

China's Wildlife Enforcement News Digest (Sept 2018)

Domestic

Nanning seized 4 smuggled pangolins



Nanning, Guangxi, 6th, Sept 2018— On September 4, during the routine inspection of passing vehicles at Huanyong checkpoint Pumiao South point, a white car with P license plate broke the checkpoint trying to flee from the scene. Nanning Traffic Police have searched out 4 live pangolins from the vehicle trunk. At present, the pangolins have been handed over to the Forest Public Security Bureau of Nanning, and the case is under investigation of regional police station.

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Guangdong express delivery hidden ivory jewelry



Liannan, Guangdong, 10th, Sept 2018—on September 20, 2016, Mr. Fang received a call from his husband and asked him to collect the courier at the express delivery point. When Fang was signing the package, she was seized on the spot by the police of Linnan County

Public Security Bureau Forest Branch. The police opened a suspicious package on the spot and found 34 milk-white carved bracelets in the package. It was confirmed by identification that 21 samples (containing a total net weight of 1388 g) were the modern ivory system of mammalian long nose. The estimated total value is 57,533.796 yuan. Recently, Liannan County People's Court heard the case and sentenced the defendant to two years in prison, suspended for three years, and fined RMB 10,000. [Read More](#)

Two travelers who bring endangered ivory status have been inspected in Shenzhen



Luohu, Shenzhen , 17th, Sept 2018— On July 1, 2018, two passengers, one male and one female, were inspected when entry customs. After inspection, each of the two backpacks had a long item in the shape of a statue. After identification, the items involved was indeed "Elephantidae modern elephant ivory products", a total of 1323 grams. At present, the case has been investigated and punished by the customs. [Read More](#)

Men in Hebei were fined for buying ivory products

Shahe, Hebei, 17th, Sept 2018—From January to March 2016, Wei bought an ivory "San Tong" with a diameter of 2 cm through WeChat at a price of 350 yuan; purchased the diameter at a price of 260 yuan. 2 cm ivory "Gui Gong ball "1 piece. After identification, the weight of the article involved is 0.01174 kg, all of which are ivory products, worth 489 yuan. Shahekou District Court sentenced Wei to three months of detention, suspended for three months, and fined RMB 3,000. The public security organ seized 2 pieces of ivory products, handled by the public security organs according to law. [Read More](#)

Men in Shandong with a master's degree was sentenced for selling an ivory chess

Jinan, Shandong, 18th, Sept 2018— In August 2016, During Cheng's running of micro business, in order to obtain illegal benefits, in league with others used ways like WeChat, express logistics, etc., illegally sell a piece of ivory chess, valued at 56,667 yuan, and illegally profited 500 yuan. In December 2016, during the process of inventory inspection of the branch office of Jinan City Forest Public Security Bureau, one piece of precious wild animal product, worth 4,725 yuan, was detained in Cheng's temporary residence. Recently, People's Court of Lixia District of Jinan made a first-instance judgment on this case. Cheng committed the crime of illegally acquiring and selling precious wild animal products. He was sentenced to two years in prison, suspended for two years, and fined three thousand yuan. [Read More](#)

Shanghai cracked a case of illegal trade of rhinoceros horn and ivory products



Changning, Shanghai, 18th, Sept 2018—In late June 2018, Mr. Chen spent 500 yuan on WeChat to buy an empirical craftsmanship Angong Niuhuang Wan, and the seller also told him the rhinoceros horn and ivory products. Mr. Chen then reported it to the relevant authorities. According to the clue provided by Mr. Chen, the food and drug detachment of Changning District found out that the seller not only sells fake medicines illegally, but also sells rhino horns and African ivory products in the WeChat circle of friends. The police went to Zhejiang, Sichuan and other places to smash the criminal gang that illegally sold precious and endangered wild animal products, and arrested three suspects headed by Xiang. 9 rhinoceros horns weighing more than 7,000 grams and various types of beads have been seized. Identified by the city's wildlife protection experts, they are all rhinoceros horns and ivory products. The initial estimated value is more than 2.3 million yuan. [Read More](#)

Yinchuan customs first seized endangered animal products in international express package



Yinchuan, Ningxia, 18th, Sept 2018—

Recently, Yinchuan Customs found a suspected bone product and not declared it to the customs when it checked the international express mail from the United States and the product was declared in the name of “stone carving art ornaments”. Identified by the judicial appraisal agency, two of them were national-level protected animal white-lipped deer bone products, belonging to endangered animal products. This is the first time that the Yinchuan Customs Express Supervision Center has seized such items, and the express agent company cannot issue any approval documents. According to the laws, the entry and exit of endangered animals and plants and their products must be approved by relevant departments. At present, Yinchuan Customs has warned the express company to detain and further dispose of the goods according to law. [Read More](#)

In “Blue Sky 2018” special action, 3smugglinggangs have been broken up in Fuzhou



Fuzhou, Fujian, 18th, Sept 2018—On September 18, Fuzhou Customs held a press conference to announce that in the fourth round focused investigation of the “Blue Sky 2018” special action, 147.47 kg of endangered animal products and plant products red coral, 379 kg of seahorse dry and 319 kg of agarwood have been seized. The value of items involved is nearly 100 million yuan, in which the national level protects aquatic wildlife, red coral, worth more than 60 million yuan. This year, Fuzhou Customs participated in the "Blue Sky 2018" special action, and investigated 28 cases of smuggling of endangered species, with a case value of about 190 million yuan. [Read More](#)

Xiamen Customs seized the smuggling of "marine fossil" nautilus shell case



Xiamen, Fujian, 19th, Sept 2018—On May 10, 2018, Xiamen Customs found that there was a large risk of smuggling of "shellfish" goods imported from the Philippines. During the inspection process, Xiamen Customs found a large number of suspected nautilus shells and coral-like items from the goods. The customs immediately organized anti-smuggling police force to arrest the two suspects. At the same time, Xiamen Customs conducted a control inspection of another batch of "shellfish" goods imported by criminal suspects. After on-site inventory, Xiamen Customs seized a total of 662 suspected nautilus shells, suspected stony corals and corals of 2800 kg. Approved by the professional qualification department, the

suspected nautilus shell Xiamen Customs seized this time is indeed the shell of the national first-class protection animal nautilus. At present, the case is under further investigation. [Read More](#)

Inner Mongolia seized a large number of wild animal products



Erlainhaote, Inner Mongolia, 20th, Sept 2018—On June 2, Erlainhaote Forest Public Security Bureau received a report, saying that a shop sold wild animal products which under special state protection. The police seized a large number of suspected precious and endangered wildlife products on the scene. Through the clues of criminal suspects, the police went to five provinces and cities such as Shandong and Jiangsu for investigation. Over 3 months, they arrested 8 suspects involved in the case and seized valuable and endangered wildlife, including 27 pieces of ivory products, 238 animal specimens of national second-class protected animals such as crickets and turtles, 3 bear teeth, and 145 high-horned antelope horns. The value involved is more than 5 million yuan. It was found that 145 high-horned antelope horns were smuggled into Mongolia by Mongolian criminal suspect Günter Bajaal from Mongolia. Now the criminal suspects are all brought to justice, the wild animal products sold were all recovered, and the principal Liu was now arrested by the People's Procuratorate of Erlainhaote. [Read More](#)

Guangxi cracked the illegal sale of endangered wildlife products



Chongzuo, Guangxi, 23th, Sept 2018—In September, according to the clues of Chongzuo police, one of the suspects was a resident of Yuanbaoshan. The Forest Public Security Bureau of Yuanbaoshan Area in Chifeng, Inner Mongolia, and the Guangxi police jointly analyzed and judged the case information, and quickly grasped the important information such as the trajectory and scope of the suspect. On September 22, the police of the two places made the arrest plan and the joint arrest of the suspect Zhang. After investigation, in January 2018, the suspect Zhang bought a piece of tiger skin online at a price of 50,000 yuan (RMB), and mailed it from Guangxi to Pingzhuang Town, Yuanbaoshan Area by express delivery. After receiving the goods, Zhang will transfer the purchased tiger skin to Sun. After mastering the whereabouts of Sun Mou, the police in the two places jointly arrested and successfully recovered one piece of tiger skin involved. [Read More](#)

Guangzhou Customs cracked the pangolin scales smuggling case



Guangzhou, Guangdong, 26th, Sept 2018——

On July 11, Guangzhou Customs inspected a batch of imported cargo declared as granite board. After inspection, there were a large number of white woven bags with a total of 113 bags under the granite board. Each bag contained about 20 kg of pangolin scales and weighed about 2260 kg. After comparing a great many documents and electronic data, it has been expanded in a certain terminal in Guangzhou. The two cabinets of pangolin scales with the same method of smuggling into the territory were intercepted, weighing about 2693.5 kg and 2308.5 kg respectively. So far, the total weight of the pangolin scales been found has reached 7262 kg. Four suspects including Wu, Du, Liu and Liang were arrested. After investigation, the suspect purchased from Africa pangolin scales and ship them back to China. After the goods arrive at the domestic terminal, they will find the customs declaration company to declared as granite board. At present, the Zhaoqing Municipal People's Procuratorate approved the arrest of the main suspect Liu. [Read More](#)

Down jacket with 12 pieces of antelope horn products Women were sentenced to 3 years in prison for smuggling precious animal products



Beijing, 26th, Sept 2018——In the early morning of January 8, 2018, Ma flew from Moscow to Beijing Capital International Airport. When entered the country, she chose to go through the passway without customs declaration, without declare any goods to the customs. Customs officers seized 12 suspected antelope horns wrapped in black plastic bags and tape on the spot, from the self-sewn pockets inside of the down jacket. After identification and inspection, 12 suspected antelope horns were all derived from high-nosed antelope (saiga), worth 240,000 yuan. The court pronounced the case in court. Ma was sentenced to three years in prison for the crime of smuggling precious animal products by the Beijing No. 4 Intermediate People's Court and fined RMB 35,000. [Read More](#)

Dongxing Customs seized suspected smuggling of imported live pangolins



Guangxi, Dongxing, , 26th, Sept 2018—On the night of September 19, the anti-smuggling police found that there were suspicious vehicles near Nayong Village, Huashi Town, Fangcheng District. The driver perceived wrong, then escaped after abruptly. In the process of checking the vehicle, the anti-smuggling police found there is a strange smell. When the anti-smuggling police inspected the rear seat of the vehicle, a modified dark cell appeared in front of the seat after the seat was pulled up. The

smugglers hollowed out the bottom of the back seat and installed a dark compartment. They put the pangolins in the woven mesh bag and hide them in the secret cell. 16 live pangolins which suspected of smuggling import were seized on the spot. Those live pangolins currently seized have been handed over to the local forestry department for follow-up treatment, and the case is being further investigated. [Read More](#)

International

Ha Noi airport seizes tonne of pangolin scales and ivory



2019-09-29, Viet Nam--Authorities at Ha Noi's airport found 805kg of pangolin scales as well as 193kg of ivory and ivory-derived products in two dozen cargo boxes in September. Customs officers at Noi Bai International Airport have seized nearly a tonne of elephant tusks, ivory products and pangolin scales hidden inside cargo packages. The packages included 193kg of elephant tusks and ivory products, and 805kg of pangolin scales in two dozen cargo boxes transported from Nigeria, Vietnam News Agency reported. The goods were sent from two companies based in Nigeria to a company in Ha Noi's district of Soc Son on a Turkish Airlines flight on September 21. According to the customs officers, the intended recipient of the cargo package has refused to receive the goods. The Viet Nam Academy of Science and Technology has taken samples to trace the origin of the items. [Read More](#)

Man found with 10 elephant tusks in Namibia



2018-09-17, Namibia--A 33-year-old man was arrested on Saturday after being found in possession of 10 elephant tusks at Katima Mulilo. Police said the suspect was driving into town to sell the tusks when they arrested him at the Daily informal settlement. The Zambezi region operational commander, deputy commissioner Joseph Nehemia confirmed the arrest. "The suspect was driving into town along the B8 highway. We followed the suspect who was driving a security company vehicle and did not stop, even after police officers instructed him to. The officers then fired a warning shot into the air to force him to stop," he noted. Nehemia said after the warning shot was fired, the suspect pulled off the road and tried to flee from the scene on foot, but the officers were faster than him. "When we opened the compartment in the back of the bakkie, we discovered 10 elephant tusks. We then arrested him," he explained. The suspect is expected to appear in the Katima Mulilo Magistrate's Court on September 17. The Namibian could not verify the value of the tusks, and police said they were yet to establish the origins of the ivory. The owner of the security company could be reached for comment yesterday. [Read More](#)

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