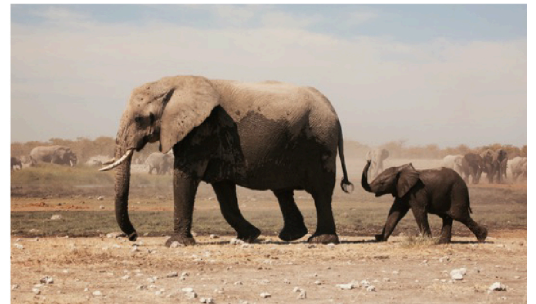


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## CHINA'S WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT NEWS DIGEST

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### Shanghai Yangshan Customs Seized 371 g Ivory Knife Handles in Inbound Freight



**News Release Date:** 1 April 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Yangshan Customs

**Location:** Shanghai

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** Ivory Knife Handles, Net weight 371 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Freight

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Chengdu Shuangliu Airport Customs Seized Five Ivory Products, Ten Red Coral Products, Three Giant Clam Products and Four Hawksbill Turtle Shell Products in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 1 April 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Chengdu Shuangliu Airport Customs

**Location:** Chengdu Shuangliu Airport, Sichuan Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** Five Ivory products (bangles, beads bracelets, combs, chopsticks, beads etc.) , gross weight 242 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; ten Red coral (*Coralliidae* spp.) products (necklaces, rings, brooches etc.), gross weight 243 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES III (only limited to four domestic species); three Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.) products, gross weight 61.2 g, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II; four Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) products, gross weight 46 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** The items above have been disposed in accordance with regulations

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## Beijing Capital Airport Customs Seized 15.98-kg Desert-broomrape Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 2 April 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Beijing Capital  
Airport Customs

**Location:** Beijing Capital Airport

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (X-ray)

**Species:** Desert-broomrape (*Cistanche  
deserticola*), weight 15.98 kg, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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## Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized a Queen Conch Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 2 April 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Baiyun  
Airport Customs

**Location:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport, Guangdong  
Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination  
(Machine Inspection)

**Species:** One Queen Conch (*Strombus gigas*),  
weight 1.6 kg, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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### Beijing Capital Airport Customs Seized 23 Tithonus Birdwing Specimens in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 2 April 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Beijing Capital Airport Customs

**Location:** Beijing Capital Airport

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

**Species:** 23 Tithonus birdwing (*Ornithoptera tithonus*) specimens, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel (declared as "Festive DIY origami decorations")

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Tianjin Xingang Customs Seized 116 Burmese Python Erhus in a Container



**News Release Date:** 2 April 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Xingang Customs

**Location:** Tianjin

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** 116 Burmese python (*Python bivittatus*) Erhus, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Container

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Estimated Value:** CNY 270,000

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### Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized Eight Stony Corals Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 2 April 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs

**Location:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (X-ray)

**Species:** Eight Stony Corals (*Scleractinia* spp.), weight 580 g, 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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### Fuzhou Rongcheng Postal Customs Seized One Saiga Horn in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 2 April 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Fuzhou Rongcheng Postal Customs

**Location:** Rongcheng Postal Customs in Fuzhou City, Fujian Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (X-ray)

**Species:** One Saiga horn (*Saiga tatarica*), gross weight 57 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II (zero quota)

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized Two Giant Clam Shells and One Horned Helmet Shell Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 2 April 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs

**Location:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (X-ray)

**Species:** Two Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.) shells, weight 6 kg, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 1 Horned Helmet (*Cassis cornuta*) shell, weight 1.975 kg, Class II of National Protected Species

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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## Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized Seven African Blackwood Carvings in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 9 April 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs

**Location:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** Seven African Blackwood (*Dalbergia melanoxylon*) carvings, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Beijing Daxing International Airport Customs Seized 2.23-kg Giant Clam Products in Inbound Passenger Check-in Luggage



**News Release Date:** 9 April 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Beijing Daxing International Airport Customs

**Location:** Beijing Daxing International Airport

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.) products, 2.23 kg, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Check-in Luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Beijing Capital Airport Customs Seized Eight Ivory Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 9 April 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Beijing Capital Airport Customs

**Location:** Beijing Capital Airport

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (X-ray)

**Species:** Eight Ivory products, including bangles, beads bracelets and others, total weight 400 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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## Yunnan Mangshi Customs Seized 1,013 kg of Stony Coral Products, Giant Frog Snail Shells, Millipede Spider Conch Shells, and One Horned Helmet Carried by two Inbound Passengers



**News Release Date:** 9 April 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Mangshi Customs  
**Location:** Mangshi, Dehong Dai Jingpo Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** Stony Coral (*Scleractinia* spp.) products, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Giant frog snail (*Tutufa bubo*) shells, Millipede spider conch (*Lambis millepeda*) shells, total weight 1,013 kg; one Horned Helmet (*Cassis cornuta*), weight 1.65 kg, Class II of National Protected Species

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 2

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## Shenyang Postal Customs Seized 362 Pieces of Endangered Species Products in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 14 April 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shenyang Postal Customs

**Location:** Shenyang, Liaoning Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** Four Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.) products, weight 130 g, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 94 Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) products, weight 945 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; 225 Red coral (*Coralliidae* spp.) products, weight 593.2 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES III (only limited to four domestic species); 39 Ivory products, weight 118 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** The seized items have been disposed in accordance with regulations.

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### Beijing Capital Airport Customs Seized 100 Ivory Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 15 April 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Beijing Capital Airport Customs

**Location:** Beijing Capital Airport

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (X-ray)

**Species:** 100 Ivory products, including beads, bracelets, bangles, combs, chopsticks, beads etc, total weight 1,678 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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### Fuzhou Changle Airport Customs Seized One Horned Helmet Shell in an Inbound Flight



**News Release Date:** 15 April 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Fuzhou Changle Airport Customs

**Location:** Fuzhou Changle Airport, Fujian Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** One Horned Helmet (*Cassis cornuta*) shell, weight 2.234 kg, Class II of National Protected Species

**Transport Method:** Inbound Flight

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Ningbo Beilun Customs Seized 73 Burmese Python Erhus in One Export Freight



**News Release Date:** 15 April 2023  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Ningbo Beilun Customs  
**Location:** Beilun District, Ningbo City, Zhejiang Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination  
**Species:** 73 Burmese python (*Python bivittatus*) Erhus, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II  
**Transport Method:** Export Freight  
**Country of Export:** China  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Shanghai Wusong Customs Seized 273 g Ivory Piano Patches in a Second-hand Grand Piano



**News Release Date:** 15 April 2023  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shanghai Wusong Customs  
**Location:** Wusong District, Shanghai  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination  
**Species:** Ivory piano patches, 273 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound Freight (Second-hand grand piano)  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized 196 Fragrant Rosewood Beads Bracelets in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 17 April 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs

**Location:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Risk Control Directive

**Species:** 196 Fragrant Rosewood (*Dalbergia odorifera*) beads bracelets, weight 21.98 kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** The case has been further processed.

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### Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized Three Giant Clam Shells Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 17 April 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs

**Location:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (CT scan)

**Species:** Three Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.) shells, weight 3.66 kg, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1 (Male)

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### Dalian Postal Customs Seized Two Monitor Lizards Skins in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 20 April 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Dalian Postal Customs

**Location:** Dalian, Liaoning Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** Two Monitor lizards (*Varanus* spp.) skins, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Harbin Taiping Airport Customs Seized 15 Ivory Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 23 April 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Harbin Taiping Airport Customs

**Location:** Harbin Taiping Airport, Heilongjiang Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

**Species:** 15 Ivory products, including necklaces, brooches, pendants etc, Net weight 477.3 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage and the passenger's ankle

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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## Fuzhou Changle Airport Customs Seized Two Saiga Horns Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 23 April 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Fuzhou Changle Airport Customs

**Location:** Fuzhou Changle Airport, Fujian Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** Two Saiga horns (*Saiga tatarica*), weight 230 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II (zero quota)

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Hefei Luzhou Postal Customs Seized Three Elk Bones Products in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 23 April 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Luzhou Postal Customs

**Location:** Hefei, Anhui Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (Manual inspection)

**Species:** Three Elk (*Alces alces*) bones products, including combs etc., Class I of National Protected Species

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized 10.87 kg of Desert-broomrape Carried by Three Passengers



**News Release Date:** 23 April 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs

**Location:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

**Species:** Desert-broomrape (*Cistanche deserticola*), 10.87 kg, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 3

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### Chongqing Postal Customs Seized Two Ivory Painting Scroll Heads in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 23 April 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Chongqing Postal Customs

**Location:** Chongqing

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (CT scan)

**Species:** Two Ivory painting scroll heads, gross weight 423 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel (declared as "clothing")

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Shenzhen Baoan Airport Customs Seized Two Giant Clam Shells Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 23 April 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shenzhen Baoan Airport Customs

**Location:** Shenzhen Bao'an Airport, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** Two Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.) shells, weight 3.944 kg, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized Eleven Ivory Carvings and One Sperm Whale Tooth Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 25 April 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs

**Location:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Risk Control Instruction + CT Scan

**Species:** Eleven ivory carvings, weight 960 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; One Sperm Whale (*Physeter macrocephalus*) tooth, weight 360 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage (No declaration channel)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The case has been further processed.

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### Wenjindu Customs Seized Two Agarwood Sections Carried by Inbound Passengers



**News Release Date:** 24 April 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Wenjindu Customs

**Location:** Wenjindu Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

**Species:** Two agarwood (*Aquilaria* spp.) sections, weight 2.1 kg and 3 kg, respectively, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage (packed separately in a black plastic bag in a backpack)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 2

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### Tianjin Xingang Customs Seized Two Ivory Painting Scroll Heads in an Inbound Freight



**News Release Date:** 27 April 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Xingang Customs

**Location:** Tianjin

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** Two Ivory painting scroll heads, weight 43 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Freight (Old Crafts)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Chengdu Shuangliu Airport Customs Seized a Piece of Whole Crocodiles skin and Four Crocodiles Leather Products in the Inbound Passenger Check-in Luggage



**News Release Date:** 28 April 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Chengdu Shuangliu Airport Customs

**Location:** Chengdu Shuangliu Airport

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** A whole Crocodiles (Crocodylidae spp.) skin, 147 cm in length; a Crocodiles leather backpack; a Crocodile leather purse; 2 Crocodile leather belts, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Check-in Luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Guangzhou Postal Customs Seized 348 Red Coral Products in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 29 April 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Postal Customs

**Location:** Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** 348 Red coral (Coralliidae spp.) products (earrings, necklaces etc.), total weight 1,085.7 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES III

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Daguan Public Security Bureau seized 13 Noble Orchid



**News Release Date:** 24 March 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Food, Medicine, and Environment Investigation Brigade of Daguan County Public Security Bureau of Zhaotong City, Yunnan Province

**Location:** Daguan County, Zhaotong City, Yunnan Province (hiding in the suspect's residence)

**Detection Method:** Intelligence lead

**Species:** 13 Noble Orchid (*Cymbidium goeringii*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal harvest

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The suspect Pan has been released on bail pending trial; the seized orchid has been detained and handed over to the forest and grassland department; the case is under further investigation.

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## The Nan'an District of the Chongqing Police Bureau Seized Five Dabry's sturgeons, One Rock Carp, and One Predatory Carp



**News Release Date:** 7 April 2023

**Seizure Date:** 25 March 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Chongqing Municipal Police Bureau South Bank Branch

**Location:** A section of Guangyang Island, the main stream of the Yangtze River, Nan'an District, Chongqing

**Detection Method:** Tip off

**Species:** Five Dabry's sturgeons (*Acipenser dabryanus*), total weight 6.72 kg, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II; One Rock Carp (*Procypris rabaudi*), weight 1.73 kg, Class II of National Protected Species; One Predatory Carp (*Chanodichthys erythropterus*), Class II of National Protected Species

**Transport Method:** N/A (100 meters of multi-layer gill net)

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal fishing

**Estimated Value:** Around CNY 250,000

**Number of Offenders:** 2

**Case Progress:** The suspects were taken coercive measures. The 5 live Dabry's sturgeons have been released into the Yangtze River.

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## The Qiaojia County Police Bureau in Zhaotong City, Yunnan Province Cracked a Case of Illegal Logging of 11 Dove-trees



**News Release Date:** 6 April 2023

**Seizure Date:** 29 March 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Qiaojia County Police Bureau

**Location:** In Yaoshan Nature Reserve, Xiaohe Town, Xiaohe Town, Qiaojia County, Zhaotong City, Yunnan Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Patrol

**Species:** 11 Dove-tree (*Davidia involucrata*), Class I of National Protected Species

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal logging

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** On March 29, the criminal suspect Liu was taken into criminal detention by the police in accordance with the law, and the case is currently under further investigation.

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## The Lanling County Police Bureau in Shandong Province Seized 15 Wild Birds



**News Release Date:** 2 April 2023

**Seizure Date:** March 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Lanling County Police Bureau

**Location:** A flower and bird market in Lanling County, Linyi City, Shandong Province

**Detection Method:** Tip off

**Species:** 15 wild birds, including Chinese hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Mongolian lark (*Melanocorypha mongolica*), Class II of National Protected Species; Eurasian skylark (*Alauda arvensis*), Class II of National Protected Species

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal sales

**Number of Offenders:** 2

**Case Progress:** The criminal suspects Shi and Wu were taken criminal compulsory measures in accordance with the law.

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## Linshu County Police Bureau in Shandong Province Seized 92 Wild Birds



**News Release Date:** 2 April 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Linshu County Police Bureau

**Location:** Downstairs in a community in Zhengshan Street, Linshu County, Linyi City, Shandong Province

**Detection Method:** Tip off

**Species:** 92 wild birds, including White-eyes (*Zosteropidae* spp.); Old World orioles (*Oriolidae* spp.); Light-vented bulbul (*Pycnonotus sinensis*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value; *Melanocorypha* spp., Eurasian skylark (*Alauda arvensis*); Class II of National Protected Species, Chinese hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal sales

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The defendant Chen have been taken criminal compulsory measures, and all seized wild birds have been released by the police, and the case is being further processed.

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## A Medicinal Market in Pan'an County, Zhejiang Province Illegally Sold Asian Black Bear Gallbladder Powder

**News Release Date:** 13 April 2023

**Seizure Date:** 6 April 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Xincheng Squadron, Pan'an County Comprehensive Administrative Law Enforcement Bureau, Jinhua City, Zhejiang Province

**Location:** Zhe bawei medicinal market in Pan'an County, Jinhua City, Zhejiang Province

**Detection Method:** Intelligence lead

**Species:** Asian black bear (*Ursus thibetanus*) gallbladder powder, 56 g, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal sales (WeChat online purchases; Unlicensed sales in the store)

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The case is under investigation.

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## Fangchenggang Intermediate People's Court Publicly heard the Smuggling Cases of Saiga and Rhino Horns

**News Release Date:** 6 April 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Anti-smuggling police

**Judicial Authority:** Intermediate People's Court of Fangchenggang City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

**Location:** Chaozhou City, Guangzhou Province

**Species:** 12 Rhino horns (*Ceratotherium simum*) pieces, Net weight 19.65 kg (Worth CNY 4.9121 million), CITES I/II; 1,450 Saiga horns (*Saiga tatarica*), 1449 of them weight 338.38 kg and worth CNY 116 million), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II (zero quota)

**Transport Method:** Vehicles (hidden among other items)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Estimated Value:** CNY 12.09121 million

**Number of Offenders:** 9 (2 defendants)

**Case Progress:** The verdict will be announced later.

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## Chaozhou Intermediate People's Court of Guangdong Province Concluded a Case of Rhino Horn Smuggling

**News Release Date:** 18 April 2023

**Judicial Authority:** Chaozhou Intermediate People's Court of Guangdong Province

**Location:** Chaozhou, Guangzhou Province

**Detection Method:** Investigation

**Species:** Rhino Horn (*Rhinocerotidae* spp.), Net weight 11,524 g

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel/Rent Car

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Estimated Value:** More than CNY 2.88 million

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** Defendant Fei was sentenced to three years' imprisonment and fined CNY 30,000.

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## Hong Kong SAR

### A woman imprisoned for possessing scheduled dried totoaba fish maws



A woman was sentenced to six months' imprisonment today (April 13) at the Kwun Tong Magistrates' Courts after an earlier conviction for possessing scheduled dried *totoaba macdonaldi* fish maws, in contravention of the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance (PESO).

Hong Kong Customs inspected an air express parcel arriving in Hong Kong from Mexico at Hong Kong International Airport on March 3, 2022, and found about 1.2 kilograms of scheduled dried *totoaba macdonaldi* fish maws with an estimated market value of about \$260,000. After a follow-up investigation, a 56-year-old woman in connection with the case was arrested.

Customs welcomes the sentence. The custodial sentence has imposed a considerable deterrent effect and reflects the seriousness of infringing offences related with endangered species.

Under the PESO, any person found guilty of importing, exporting or possessing of an endangered species without a licence is liable to a maximum fine of \$10 million and imprisonment for 10 years.

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