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Huanggang Customs seizes 10kg pangolin scales



2017-02-07, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province – on the night of Feb.6th, a middle-aged Hong Kong woman, who carried two plastic bags, was trying to cross the entry control of Futian Port. However, 10kg of pangolin scales were seized from her bags, which was claimed as decoration materials. Seeing the pangolin scales, the woman immediately turned to explain away as saying that she was only a carrier at payment of CNY 350, without knowing exactly what was inside. Until now, the case is still under investigation. [Read More](#)

Guangxi Coast Guard seizes 1609 smuggled crocodile skins



2017-02-10, Guangxi Province – On the morning of Feb. 7th, the Coast Guard of Guangxi Province seized 1609 pieces of all crocodile skins as well as suspected 193 bags of crocodile meat, total weight of 506.5kg from a suspicious vessel when patrolled around the Wanwei Island of Fangchenggang. Since the suspects could not provide any legal document for these cargos, the vessel and the suspects were immediately detained, with all cargos being confiscated. [Read More](#)

A Chinese sentenced for posting 11 ivory products to China

2017-02-12, Zhoushan, Zhejiang Province – On late March 2016, Chen went to London for travel, and he decided to purchase 11 items of ivory products and 1 leopard skin bag from the market in London for collection or give to friends as gifts. However, he/she knew that it was illegal to take them back to China. Therefore, on March 22nd 2016, he posted the products from London to Zhoushan of Zhejiang Province, China, and hid in Coffee powder and chocolate, and used fake name "Chen Kun". On Apr. 3rd, the post office branch of Customs intercepted these products during routine inspection. According to identification, the confiscations were 11 items of ivory products, weighing 2.81kg, and 1 Panthera pardus head skin bag, worthy CNY 60,000. The suspect Chen, 36 years, from Wencheng County of Zhejiang Province. He moved abroad over 20 years ago, has got the citizenship in Netherlands and temporarily live in Putuo District of Zhoushan City,



Zhejiang Province. Recently, Zhoushan Intermediate People's Court of Zhejiang Province sentenced Chen to 2 years in jail, suspended for 3 years, with a fine of CNY 50,000, for smuggling endangered species products.

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Men tried for selling ancestral leopard skin waistcoat

2017-02-13, Shenyang Liaoning Province – At the beginning of 2016, nearby Xiaojin Qiao market, Shenyang, Liaoning Province, two men were about to sell a leopard skin waistcoat. They were trying to sell it at CNY 100,000 (USD 15,385) to Huang. Just when they were making the deal, someone reported it to the police. It was said that both of the two men, Zhong and Qi, are from Jilin Province, and this leopard skin waistcoat being sold is handed down from Zhong's ancestors. Recently, the Dadong District Court has convicted the two men of illegal transport and selling rare and endangered wildlife products, with terms of 5.5 years, plus penalty of CNY 20,000 (USD 3077). [Read More](#)

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Dalian Customs transfers seized animal products



2017-02-15, Dalian, Liaoning Province – Dalian

Customs has transferred a patch of seized smuggling endangered aquatic animals and their products to the Liaoning Provincial Oceanic and Fishery Department, including 7 whale teeth, 3 whale tooth products, a specimen of green turtle, one narwhal tooth product, 27 giant clam, and a piece of red coral.

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Gongshan yields a case of illegal selling endangered species products



2017-02-15, Gongshan, Yunnan Province - In mid-January, the Bureau of forest Public Security of Gongshan County mastered fact of suspect Li's illegal acquisition, sale of rare and endangered wild animal and its products, and Li was arrested on the evening of February 9th. Subsequently, the task force of Bureau of forest Public Security of Gongshan County search his house according to the law, seizing 3 kg Asian black bear fat, a rare and endangered wild animal, 8.2kg takin meat, 2 dead bodies and 1 red panda specimen and other animal products, a total of 34 pieces. [Read More](#)

Two suspects detained for illegally transporting



pangolins in Nanning



2017-02-16, Nanning, Guangxi Province, - On Feb. 10th, Nanning Forest Police, Guangxi Province received reports that someone was illegally selling pangolins near Xiguan Road. On Feb. 11th, the police captured the suspect Weng, seized 1 frozen pangolin, weighting about 3.5 kg and rescued a living pangolin, weighing 6.5 kg. According to Weng, another suspect Luo has been arrested as well. In the trial, two people confessed that they bought the two pangolin at a price of CNY 200 to 300 per half kilogram. Currently, the two suspects has been detained and the case is under investigation. [Read More](#)

Two people sentenced for illegal purchasing ivory products

2017-02-21, Nanchang, Jiangxi Province - People's court of Donghu District, Jiangxi Province recently concluded two cases of illegal purchasing ivory products. Suspect Li, 41 year olds from Hunan Province, was sentenced to 6 months imprisonment, with 1 year probation, and a fine of CNY 50,000 (USD 7692) for illegally purchasing 0.913 kg of ivory products, which were seized from his shop. In another case, the suspect Hu purchased a lot of ivory from Tianjin and then resold for profit through WeChat app on his mobile

phone. A total of 3.562 kilograms of ivory products, worth CNY 148,418 (USD 22,833) was seized at Hu's home. The People's court of Donghu District sued Hu of illegal acquisition of endangered wildlife products. In the first Instance, Hu was sentenced for 3 years in prison and fined CNY 100,000 (USD 15,385). It is reported that Hu refused to accept the verdict and filed an appeal. [Read More](#)

A man transported 25 pangolins from Guangxi to Shenzhen

2017-02-22, Beihai, Guangxi Province - Hired by others, suspect Deng transported 25 pangolins from Guangxi to Shenzhen on July 13th, 2016. However, he was arrested when delivering them to the buyer in Shenzhen. Deng was arrested on spot, whereas his accomplice fled. The People's Procuratorate of Luohu District, Shenzhen recently sued this case. [Read More](#)

Ivory and pangolin scales seized by Hangzhou Customs



2017-02-22, Yiwu, Zhejiang province - On the evening of Feb. 7th, a man enter into mainland China



at Hangzhou customs from Congo via Hong Kong. The X-ray image of the man's luggage was abnormal. Opening the luggage, in a biscuit box with general appearance, customs officers found a bag of 557 grams of ivory and 195 grams of pangolin scales wrapped by kraft paper. Since no importing certificate can be provided, customs confiscated the products, and the case is under further investigation. [Read More](#)

Zhejiang's yields largest wild animal trafficking case



2017-02-24, Zhuji, Zhejiang province – An illegal purchase, transportation, sale of endangered animals and animal products network was completely crashed under the efforts of Zhejiang forest public security. In the selling network, hundreds of people were involved, and thousands of pangolin were traded in one time at most. Trafficking of lizard, pangolin, bear, lion meat and other national level protected animals, the selling network covered eight provinces including Guangxi, Guangdong, Hunan, Fujian. A total of 32 defendants were sentenced at People's court of Zhuji, of which more than 15 were sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of no less than 10 years. [Read More](#)

Two suspects of Guangxi 'pangolin dinner' detained

2017-02-26, Guangxi province - This February, a netizen with ID @Ah_cal on Weibo raised concern due to a Weibo released on July 15th, 2015. In his Weibo, he claimed that he was invited by the local leadership of a certain place in Guangxi, to participate in a joint supervision. In the local reception banquet, wild animals including pangolins were served. Through investigation, "pangolin meal" was arranged by former University Committee United Front minister of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Li Ning, and a person in charge of a private enterprise Li. The 'pangolin meal' were hold at in Li's company canteen, served by cook Yan. At present, Li and Yan has been detained by public security organs for a suspicion of crime of illegal acquisition of rare and endangered wild animals. The case is still under further investigation. [Read More](#)

Suspected sandalwood and rosewood seized at Hong Kong customs



2017-02-26, Hong Kong - On Feb. 25th, Hong Kong customs detected 5150 kg of suspected sandalwood and rosewood from two containers from India,



which were declared for bauxite containers. At present, the customs officers have confiscated the timber for further investigation. [Read More](#)

protection action in order to play a more active role in strengthening the construction of ecological civilization, protecting biodiversity and maintaining global ecological security. [Read More](#)

2017 World Wildlife Day event hold in Beijing Zoo



2017-02-27, Beijing - On Feb. 26th, the series of promotional activities of "World Wildlife Day 2017" were launched at Beijing zoo. Liu Dongsheng, deputy director of the State Forestry Administration attended the opening ceremony of the event. Liu said that in recent years, the international wildlife trade situation is grim. China has effectively improved the domestic wildlife conservation, and also strongly supports the international fight against illegal trades in wild fauna and flora. The Chinese government has taken an active part in the international process of combating illegal trades in wild animals and plants, taking practical action to play an active role and has achieved good results. Liu stressed that all levels of wildlife protection departments and protection organizations should seize the opportunity and work hard, carry out widespread protection publicity and public education. Build the concept of innovation, harmony, green, open, sharing development, improve the public awareness of wildlife protection, and absorb community and international forces to participate in the

Large number of wild animal products seized in Fangchenggang

2017-02-28, Dongxing, Guangxi Province - On the afternoon of Feb. 9th, according to reports, Dongxing border police officers conducted an urgent investigation of a rental house on Daping road, Dongxing. A large number of suspected wild animal products have been found. Officers and soldiers controlled three men subsequently. After inquiry, they confessed that they posted the picture of animal products onto their own 'friend circle' on WeChat, and they sent the products by courier if customers in need. Soldiers found ivory, rhino horn, antelope horn, tiger teeth and mink skin and a number of wild animal products as well as a number of suspected tigers claws, tiger bones, frozen pangolins body, bear galls and etc., a total of 133 pieces weighting approximately 33 kg were found in that rental house. [Read More](#)



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