



## China's Wildlife Enforcement News Digest (March 2018)

### Guangxi border police detects significant wildlife smuggling seizure



**Chongzuo, Guangxi, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018** - During routine inspection at a checkpoint, the border police of Chongzuo found a motorcycle with three large boxes of ivory carvings and crocodile skin, such as ivory chopsticks, ivory bracelets, crocodile wallets, etc. At present, the smuggling case of crocodile skin and ivory products has been handed over to the Forest Police Department of Pingxiang, and the case is under further trial. [Read More](#)

### Shenzhen customs seized more than 5000 pieces of tortoiseshell

**Shenzhen, Guangdong, March 11<sup>st</sup>, 2018** - On June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Shenzhen customs anti-smuggling bureau carried out a raid on a wooden fishing boat in the Dayawan of eastern Guangdong Province. The 5312 shells found in the ship's cabin were identified as the national Class two protected animal hawksbill. These shells are from 408 hawksbills which value is estimated to be 7,344,000 RMB. 3 suspected smugglers on board were arrested. The leader of this smuggling group was also arrested by customs. [Read More](#)

### Chengdu Customs seized illegal ivory products



**Chengdu, Chongqing, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018** - During the supervision of the ET636 flight (Addisababa to Chengdu) at Shuangliu Airport, Chengdu customs found a Chinese male traveler have six Ivory bracelets hidden in an old VCD machine and coat pocket in the luggage compartment, with a total of 279.3 grams. [Read More](#)

### Xishuangbanna seized ivory and other endangered wildlife products



**Xishuangbanna, Yunnan, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018** – A Chinese male was arrested for carrying ivory products by Daluo custom. The products were identified as 1 ivory necklace (109 beads) and 10 Ivory beads, with a total weight of 200.48 grams. This was the first Ivory seizure in the last three years of the Daluo customs. [Read More](#)

**Beijing customs handover 470 endangered animal products to Beijing agriculture bureau**



**Beijing, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018** - On March 21<sup>st</sup>, Beijing customs formally handed over 470 endangered aquatic products to Beijing agriculture bureau, including tridacna, hawksbill and crocodile skin. [Read More](#)

**Baiyun Airport Custom seized ivory products**



**Guangzhou, Guangdong, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018** - In the afternoon of March 17<sup>th</sup>, Customs officer of Guangzhou airport found a bag of ivory production wrapped in tin paper from a foreign male traveler's amplifier in the carry-on luggage while routine scanning via X-ray machine, and seized 2260 grams (61 pieces) ivory carvings in total. [Read More](#)

**Xishuangbanna seized a number of ivory and rhinoceros horn**



**Xishuangbanna, Yunnan, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018** - In March 10<sup>th</sup>, Menghai Forest Police seized 99 pieces of ivory products, weighed 5178 grams and arrested 2 suspects. At present, action is continuing. [Read More](#)

**Hangzhou customs seized ivory products from parcel**





**Hangzhou, Zhejiang, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018** – The customs officer at the post office of Hangzhou customs found a lot of scroll paintings in the imported mail. After identification, the head of these scrolls are all Asian elephant or African elephant ivory products, which are prohibited by the state. At present, this case had been transferred to anti-smuggling department for investigation. [Read More](#)

**Xiamen Customs seized 447 ivory products**

**Xiamen, Fujian, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018** - Recently, two Chinese passengers flew from Hongkong to Xiamen on KA614 flight. Customs officers found 447 tin paper packaged ivory products in their dozens of boxes of a certain brand of foil pouch red wine. According to their confessions, they are businessmen in Africa, and these ivory products were purchased in Africa. [Read More](#)

**Shenzhen Customs seized 2.52 kilograms of ivory crafts**



**Shenzhen, Guangdong, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018** – In the early morning of March 26<sup>th</sup>, customs officers seized a nervous male with 5 carved ivory crafts in his laptop bag. After identification, these 5 ivory cravings weighed 2.52 kilograms. The man was detected for many times, and the case has been transferred to the customs anti-smuggling department for further investigation. [Read More](#)

**Fuzhou male was arrested for buying endangered animals**

**Fuzhou, Fujian, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018** – According to the report of masses, a man (MR. HU) was arrested for purchasing endangered animals. According to his confession, In 2017, he purchased 3 African Spurred Tortoise and 1 Leopard tortoise from Guangdong, 2 Python molurus bivittatus from Yongtai county. Recently, Fuzhou Cangshan District Procuratorate has approved the arrest of Mr. Hu by law on suspicion of illegal acquisition of precious and endangered wildlife. [Read More](#)

**Illegal purchase of ivory in Anhui, two carving enthusiasts are on trial**

**Hefei, Anhui, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018** – In 2014, two men bought illegal ivory from Yin through the



Internet. The total weight of ivory is 7 kilograms. According to confession of Yin, these two men were arrested. In March, they were sued to the court for illegally acquiring valuable and endangered wildlife by Prosecutors. The case was not declared in court. [Read More](#)

### Qingdao Customs confiscated ivory carvings in entry parcel



**Qingdao, Shandong, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018** - In March 24<sup>th</sup>, Qingdao customs brancein post office found 2 ivory carvings, weighing about 268 grams from a European entry parcel. The customs will confiscate and pursue legal liability according to law. If the circumstances are serious and constitute a crime, it shall be investigated for criminal responsibility according to law. [Read More](#)

### Yunnan found suspected ivory and pangolin scales.



**Honghe, Yunnan, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018** - In March 28<sup>th</sup>, forest police confiscated 3.52 kg pangolin scales, 18 ivory products, and other endangered species products. Now these had been sent to the relevant departments to deal with and identify.

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