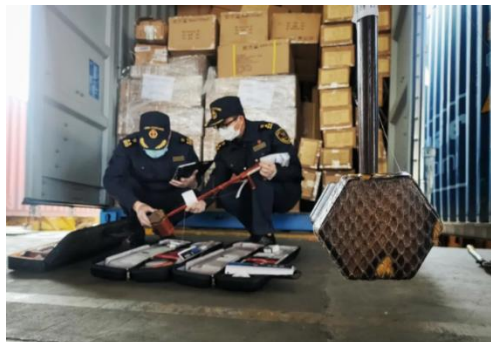


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March 2021

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**Xiamen Customs Seized Three Erhus Covered by Boa Skin**



**News Release Date:** 2 March 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Ximan Customs

**Location:** Ximen, Fujian Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

**Species:** Three erhus, drum head covered by boa skin

**Transport Method:** Outbound mail

**Reason of seizure:** Smuggling

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**Tianjin Customs Seized Three Ivory Products in Two Inbound Mails**



**News Release Date:** 3 March 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Tianjin Postal Customs

**Location:** Tianjin Post Center

**Detection Method:** Risk Control

**Species:** Three ivory products (bangle, brooch and fork handle), 70g in total

**Transport Method:** Inbound mail

**Reason of seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** Transferred to anti-smuggling bureau for further proceeding

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## Shenzhen Bao'an Airport Seized Giant Clam And Ivory Products



**News Release Date:** 3 March 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shenzhen Bao'an Airport Customs

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

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

**Species:** Five giant clam products, 262g in total; and 40g of ivory beads (concealed at the bottom of instant noodles)

**Transport Method:** Inbound passenger's luggage

**Reason of seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of offenders:** Three

**Case Progress:** The items have been transferred to the relevant division.

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## Longhu Customs Seized Two Pieces of Dried Elephant Skin



**News Release Date:** 4 March 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Longhu Customs of Shantou Customs

**Location:** Longhu Post Office, Shantou City, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species involved:** Two pieces of Dried Elephant skin, 1.6 kg

**Transport Method:** Inbound mail

**Reason of seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** The case is being proceeded according to the relevant procedure.

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## Suzhou Postal Customs Seized Five Boa Skin Erhu Drums



**News Release Date:** 4 March 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Suzhou Postal Customs of Nanjing Customs

**Location:** Suzhou Postal Office, Jiangsu Province

**Species:** Five boa-skin Erhu drums

**Transport Method:** Inbound mail

**Reason of seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** The case is being proceeded according to the relevant procedure.

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## Shuangliu Airport Customs Seized 48 Ivory Products



**News Release Date:** 6 March 2021

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

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

**Species:** 48 ivory products, 1320g

**Transport Method:** Inbound passenger's luggage

**Reason of seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of offenders:** Four

**Case Progress:** The case is being proceeded according to the relevant procedure.

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## Shenzhen Bao'an Airport Customs Seized Seven Crocodile Leather Belts



**News Release Date:** 8 March 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shenzhen Bao'an Airport Customs

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

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (Abnormal Image in X-ray)

**Species:** Seven crocodile leather belts, 1.87kg in total

**Transport Method:** Inbound passenger's luggage

**Reason of seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of offenders:** Two

**Case Progress:** The items have been transferred to the relevant division.

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## Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Seized Five Ivory Products



**News Release Date:** 9 March 2021

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

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

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

**Species:** Two cases, one seized two ivory bangles, 91g in total; the other seized one ivory necklace and one Buddha pendant, 115 g in total

**Transport Method:** Carried by passenger and concealed in carry-on luggage

**Reason of seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of offenders:** Two

**Case Progress:** The case has been transferred to anti-smuggling division.

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## Guangzhou Postal Customs Seized One Ivory Product



**News Release Date:** 9 March 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Postal Customs

**Location:** Guangzhou Postal Office, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

**Species:** One Ivory chopstick, 13.4g

**Transport Method:** Inbound mail (declared as "Chinese style Fan Frame")

**Reason of seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** The case has been transferred to the anti-smuggling division.

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## Guiyang Longdongbao Airport Customs Seized Six Lawn Bowls



**News Release Date:** 21 March 2021

**Seizure Date:** 15 March 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guiyang Longdongbao Airport Customs

**Location:** Guiyang Longdongbao Airport, Guizhou Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (human-machine-sniffer dog comprehensive inspection method)

**Species:** The wooden part of the six lawn bowls was made of Guaiacum, Zygophyllaceae, the ends part were of two bowls were made of ivory.

**Transport Method:** Inbound mail

**Country of export:** France

**Reason of seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** The anti-smuggling division detained the parcel temporarily for further proceeding.

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## Shanghai Wusong Customs Seized 64 ivory products



**News date:** 22 March 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Wusong Customs, Shanghai

**Location:** Shanghai Wusong Customs surveillance zone

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

**Species:** 64 ivory products, 2 kg in total

**Transport Method:** Carried by crew

**Reason of seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of offenders:** Twelve

**Case Progress:** Shanghai Wusong Anti-Smuggling Division had carried out case investigation.

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## Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Seized Six Ivory Products



**News Release Date:** 29 March 2021

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

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

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection (Abnormal image in X-ray)

**Species:** Six ivory products including bangles and bracelets, 332.4g in total

**Transport Method:** Inbound passenger's carry-on luggage

**Reason of seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** One

**Case Progress:** The case has been taken further proceeding.

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## Guangzhou Postal Customs Seized Four Lawn Bowls



**News Release Date:** 29 March 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:**

Guangzhou Postal Customs

**Location:** Guangzhou Post Office,  
Guangdong Province

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

**Species:** The wooden part was made of  
*Dalbergia melanoxylon*, 5,880g in total.  
The round decoration at the ends of the  
bowls were made of ivory, 95.6g in total.

**Transport Method:** Inbound mail  
(declared as "wooden bowl")

**Reason of seizure:** smuggling

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

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## Dalian Postal Customs Seized Three Red Coral Products



**News Release Date:** 31 March 2021

**Seizure Date:** 30 March 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Dalian  
Postal Customs

**Location:** Dalian Post Office, Liaoning  
Province

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

**Species:** three red coral jewelry, 93g.

**Transport Method:** Inbound mail

**Reason of seizure:** Smuggling

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**Conghua Police Seized 50 National Protected Animals as part of a continuous crackdown**



**News Release Date:** 19 March 2021

**Seizure Date:** From 6 February 2021 to 11 March 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Conghua Police

**Location:** Wenquan County, Aotou County, Baiyun District of Guangzhou, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Investigation

**Species:** 53 wild animals in five cases, 50 of which are national-protected animals, including 25 *Garrulax canorus* and 19 *Mauremys mutica*.

**Reason of seizure:** illegal trade and transporting

**Number of offenders:** Five

**Case Progress:** Criminals detained, case under further investigation

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**A Resident of Hongguang Forestry Farm Poaching Four National First-Class Protected Animals was Caught**



**News Release Date:** 24 March 2021

**Seizure Date:** 27 January 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:**

Shuangqiao Police Station of Forest Police Bureau Chaihe Branch, Heilongjiang Public Security Department

**Location:** Hongguang Forest Farm, Chaihe County, Heilongjiang Province

**Detection Method:** Tip-off, investigation

**Species:** Four Sables (*Martes zibellina*) and one hare

**Reason of seizure:** poaching, illegal trade

**Number of offenders:** One

**Nationality:** Chinese

**Case Progress:** The criminal was detained, and the case is under further investigation.

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## Yangtze River Police Caught Two Men Eating Chinese Sturgeon



**News Release Date:** 25 March 2021  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Nantong Branch of Yangtze River Shipping Public Security Bureau  
**Location:** Criminal Residence  
**Detection Method:** Investigation  
**Species:** Wild Chinese Sturgeon(*Acipenser sinensis*), 25kg  
**Reason of seizure:** illegal harvest and attempted trade  
**Number of offenders:** Two  
**Nationality:** Chinese  
**Case progress:** Criminals detained, case under further investigation.

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## Chaoyang Forest Police Seized Seven live *Boa Constrictor*



**News Release Date:** 25 March 2021  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Chaoyang Branch of Beijing Forest Police Bureau  
**Location:** Balizhuang, Chaoyang District, Beijing  
**Detection Method:** Intelligence and Investigation  
**Species:** Seven *Boa constrictor*  
**Reason of seizure:** illegal trade  
**Number of offenders:** One  
**Case progress:** The criminal was detained, and the case is under further investigation.

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## Fengtai Forest Police Seized Four Tortoises



**News Release Date:** 25 March 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Fengtai Branch of Beijing Forest Police Bureau

**Location:** Criminal Residence in Fengtai District, Beijing

**Species:** One Radiated tortoise (*Astrochelys radiata*), one African spurred tortoise (*Centrochelys sulcata*), one Elongated Tortoise (*Indotestudo elongata*) and one Red-footed Tortoise (*Geochelone carbonaria*)

**Reason of seizure:** Harming precious and endangered wild animals

**Number of offenders:** Two

**Case progress:** The suspect Su and Yue were criminally detained, and the case is under further investigation.

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## Fengtai Forestry Police Patrol Seized a Monk Parrot



**News Release Date:** 25 March 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Forestry Police Patrol of Fengtai Division

**Location:** Criminal Residence in Fengtai District, Beijing

**Species:** One Monk Parakeet (*Myiopsitta monachus*)

**Reason of seizure:** Harming precious and endangered wild animal

**Number of offenders:** One

**Case progress:** The suspect Chai was criminally detained, and the case is under further investigation.

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## First Sentence for “Harming Precious and Endangered Wild Animal” Crime



**News Release Date:** 4 March 2021

**Sentence Date:** 3 March 2021

**Judiciary Authority:** Luomahu Drainage Basin Environment Resource Court of Sucheng People's Court, Suqian City, Jiangsu Province

**Species:** six individuals of Monk Parakeet (*Myiopsitta monachus*), Green-cheeked Parakeet (*Pyrrhura molinae*) and Eclectus Parrot (*Eclectus roratus*).

**Way of transport:** Express delivery

**Reason of seizure:** Illegal trade (Harming Precious and Endangered Wild Animal) \*

**Number of offenders:** One

**Case Progress:** Defendant Zhong was sentenced to prison for one and a half year, with probation of two years and fined eight thousand RMB.

\*Chinese Criminal Law Amendment (11) has amended Article 341(1) from “the crime of illegal hunting, killing precious and endangered wild animal crime and illegal acquisition, transportation and sale of precious and endangered wild animals and their products ” to “the crime of harming precious and endangered wild animals”. And this is the first sentence according to the new amendment.

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## Three were Sentenced to Six Months and Fined Ten Thousand Chinese Yuan for Logging Chinese Yew

**News Release Date:** 31 March 2021

**Judiciary Authority:** Chongqing Second Intermediate People's Court

**Location:** A Cliff in Hongchiba of Wuxi County, Chongqing City

**Species:** one Chinese Yew (*Taxus wallichiana*)

**Reason of seizure:** Illegal logging

**Number of offenders:** Three

**Case Progress:** Defendants He, Qin and Xing were sentenced to six months, fined ten thousand RMB and confiscated tools for a criminal purpose.

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**Manzhouli Customs Handed over  
Seized Wild Animal Products to Inner  
Mongolia Forestry and Grassland  
Bureau**



**News Release Date:** 30 March 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Manzhouli Customs

**Enforcement Period:** From 2016 to 2020

**Cracked Cases of Smuggling  
Endangered Species and their  
products:** Over 60 cases

**Seized Endangered Species Products:**  
239g of ivory products; over 700  
endangered species products covering  
wolf, bear, snow leopard, musk and  
antelope.

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## Hong Kong SAR

### Seizure of endangered birds in Hong Kong



On 12 March 2021, upon a joint operation of the Police and the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, a licensed animal trader in Tai Po “Parrot Village & Pets Company Limited” (“**Parrot Village**”) was found to be unlawfully possessing 33 parrots, 20 of which are endangered species in Appendix I of the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance (Cap. 586) (“**the Ordinance**”), and another 13 species protected under Appendix II of the Ordinance.

The 20 endangered species in Appendix I included African grey parrots, Scarlet macaw, and Great green macaw. Together with the other 13 Annex II animals, all 33 endangered parrots were taken away by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department for further inspection and handling. Since Parrot Village is a licensed animal trader and breeder, the Police did not seize the other parrots and fledglings.

During the operation, a 44-year-old man and a 46-year-old woman were arrested. They were suspected of unlawfully possessing the 33 parrots contrary to section 9 and section 15 of the Ordinance. They were currently on bail pending further investigation.

On a page that is suspected to belong to Parrot Village, a large number of parrots and their eggs were posted about. The Police are investigating whether the endangered species were bred, sold, and imported by Parrot Village.

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[Two men bust over poached abalone worth R1.3m have admitted their crimes.](#)

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[Two people refuse bail at Limpopo court on suspicion of rhino poaching](#)

[One Temminck's pangolin retrieved, two suspects arrested](#)

[Two men suspected of abalone poaching arrested](#)

## Cote d'Ivoire

[Five Arrested and 60 Tusks Seized](#)

## Cameroon

[A customs officer arrested attempting to sell a mandril.](#)

[A trafficker arrested with more than 100 kg of pangolin scales](#)

[4 tons of pangolin scales seized in the north of the country](#)

## Namibia

[Suspected poaching syndicate member denied bail](#)

[Police register eight cases of illegal possession of pangolin products in a month](#)

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[Nashivela\], Police officer\[Haufiku Onesmus\] among the 8 suspects arrested for poaching rhinos in the Omaheke Region](#)

[Cop, pastor nabbed for possession of rhino horn](#)

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[A trafficker arrested with two elephant tusks](#)

[Two ivory traffickers arrested with Four elephant tusks](#)

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[Two primate traffickers arrested and a small mandril rescued in the South West of the country](#)

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