



China's Wildlife Enforcement News Digest (November 2015)

CITES implementation and law enforcement training workshop held in Guangxi



2015-11-02, TRAFFICChina.org - More than 60 enforcement officers from 20 enforcement departments received training on "Combatting wildlife smuggling" during a two-day workshop organized by Guangxi Provincial Interagency CITES Enforcement Coordination Group (PICE-CG), held in co-operation with TRAFFIC and other non-governmental organizations on Oct. 28th and 29th. "Guangxi Province is located on the border between China and Viet Nam where the pressure to combat wildlife smuggling and illegal trade is very high," said Zhou Fei, Head of TRAFFIC's China Office. "TRAFFIC appreciates the consistent enforcement efforts made by the authorities in Guangxi and we stand by ready to provide every assistance to the Guangxi government to curb wildlife smuggling." [Read More](#)

Sino-German Customs jointly yield endangered plant seizure



2015-11-02, Customs.gov - On May 20th 2015, China's Customs jointed with German Customs yielded a serious wildlife trafficking seizures from seven locations, including Wuxi, Kunming, Hekou, Beijing and Handan in China and Dortmund, Cologne of German. A total of 1250 endangered plants, including *Ariocarpusfissura-tus*, *Lophophora williamsii* and other Cactaceae species, and nine suspects have been detained. [Read More](#)

Chengdu Customs seizes 9500g red coral products

2015-11-03, People.com - Under the combating red coral smuggling action, Chengdu procuratorial department jointed with Chengdu Customs cracked down on 3 individual red coral smuggling seizures, which confiscated over 9500g red coral products,



worth CNY 3.8m (USD 0.63m), and two suspects have been arrested. [Read More](#)



Over 800kg ivory products confiscated in Beijing

2015-11-04, Xinhuanet.com - After a long-term investigation from May 21st to Aug. 30th, Beijing Forest Police eventually confiscated 804.4kg of ivory and other endangered species products, including rhino horn, bear paws, argali antelopes, pangolin scales, narwal teeth, which worth CNY 24.39m (USD 4m). The seizure crossed the area of Beijing, Hebei Province, Guangdong Province and Shandong Province etc., and arrested 16 suspects. According to the suspects, the ivory products were smuggled from Japan to Hong Kong, and then, entered Mainland China via Shenzhen, Guangdong Province and Weihai, Shandong Province. [Read More](#)

Ningbo Customs seizes endangered plants

2015-11-12, Customs.gov - Recently, Ningbo Customs yielded an endangered plant seizure which

smuggled 15 *Ariocarpusfissura-tus* and *Ariocarpus retusus* (CITES Appendix I), 8 *Lophophora* and 44 other species belonging to CITES Appendix II. The parcel was claimed as art crafts and ceramics. [Read More](#)

30 artwork collecting businesses pledge to “refuse illegal wildlife products”



2015-11-14, TRAFFICchina.org - 30 leaders of artwork collecting businesses pledged to “Refuse illegal wildlife products” and support responsible “Green collecting” during the 7th China Art Handicrafts Expo held last month in Beijing. TRAFFIC has an ongoing engagement with several key artwork collecting businesses, encouraging them to promote a culture of “Green collecting” of artwork made from sustainable materials and rejecting those made from illegal wildlife products. During the ceremony, TRAFFIC’s Demand Reduction Programme Manager, Ms Li Chenyang, outlined TRAFFIC’s “Green Collection” concept and the role of art collectors to take responsibility for continuing



cultural traditions without using protected wildlife products. [Read More](#)

Guangdong confiscates 2000kg smuggled pangolin scales

2015-11-17, Jisi.gov.cn - On the afternoon of Jan. 16th, Guangzhou Forest Police confiscated around 2000kg pangolin scales, which worth CNY 40m (USD 6.7m) in the black market. According to the suspect, the scales were originally from Nigeria and smuggled into China before the spring festival through Guangxi Province and Guangdong Province. They were planning to trade them to the TCM market via the Internet or by friends. Currently, the four suspects have been detained. [Read More](#)

China taking actions cracking down on illicit wildlife trade

2015-11-18, Chinanews.com - Chen Fengxue, deputy director of the State Forestry Administration of China, addresses the Wildlife Conservation Youth Forum between State Forestry Administration of China and the Department of Environmental Affairs of South Africa in Pretoria, South Africa, on Nov. 17, 2015. Chen said that both China and South Africa are countries boasting rich wildlife resources, and both have paid much attention to the enhancing cooperation in wildlife protection. The two countries have been working tirelessly in the fight

against the illegal trade of wildlife and related products. Barbara Thomson, Deputy Minister of Environmental Affairs of South Africa, said that the forum is a unique opportunity for young people to exchange ideas and it was very important in that it provided young people with a platform for engaging on a range of issues, from ecosystem management, climate change, species management to illegal wildlife trade. [Read More](#)

Jiangxi Province seizes over 600kg ivory carvings



2015-11-18, Xinhuanet.com - On Nov. 2nd 2014, Lichuan police intercepted a SUV carrying 22 figures, which were claimed as Mammoth products. However, they were eventually identified as ivory products, weighing 13.299kg. After further investigation to the suspect Chen Haiyan, the Hong Kong resident Xu was under suspected. According to secret investigation, the police figured out that Xu had rent a certificated ivory processing factory but was doing ivory business from both legal and illegal



origins. On Feb. 10th 2015, Xu was arrested along with 600kg ivory products. On Oct. 10th 2015, Lichuan Court sentenced Xu to 10.5 years in jail, with a fine of CNY200,000 (USD 33,333). [Read More](#)

Two timber trafficking seizures yielded in Yunnan Province

2015-11-19, Jixi.gov.cn - On the night of Oct. 6th, 16 segments of Chinese yew, weighing 12 tons, were seized by the Pianma border police. In addition, on the night of Oct. 10th, Pianma border police detected 143 pieces of smuggled *Thuja occidentalis* L. bulks, weighing 4 tons, worth CNY 8000 (USD 1333). Now, the seizures have been transferred to local anti-smuggling department. [Read More](#)

Guangxi border police seizes live corals



2015-11-23, People.com.cn - On Nov. 23rd, Jiangshan border police of Fangchenggang, Guangxi Province released a seizure that 508 live corals were confiscated. Currently, the corals have been

transferred to Fangchenggang fishery administration department. [Read More](#)

Xiamen Customs seizes 57 elephant tusks hidden in woods



2015-11-24, Cnr.com - On Sep. 22nd 2015, Xiamen Customs discovered 57 elephant tusks, weighing 118.8kg, hidden in claimed sandalwood. According to the suspect Huang *cong, he purchased the tusks from Uganda in June at the price of USD300 per kilogram and was planning to smuggle them to Guangdong Province for carving. The 57 tusks indicate that at least 30 elephants have been slaughtered and the youngest one might be merely 3 years old. [Read More](#)

China and Viet Nam joint combating wildlife trafficking

2015-11-24, Jisi.gov.cn - Recently, China's CITES Management Authority joint with Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) hosted the Sino-Viet Nam CITES implementation and law enforcement



workshop in Guangxi Province. "Protection of critically endangered animals needs cooperation between countries and departments. It is good news that China and Vietnam have promised to improve coordination by setting up information-sharing hotlines and launching more joint crackdowns and investigations on wildlife crimes," Nguyen Van Hoan, from Vietnam's Department of Quang Ninh Customs, said. [Read More](#)

Nature: China must act decisively to eradicate the ivory trade

2015-11-26, Nature.com - Recently, Li Zhang, the professor of *Beijing Normal University*, published in *Nature* concerning about the China's illegal ivory trade issue that China must act decisively to eradicate the ivory trade. [Read More](#)

Hengqin Customs confiscates endangered species

2015-11-26, Forestry.gov.cn - On Nov. 19th, Hengqin customs intercepted a bunch of aquarium fish from Malaysia which contained 70 *Geoclemys hamiltonii* (CITES Appendix I). [Read More](#)

Fangchenggang border police confiscates 307kg ivory and 970kg pangolin scales



2015-11-26, Gxnews.com.cn - On the afternoon of Nov. 22nd, Tongzhong border police discovered resembling 307kg ivory and 970kg pangolin scales from a bunch of frozen bass. [Read More](#)

Beijing official releases the characteristics of wildlife crime

2015-11-27, Legaldaily.com.cn - Recently, according to the 105 wildlife crime seizures, Xicheng procuratorate of Beijing concluded the trade features that ivory seizures shares the largest percentage of "black trade" (wildlife trade), which reaches as high as 60%; the suspects are usually poorly educated with a lack of awareness on relevant regulations; the trade involves cross-border transmitting; and has high possibility in Flowers and Birds Market and cyberspace. [Read More](#)



Tiger bone and elephant skins discovered from parcel to Hunan Province

2015-11-27, Kunming.cn - On Nov. 22nd, Nuozhadu police of Lancang, Yunnan Province intercepted an express vehicle which carries a parcel containing one piece of resembling elephant skin, weighing 900g. The parcel was delivered from Menglian County to Jiangtao County of Changde, Hunan Province. Later on, the police detected another parcel which contained two pieces of resembling tiger bones, weighing 400g from Menglian County to Luzhou, Sichuan Province. Now, the wildlife products have been transferred to relevant department. [Read More](#)

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