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Dongxing forest police cracked a serious case of smuggling pangolins

2015-10-1, Dongxing, Guangxi Province- On Sep. 21, Dongxing forest police and Fangchenggang border police jointly seized 32 live pangolins in a minibus and arrested 3 female suspects while they were in a routine check at Nanmushan Checkpoint. After trial, they confessed that they were intended to smuggle the pangolins from Songbai Town to Dongxing Town. Currently, the case is under further investigation. [Read More](#)

Nujiang border police seized 12 tons of rare plants-*Taxus chinensis*

2015-10-10, Nujiang, Yunnan Province- In the evening of Oct. 6, Nujiang border police found a suspicious black car and a motorcycle parking by the roadside, meanwhile two trucks drove towards them. Border police immediately stopped them and found 12 tons of *Taxus chinensis* in the trucks. Four suspects were arrested on the spot, and they confessed that the seized timbers were purchased by the black car's owner Zhang in Myanmar. At present, the case has been transferred to Dali customs for further investigation. [Read More](#)

Guangzhou customs seized 4 pieces of hawksbill shell fans

2015-10-13, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province- Recently, Postal branch of Guangzhou customs found 4 suspicious fans which were made by hawksbill shell in two inbound parcels. After identification, the seized fans (750g) were made of Hawksbill shells. [Read More](#)

Guangzhou forest police seized 7,000 birds sold by Wechat

2015-10-14, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province- In September, Guangzhou forest police found a Wechat group that sold wild animals online. With the help of



masses clues, three suspects were arrested in Guangzhou, and 7,160 birds were seized on the highway, including turtledove, night heron, etc.

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Guangxi Jiaokan border police seized 50 smuggled geckos



2015-10-16, Chongzuo, Guangxi Province- In the evening of Oct. 14, Jiaokan border police found a wooden box contained 50 geckos in the trunk of a black car when they conducted the routine checking. After trial, the owner Peng confessed that he bought the geckos for RMB 2,500 at a border market in Longzhou county and intended to transport back to Pingnan County. At present, the case is under further investigation. [Read More](#)

Hekou forest police cracked a transnational case of smuggling wild animal products

2015-10-20, Hekou, Yunnan Province- In June this year, Hekou police received a clue that some illegal wildlife products will be smuggled into China through Hekou. On 25th June, forest police found two foreign passengers acting flustered while checking a motorcycle from Vietnam. After carefully inspecting, police seized a pack of wild animal products, including rhino horns, tiger paws, tiger teeth, etc. Two Vietnamese suspects confessed that they intended to smuggle the products into China. After further identification, the seized products were 4 pieces of white rhino horn, 4 tiger paws, 15 tiger teeth and 4 leopard teeth worth RMB 595,000 in all. At present, the case has been transferred to prosecutors. [Read More](#)

Three Wenzhou businessmen were sentenced for trading pangolins

2015-10-21, Wenzhou, Zhejiang Province- In July 2014, Xia sold a pangolin for RMB 2,590 to Lin, and then Lin was arrested while he was trying to sell the pangolin to a hotel. Based on the confession of Lin, police tracked down Xia and her husband Guo, and seized 30 pangolins (worth RMB 40,080) in their house. Recently, Guo and Xia was respectively sentenced to 1 year and 8 months in prison, and 1 year and 2 months in prison, while Lin was sentenced to 1 year and a month in prison. [Read More](#)



Shanghai customs seized 249kg pangolin scales

2015-10-23, Shanghai- In March this year, Shanghai Pudong International Airport Customs officials found 9 pieces of luggage suspicious by X-ray inspection. After checking, 249kg pangolin scales were seized in the luggage and the suspect Ma was arrested. Ma confessed that he was asked to receive the luggage consigned by his colleague Qiu in Nigeria, and send them by courier. They initially formed a smuggling chain of overseas purchasing and interiorly selling.

In April, another case of smuggling pangolin scales was cracked by Shanghai Pudong International Airport Customs, and 25kg scales were seized at the scene. The arrested suspect confessed he was also asked to receive the scales by Qiu in Nigeria and promised to gain RMB 10,000 as reward. Finally, customs confirmed that Qiu in two cases was the same person. At present, the case is under further investigation. [Read More](#)

Chongqing police seized two bear paws on the highway



2015-10-27, Chongqing- According to the report, Chongqing policemen accidentally seized two bear paws on a bus, while they were arresting a drug dealer. The bus driver confessed that he was asked to transport the luggage containing bear paws from Longtousi to Chengdu and he didn't know the deliveryman or the recipient at all. At present, the case is under further investigation.

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The largest case of selling wild animals online began the trial

2015-10-26, Shangluo, Shanxi Province- On Oct. 25, Shangluo People's Court formally began the trial of the largest case of selling wild animals online. From October 2010, the defendant Cui and other 19 persons illegally purchase, transport and sell 98 Burmese pythons, 1 slow loris, 45 other kinds of python, 15 lizards, 15 tortoises, 2 macaque monkeys, 1 red panda, etc. through the online platforms, such as Baidu Post Bar etc. Other defendants will be judged by courts of other provinces. The trial was expected to last for 4 days. [Read More](#)

Four men stand trial for selling snow leopard

2015-10-28, Dunhuang, Gansu Province- In Dec. 2014, suspect Ma found the body of a dead snow leopard while he was grazing in Akesai County. Then he sold it to other suspect with the price of CNY 10, 000 by phone.



And the buyer drove to Dunhuang for a high price, and finally was seized by police. Recently, Dunhuang People's Court began the trial. [Read More](#)

Nujiang border police seized smuggling rare plants- *Taxus chinensis*



2015-10-30, Nujiang, Yunnan Province- On Oct. 28, Nujiang border police found two white minibuses

filled with timber of *Taxus chinensis* at Pianma Town, Nujiang city. After trial, the driver confessed that the seized timbers were consigned by a foreign person to transport to Pianma Town. At present, the case has been transferred to Dali customs. [Read More](#)

An indoorsman was sentenced to 7 years for buying pythons as pets

2015-10-30, Fuzhou, Fujian Province- Li bought 20 albino Burmese pythons (RMB 26,500) from some net friends in August and September 2012. Then he sold 10 pythons for RMB 14,000 to a net friend called Jingjipachong. In Oct. and Nov. of the same year, Li bought 4 granite Burmese pythons again. From Feb. to July in 2014, Li bought 3 ball pythons from a seller of Paxingtianxia Forum. Finally, Li was sentenced to 7 years and fined RMB 30,000 in Sep. 2015. [Read More](#)

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