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Several Anti-Smuggling Branches Launched the '2.23' Combating Timber Smuggling Operation

News Release Date: 9 February 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Customs Anti-Smuggling Branch of Huangpu, Haikou, Guangzhou, Ningbo, and Hangzhou

Detection Method: 2.23' crackdown on combating timber smuggling operation

Species: Endangered timber (species not specified)

Transport Method: False report and other ways

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Estimated Value: 110 million CNY

Number of Offenders: 13 gangs

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Guangzhou Customs Seized Endangered Timber Made Furniture



News Release Date: 10 February 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Nansha Customs

Location: Nansha Customs supervision channel of inbound travellers' luggages shipment, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: Side table, square table, jewelry box and other Siamese rosewood (*Dalbergia cochinchinensis*) products, total weight 16.7 kg, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound passengers' separated luggage (declared as 'furniture')

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Nanjing Customs Continuously Seized Endangered Giant Clam Products



News Release Date: 13 February 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Xinshengwei Customs

Location: Xinshengwei Customs, Nanjing City, Jiangsu Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: Three giant clam (*Tridacnidae spp.*) bangles and bead bracelets, 257.27 g, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Item has been processed according to law.

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Shekou Customs Seized Endangered Yunnan Cypress Handicrafts



News Release Date: 17 February 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Shekou Customs

Location: Shekou Customs export freight channel, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Inspection

Species: Three Yunnan cypress (*Calocedrus macrolepis*) wooden handicrafts, two of which weigh 20 kg and one weighs 30 kg, CITES II/Class II of National Protected Species

One Bubinga (*Guibourtia tessmannii*) timber, about 500 kg, CITES II

Transport Method: Export goods (falsely reported goods)

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Case is handed over to anti-smuggling department for process.

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Dapeng Customs Seized 500 Dalbergia Hupeana Guitars at Yantiangang Port



News Release Date: 19 February 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Dapeng Customs

Location: Yantiangang Port, Dapeng Customs, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Inspection

Species: 500 guitars with bridges made from *Dalbergia hupeana*, CITES II

Transport Method: Export goods

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Handed over to the relevant department for further process.

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Jinling Customs Seized One Batch of Giant Clam Products from Inbound Mail



News Release Date: 21 February 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Jinling Customs

Location: Jinling Customs, Nanjing City, Jiangsu Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: Go pieces made from giant clam (*Tridacnidae spp.*), total weight 1.024 kg, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound mail

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Dapeng Customs Seized Endangered African Blackwood Chopsticks at Yantiangang Port



News Release Date: 21 February 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Dapeng Customs

Location: Yantiangang Port, Dapeng Customs, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Inspection

Species: 1410 African blackwood chopsticks (*Dalbergia melanoxylon*), CITES II

Transport Method: Export goods (declared for export in the form of market procurement; declared as wooden logs, coasters, vases, keys, and other goods)

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Handed over to the relevant department for further process.

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Guangzhou Postal Customs Seized Ivory Scroll Heads



News Release Date: 25 February 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Postal Customs

Location: Guangzhou Post Office, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (machine inspection)

Species: Two ivory scroll heads, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound mail (declared as 'hanging scroll')

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Qianjiang Customs Seized 21 Ivory Products



News Release Date: 25 February 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Qianjiang Customs

Location: Qianjiang Customs Post Office, Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: 20 suspected ivory scroll heads, one suspected ivory bangle, 571 g, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound parcel (7 parcel images are unusual)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Wuhan Postal Customs Seized Three Ivory Products



News Release Date: 25 February 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Wuhan Postal Customs

Location: Wuhan Post Office, Wuhan City, Hubei Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (CT machine)

Species: Three ivory products, 89.201 g, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II

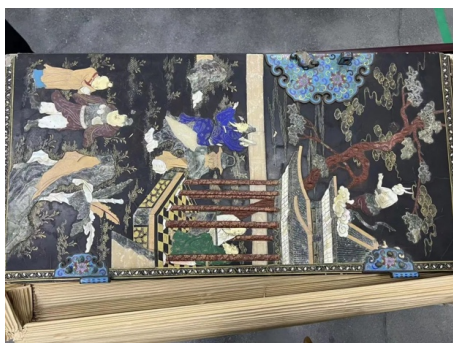
Transport Method: Inbound mail (declared as 'decoration')

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Items were detained and handed over to relevant department for further process.

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Luzhou Customs Seized One Ivory Splicing Painting



News Release Date: 26 February 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Luzhou Customs

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

Detection Method: Risk alert, Routine Examination (CT machine)

Species: One ivory splicing painting, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Items were detained and handed over to relevant department for further process.

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Zhenjiang Customs Seized Chinese Alligator Leather Products and Horned Helmet Products



News Release Date: 27 February 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhenjiang Customs

Location: Zhenjiang Customs, Zhenjiang City, Jiangsu Province

Detection Method: Inspection

Species: One Chinese alligator leather wallet (*Alligator sinensis*), 213.88 g, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I; two horned helmets (*Cassis cornuta*), 3205 g, Class II of National Protected Species

Transport Method: Inbound crew member's carry-on luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Case is handed over to anti-smuggling department for process.

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Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Continuously Seized 12 Batches of Illegally Imported Red Sandalwood



News Release Date: 28 February 2022
Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs
Location: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Risk control instruction, Routine Examination (X-ray)
Species: Red sandalwood (*Pterocarpus santalinus*), total weight about 860 kg, CITES II
Transport Method: Imported goods (declared as 'rosewood wooden balls, wooden brackets')
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Case Progress: Items were under further process.

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Bijie Police Investigated and Punished Two Illegal Chinese Hwamei Traders



News Release Date: 9 February 2022
Law Enforcement Authority: Guizhou Bijie Yongna Forest Police Brigade
Location: Suspect's shop in Bijie City, Guizhou Province
Detection Method: Investigation into business activities
Species: Several suspected Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species; several leiothrix (*Leiothrix spp.*), Class II of National Protected Species
Reason for Seizure: Illegal sale, illegal purchase
Number of Offenders: Two
Case Progress: Suspects are under compulsory measures. Animals have been handed over to Forestry Department for process. Case is under further process.

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Wuyishan National Park Cracked the First Case of Illegal Harvesting National Protected Plants



News Release Date: 15 February 2022

Seizure Date: 5 January 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Wuyishan National Park Sub-Bureau Da'an Police Station, Fujian Province Police Forest Police Bureau

Location: Wuyishan National Park, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Regular patrol

Species: Seven jewel orchids (*Anoectochilus roxburghii*), Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal logging

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: Case is under further process.

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Shengzhou City Police Bureau Food, Drug Environment, and Intellectual Property Right Investigation Brigade Arrested a Gang that Trades Chinese Hwamei



News Release Date: 16 February 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: The police of Jiahu, Pukou, Ganlin, and Jinting; Shengzhou City Police Bureau Food, Drug Environment and Intellectual Property Right Investigation Brigade; Shengzhou City Police Bureau

Location: Shengzhou City, Shaoxing City, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Patrol, intelligence, investigation

Species: More than 90 Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Poaching, illegal sale

Estimated Value: The sale of more than 20 Chinese Hwamei made a profit of more than 100,000 CNY

Number of Offenders: 42

Case Progress: 36 suspects were under criminal compulsory measures. Case is under further process. More than 90 Chinese Hwamei were released.

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Jiangsu Gaoyou Police Cracked an Illegal Endangered Wildlife Trade Case



News Release Date: 16 February 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Ganyou Police, Ganyou City Market Supervision Bureau

Location: A farmer's market in Gaoyou City, Jiangsu Province

Detection Method: Patrol

Species: one eastern bozzard (*Buteo japonicus*), class II of National Protected Species/CITES II; animals with important ecological, economic and scientific values: one falcated duck (*Anas falcata*), three common mallards (*Anas platyrhynchos*), two Chinese spot-billed ducks (*Anas zonorhyncha*), one common pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus*), 21 common moorhens (*Gallinula chloropus*).

Reason for Seizure: Illegal sale

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: Suspects was taken measures according to law.

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Gansu Longnan Forest Police Cracked a Poaching Case



News Release Date: 18 February 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Longnan City Xihe County Poice Bureau Forest Police Brigade

Location: Xihe County, Longnan City, Gansu Province

Species: Nine common rosefinch (*Carpodacus erythrurus*), Animal of important ecological, economic and scientific values; four Elliot's laughingthursh (*Trochaloipteron elliotii*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Poaching

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: Suspect is under criminal compulsory measures according to law. Case is under further process.

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Zhejiang Hangzhou Fuyang District Chengnan Police Station Seized Wild Birds



News Release Date: 18 February 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhejiang Province Hangzhou City Fuyang District Chengnan Police Station

Location: Suspect's home in Fuyang District, Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Tip off, investigation

Species: 195 frozen wild birds and 5 live wild birds, including three Class II of National Protected Species, the rest are Animal with important ecological, economic and scientific values

Reason for Seizure: Poaching

Number of Offenders: Two

Case Progress: Suspect is under criminal compulsory measures according to law. Case is under further process.

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Henan Dengzhou Police Cracked a Illegal Harvest Case of National Protected Plants



News Release Date: 18 February 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Dengzhou City Police Bureau Forest Police Brigade, Jitan Police Station

Location: Suspect's restaurant, Dengzhou City, Henan Province

Detection Method: Intelligence

Species: One golden chicken fern (*Cibotium barometz*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal purchase

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: Case is under further process.

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**Wuhua Sub-Bureau Forest Police
Brigade of Kunming City Police Bureau
Cracked an Illegal Endangered Wildlife
Trade Case**



News Release Date: 23 February 2022

Seizure Date: 12 February 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Kunming City Police
Bureau Wuhua Sub-Bureau Forest Police Brigade

Location: Jingxing Bird and Flower Market,
Kunming City, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Intelligence, tip off

Species: 68 Chinese warty newts (*Paramesotriton
chinensis*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal purchase/transport/sale

Estimated Value: Sold for 10 CNY each

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: Suspect is under criminal detention
according to law. Case is under further process.

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**Muchuan County People's Procuratorate
Filed a Public Prosecution for Harming
National Protected Plants**

News Release Date: 9 February 2022

Judicial Authority: Muchuan County People's
Procuratorate

Location: Muchuan County, Leshan City, Sichuan
Province

Species: One *Phoebe zhennan* (*Phoebe zhennan*),
Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Sale, illegal logging

Estimated Value: One *Phoebe zhennan* sold for
1500 CNY

Number of Offenders: Two

Case Progress: Public prosecution was filed.

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The Owner of a Jade Shop was Sentenced for Selling Pangolin Scales



News Release Date: 11 February 2022

Sentence Date: 27 October 2020 (seizure date)

Judicial Authority: Teng County People's Court

Location: Suspect's jade shop in Teng County, Wuzhou City, Guangxi Province

Species: 167 pangolin (*Manis spp.*) scales were seized, 20 scales were sold, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I

Reason for Seizure: Illegal sale/purchase

Estimated Value: 20 pangolin scales sold for a profit of 700 CNY

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: Suspect was sentenced to 7 months in prison, one year probation, and fined 500 CNY.

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Cameroon

- [a trafficker arrested with 246 kg pangolin scales](#)

Congo DRC

- [2 suspects arrested in Butembo by the police](#)

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- [2 traffickers arrested with 15 tusks near the Ghana border](#)

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- [Koulamoutou: an alleged trafficker arrested with two ivory tips](#)

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- [Rhino horn smuggler arrested after 23 years](#)

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- [Agency seizes endangered lion, arrests 2 suspected illegal wildlife traders](#)
- [Customs intercept N3.1 billion worth of pangolin scales, elephant tusks in Lagos](#)

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- [a trafficker arrested with 94 African Grey Parrots](#)

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- [3 members of wildlife trade gang caught, 3 baby leopard cats rescued](#)

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