets in an Outbound Mail



News Release Date: 14 December 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport Customs

Location: Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: 298 *Dalbergia* spp. beads bracelets, 11.81 kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Outbound parcel

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized 23 Ivory Products Carried by 5 Inbound Passengers on the Same Flight



News Release Date: 15 December 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs

Location: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination ("Machine Inspection + AI image screening system")

Species: 23 Ivory products, including bangles, beads, rectangular shape pendants and fang-shaped pendants, total 300 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound passenger luggage (total 5 cases, No Declaration Channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 5

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Guangzhou Zhuhai Customs Seized 720 kg American Mahogany Products through Freight Channel at Jiaoxin Port



News Release Date: 15 December 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhuhai Customs

Location: Jiaoxin Port, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: American Mahogany (*Swietenia mahagoni*) products, total 720 kg, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Freight (declared as "Brass harp", concealed in a wooden box with large sheet material)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Huangdao Customs Seized 9.7 kg of Endangered Species and Their Products in an Inbound Freight



News Release Date: 17 December 2022
Confirmation Date: 22 December 2022
Law Enforcement Authority: Huangdao Customs
Location: Qingdao West Coast New Area, Shandong Province
Detection Method: Routine Examination
Species: 961 Dreid Seahorses, including Tiger Tail Seahorse (*Hippocampus comes*), Hedgehog Seahorse (*H. spinosissimus*), and Spiny Seahorse (*H. histrix*), above all belongs to Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 75 Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.) products, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 29 Stylasteridae spp., Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; and other endangered species and products; total 9.7 kg
Transport Method: Inbound Freight (declared as "gulfweed")
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Wuhan Postal Customs Seized Five Ivory painting scroll heads in an Inbound Mail



News Release Date: 17 December 2022
Seizure Date: 5 December 2022
Law Enforcement Authority: Wuhan Postal Customs
Location: Wuhan, Hubei Province
Detection Method: Routine Examination (CT scan)
Species: Five Ivory painting scroll heads, about 100 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound parcel
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Huangpu Laogang Customs Seized 7.35 tons of Tamalan Tree in Inbound Freight



News Release Date: 20 December 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Laogang Customs

Location: Huangpu District, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Risk Control Order (Field Inspection)

Species: Tamalan Tree (*Dalbergia oliveri*), 2.29 m³ sheet material and 853 products (including tissue paper box, round table, short chair, tea table, wardrobe and other furniture), weighting 7.35 tons, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Freight (declared as "An endangered species of Tamalan Tree furniture"; the specifications and quantity listed in the Certificate of Permitted Import of Endangered Species provided by the enterprise were less than the actual quantity of imported commodities)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Shanghai Pudong Airport Customs Seized 10 Ivory Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 23 December 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Shanghai Pudong Airport Customs

Location: Shanghai Pudong Airport

Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

Species: 10 Ivory products, including 2 bangles, 2 ornaments and 4 pendants, 65 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound passenger luggage (No Declaration Channel, hidden in a milk powder can)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Wuhan Postal Customs Seized Two Ivory Painting Scroll Heads in an Inbound Mail



News Release Date: 23 December 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Wuhan Postal Customs

Location: Wuhan, Hubei Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (CT scan)

Species: Two Ivory painting scroll heads, about 50g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Harbin Bingcheng Postal Customs Seized Four Star Cactus in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 24 December 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Harbin Bingcheng Postal Customs

Location: Harbin, Heilongjiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: Four Star Cactus (*Astrophytum asterias*), CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Jiangmen Waihai Customs Seized 14 live Orchids in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 24 December 2022
Law Enforcement Authority: Jiangmen Waihai Customs
Location: Jiangmen, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Examination
Species: Ten Carrot fern (*Dendrobium moniliforme*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; two Wind Orchid (*Vanda falcata*), CITES II; two *Cattleya* spp., CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound parcel
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Guangzhou Customs Seized 8.8 kg Rosewood Products in Baiyun Airport's Express Mail Channels



News Release Date: 24 December 2022
Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Customs
Location: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Express Mail Channels, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Examination
Species: Rosewood (*Dalbergia* spp.) products, 8.8kg, CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound parcel
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Guangzhou Customs Seized 12 Agarwood Products in the Baiyun Airport's Express Mail Channels



News Release Date: 24 December 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Customs

Location: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Express Mail Channels, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: 12 agarwood (*Aquilaria* spp.) beads bracelets and beads necklaces, net weight 209 g, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Guangzhou Postal Customs Seized a Kosso Carving in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 24 December 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Postal Customs

Location: Guangzhou, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

Species: One Kosso (*Pterocarpus erinaceus*) carving, 3.31 kg, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound parcel (declared as "beads, decorations")

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Guangzhou Postal Customs Seized Four Satanas Beetles in an Inbound Mail



News Release Date: 26 December 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Postal Customs

Location: Guangzhou, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

Species: Four Satanas Beetles (*Dynastes satanas*), CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound parcel (declared as "snacks", in four glass bottles)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Ruili Border Inspection Station Zhangfeng Branch Seized About 600 g Elephant's Skin in a Burmese Inbound Truck



News Release Date: 2 December 2022

Seizure Date: 29 November 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Ruili Border Inspection Station Zhangfeng Branch

Location: Zhangfeng Port, Dehong Dai and Jingpo Autonomous Prefecture, Ruili, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: 11 pieces of Elephant's Skin, about 600 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Truck (Hidden in the back of the cab, wrapped in black plastic bags)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: The case has been transferred to the relevant authorities.

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Baotou Police Bureau Cracked an Illegal Wildlife Trade Case



News Release Date: 7 December 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest and Grassland Resources Protection Brigade of Baotou Police Bureau, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region

Location: A shop in the West Hall of Huayuan Market, Kundulun District, Baotou City, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: One specimen of Green Sea Turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; 25 Ivory products, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; 3 Bears (*Ursidae* spp.) tooth products, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; 21 Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.) beads necklaces, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchasing and Selling (purchased online or in Antique markets in other cities)

Estimated Value: The sale price of Green sea turtle specimen was 8,000 CNY

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Suspect Pang Moumou has been put on file for investigation and compulsory measures have been taken for the crime of endangering precious and endangered wild animals. The case is in further processing.

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Da'an Police Cracked a Red-Crowned Crane Poaching Case



News Release Date: 8 December 2022

Seizure Date: 21 November 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Da'an Police Bureau

Location: Haystack near the suspect's residence in Laoyinjia village, Da 'an City, Jilin Province

Detection Method: Intelligence

Species: Two Red-crowned Crane (*Grus japonensis*), including one adult wearing a tracker and one juvenile, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: 2 suspects were taken criminal compulsory measures.

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Jilin Forest Public Bureau Dunhua Branch Cracked Two Illegal Logging Cases



News Release Date: 7 December 2022

Seizure Date: 4 February 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Jilin Forest Public Bureau Dunhua Branch

Location: A forest farm under the jurisdiction of Dunhua Forestry Bureau, Jilin Province

Detection Method: Routine Patrol

Species: One Manchurian Ash (*Fraxinus mandshurica*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES III

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Logging

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: The suspects were taken criminal compulsory measures. The case is under further investigation.

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Anhua Forest Police of Hunan Province Cracked a Poaching Case



News Release Date: 21 December 2022

Seizure Date: 5 November 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Anhua Forest Police of Hunan Province

Location: Near Qiyi Village garbage Station, Jiangnan Town, Anhua County, Yiyang City, Hunan Province

Detection Method: Tip Off

Species: Wild Boar (*Sus scrofa*), wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value; Bamboo Rat (*Rhizomyidae* spp.), wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value; Tufted Deer (*Elaphodus cephalophus*), Class II of National Protected Species; Masked Palm Civet (*Paguma larvata*), wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting for food, illegal Possession of 3 Guns, 29 Lead bullets for Hunting, 2 Shotgun Bullets, 54 Nail Bullets, 76 Iron Beads and 362 Steel Beads

Number of Offenders: 6

Case Progress: The suspects were taken criminal compulsory measures. The case is under further investigation.

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Chengdu Railway Transport Intermediate Court Sentenced a case of Illegal Acquisition of Red Pandas



News Release Date: 7 December 2022

Sentencing Date: 7 December 2022

Judicial Authority: Chengdu Railway Transport Intermediate Court

Species: Nine Red Pandas (*Ailurus fulgens*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting, Transporting and Acquisition

Estimated Value: 360,000 CNY in total (40,000 CNY each)

Number of Offenders: 7

Case Progress: The court sentenced seven defendants to fixed-term imprisonment ranging from 1.5 to 5 years, and fined them between 50,000 and 10,000 CNY. At the same time, Defendant Wei was sentenced to an occupational prohibition order, and he was not allowed to engage in business related to the use of wild animals within five years from the date of the execution of the penalty or the date of parole. In addition, 9 defendants were sentenced to jointly bear the ecological value compensation of 360,000 CNY for the criminal civil public interest lawsuit.

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Shanghai Third Intermediate Court Concluded a Case of Harming Endangered wildlife



News Release Date: 14 December 2022

Judicial Authority: Shanghai Third Intermediate Court

Species: 20 pianos with Ivory patch keys, net weight 5308 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Acquisition and Selling

Estimated Value: More than 220,000 CNY

Number of Offenders: One Trading Co., LTD. (Shanghai); one defendant (company executive officer)

Case Progress: The defendant's unit, a trading (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. was fined 220,000 CNY for harming endangered wildlife; the defendant, the company supervisor, was sentenced to one year in prison, suspended for one year, and fined 5,000 CNY.

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Hekou County Court of Yunnan Province Trialed a Case on Illegally Transporting Chinese Hwameis

News Release Date: 15 December 2022

Sentencing Date: 26 January 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: China - Viet Nam border
patrol police

Judicial Authority: Hekou County Procuratorate of
Yunnan province, Hekou County Court of Yunnan
province

Location: Near boundary marker 139 on the China-
Vietnam border, Shuolong Town, Daxin County,
Chongzuo City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Patrol

Species: 42 Chinese Hwameis (*Garrulax canorus*),
Class II of National Protected Species

Transport Method: Three-wheeled motor vehicle

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Transporting

Estimated Value: 210,000 CNY

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The suspect was sentenced to five
years in prison and fined 10,000 CNY.

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