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Domestic

Endangered Tridacna specimen was detected at Zhengzhou Customs



Zhengzhou, Henan, Jun 4th, 2018, --An unprocessed Tridacna specimen was detected at Zhengzhou airport by Zhengzhou Customs, weighing 1.9 kilogram. The client did not declare to the customs. Zhengzhou airport Customs has detained the specimen according to regulations, were transferring to the Anti-smuggling Department for further processing. [Read More](#)

Suspected rhino horn and ivory products were seized by Hongkong Customs



Hongkong, Jun 6th, 2018--A 40-year-old man arrived in Hong Kong from Johannesburg, South Africa, on June 6th. In his baggage, customs officers found suspected rhinoceros horns weighing 5.9 kilogram and ivory 140 gram products hidden in three food boxes, which about 1, 200, 000 Hong Kong dollars. This case has been forwarded to the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department of the HK SAR government for further investigation. [Read More](#)

Two endangered wildlife products were seized at Guangdong Zhongshan Customs



Zhongshan, Guangdong, Jun 7th, 2018--Recently, customs officers of Zhongshan found a suspected Ivory product from a handbag carried by a client who didn't declare to Customs. And they also found a suspected product of Cassis cornuta (Linnaeus) in a suitcase from the other client. After identification, these products



are ivory and *Cassis cornuta* (Linnaeus) respectively, which both are endangered wildlife. This case has been transferred to the Anti-smuggling Department. [Read More](#)

department for identification. The suspect has been detained by forest police according to law, and the case is under further investigation. [Read More](#)

7384 pieces of mink were seized in Hekou, Yunnan



Hekou, Yunnan, Jun 12th, 2018-- Yunnan border guards intercepted an unlicensed vehicle transporting animal products at the Nanping checkpoint in Hekou. A load of animal products were seized at the scene suspected to be mink. After that, border guards notified the forest police of Hekou. The forest police rushed to the scene as soon as they received the news, and then escorted the mink products to Forest Public Security Bureau of Hekou. As the owner in charge of transporting the goods was unable to provide proof of the legal origin of the animal products and transportation permits, the forest police then immediately seized their vehicles and goods. After preliminary investigation and interrogating, the police speculated that the animal products were imported into China from abroad, which most of them were ferrets and mink skins with the number of 7384 pieces and tens of millions of yuan by preliminary estimate. At present, these products have been sent to the relevant

Guangxi Nanning Customs strongly intercepts ivory smuggling



Nanning, Guangxi, Jun 14th, 2018-- When a Vietnamese tourist entered China through Dongxing port in Guangxi, the customs officer and the anti-smuggling police found 35 smuggled ivory products, weighing 1550 grams. Nine o'clock in the morning, when a Vietnamese tourist was entering at Dongxing port, an experienced officer found something wrong with him through his unnatural behavior and odd wearing. Unsurprisingly, after searched thoroughly, officers found that there were six white bone beads hanging around his neck and were identified as ivory product preliminarily. In addition, it seemed that still lots of stuff were tied up on his body. At present, the case has been put on criminal record by the police and the suspect has been subjected to coercive measures. [Read More](#)



Guangzhou Customs detects a case of smuggling ivory products into the country



Guangzhou, Guangdong, Jun 19th, 2018--Jun 13th, Guangzhou Customs seized 32 pieces of ivory products at Baiyun International Airport, a total of 240 grams. Since May this year, Guangzhou Customs has seized 12 cases of entry of endangered animal products at the airport port. A Chinese male passenger from Ethiopia by plane arrived at Baiyun International Airport. customs officers found 32 pieces of ivory hidden in a cigarette case in the man's carry-on luggage. The case has now been registered. [Read More](#)

A man in Hong Kong has been arrested for illegally importing rhino horn slices



Hongkong, Jun 19th, 2018- a 21-year-old man from Beira, Mozambique, flew to Hong Kong via Johannesburg, South Africa and Doha, Qatar, on the evening of June 17. About 3.1 kilograms of suspected rhinoceros horn slices were found in his luggage, with a market value of about HK \$620,000. The case has been referred to the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department of the HK SAR government for follow-up. [Read More](#)

A man in Guangdong has been arrested for carrying ivory out of the country



Gongbei, Guangdong, Jun 20th, 2018--Gongbei customs, a member of Hengqin customs, recently seized a passenger carrying ivory products out of the country through the inspection channel. At 2:30 a.m., the customs officer of Hengqin port found that the luggage of a male passenger was unusual. He immediately opened the box and checked it, found a piece of ivory handicraft, which weighs 1561 grams, was found to be carved with the theme of "A Dream of Red Mansions", which is exquisite and elegant. The man cannot provide the relevant exit approval documents. It has been sent to south China wildlife species



identification center for identification, confirmed as modern elephant ivory products. The case has been transferred to the relevant departments for further treatment. [Read More](#)

The landscape paintings sent from Japan were seized for ivory scroll



Gongbei, Guangdong, Jun 22nd, 2018-- Gongbei customs, under the jurisdiction of Jiuzhou customs, found an abnormal image of a mail parcel sent from Japan when conducting machine inspection. After opening and inspection, customs officers found that there were two calligraphy and painting in the parcel, one of which painting, its two ends of the scroll were yellow and suspected of ivory products. As identified by the south China wildlife species identification center, the head of the scroll is indeed a modern ivory product, which is prohibited importing. At present, Jiuzhou customs transferred the mail parcel to the Anti-smuggling department. [Read More](#)

The border of Xishuangbanna ferreted ivory and tiger bone in a parcel



Xishuangbanna Yunnan, Jun 26th, 2018-- on June 24, 2016, at 21:10, an express truck from Jinghong to Kunming drove into the duty station of Guanping checkpoint of the frontier detachment of Xishuangbanna, Yunnan. After the officers on duty stopped the express vehicle, they inspected the package on the vehicle according to law. The package with the words "rosewood crafts" written in the name column of the express order sent by Jinghong to Ji 'an of Jiangxi province, draw the attention of the officers. Therefore, the opening inspection of these two packages found that the handicraft had picking-up marks and the weight was not in accordance with the reality. As a rule of thumb, there must be something wrong, which are most likely to be used by criminals to disguise. The officers carefully protect the handicraft and opened the handicraft slowly, seized a pair of suspected animal skull from a square box of deep-red wooden products. Then, a statue of KWAN-YIN was found in the outer layer of dark red cylindrical wooden products. The animal's bones were initially identified as tiger skulls and the statue was suspected to be made of ivory. The case has been handed over to the relevant authorities. [Read More](#)



Nanning customs detected smuggling case of 63 hawksbill specimens



Nanning, Guangxi, Jun 28th,2018 -- on June 10, the Anti-Smuggling Sub-Bureau of Dongxing customs seized 6 samples of hawksbill turtle suspected of smuggling in a warehouse on ASEAN avenue in Dongxing city, Guangxi, and arrested one person involved in the case. During the subsequent investigation, the Anti-Smuggling police found that the person involved was responsible for hauling hawksbill samples from a residential building in the downtown area and handing them to the logistics company to send them to Hainan province through logistics. With this information, the bureau promptly placed the logistics company and the houses involved in the

case and seized 26 tortoiseshell specimens that had been sent to the logistics company for shipment in the evening. Dongxing customs anti-smuggling bureau conducted overnight investigation on the identity of the persons who organized hawksbill specimen smuggling into China, determined the capture targets and carried out arrest operations. On the one hand, the police arranged overnight detention for the storage of the houses suspected of smuggling imported hawksbill shells. At 9:00 a.m. on June 11, they successfully arrested one person suspected of organizing the smuggling of this batch of hawksbill specimens in the rosewood shop near Dongxing port. On the other hand, two suspects in charge of transporting hawksbill into China from the dock were successfully targeted by technical means and arrested on June 14. [Read More](#)

International

Moscow airport - Madagascar reptiles are in custody



Moscow, Russia, June, 2018--last month, customs at Domodedovo airport seized 250 chameleons and geckos. Therefore, their trade and transportation are strictly regulated. Smugglers took the reptile out of Madagascar without interception. The suspect came to Russia and when his luggage was in x-ray, unusual conditions on the screen prompted customs officials at Domodedovo airport to take action. The animals were seized in Russia for nearly 26,000 euros, according to Irina Volk, a spokeswoman for the Russian interior ministry. She also told that the case has been sent to the court for trial and will soon be censored.

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