



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

### One grabbed a pangolin and four people were sued in Hangzhou

**01/02/2018, Jiande, Hangzhou**— In mid-December 2016, a 52-year-old villager named Chou caught a pangolin at Dayang Town, Jiande, Hangzhou. In February 2017, Chou A found a friend named Chou B in the same village, through B's friend Xu, he then sold the pangolin to Hu, a restaurant owner in Lanxi, earning 5000 yuan. In August 2017, the City Forest Police Bureau of Jiande found clues and identified the criminal facts of the four people. They involved the illegally hunting, selling, and acquiring the precious and endangered wild animal—pangolins. What waiting for them would be severely punishment by the law.

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### Inspectors of Yiwu Postal Road intercepted prohibited ivory for the first time in Zhejiang



**01/02/2018, Yiwu, Zhejiang**—The reporter learned from the inspectors at Yiwu postal port of Zhejiang Exit-Entry Inspection and Quarantine Bureau that after the agency checked the image of an incoming parcel X-ray machine in an United Arab Emirates, they found that there were five suspected animal bone items wrapped in tin foil weighing 1 kg. After identification, the item was ivory, which was also the first time that such item was intercepted at the Yiwu Postal Port. [Read](#)

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### Yantai Police detected smuggled ivory products



**09/02/2018, Yantai, Shandong** — On February 5th, the Border inspectors discovered 50 ivory products in the luggage of three crew members. It happened when they were inspecting an ocean fishing vessel that arrived at Yantai Port from the port of Senegal in West Africa. These three people are suspected of smuggling ivory products and the case had been handed over to the Customs and is under further investigation. [Read More](#)

### Border police in Shenzhen seized pangolin scales

**09/02/2018, Futian, Shenzhen**—On January 27th, inspectors of the Shenzhen Huanggang Inspection and Quarantine Bureau seized a group of pangolin scales weighing 2 kg at the entry pass of Futian Port. It is reported that the passengers who arrived in the country have fried the scales and packed them into the bags of "snacks" in advance. After being seized, they falsely called them ordinary fried foods. The inspection and staffs initially identified the articles as pangolin scales and intercepted them according to law. [Read More](#)

### Forest police in Maoming successfully destroyed two illegal Wildlife Trafficking

**12/02/2018, Maoming, Guangzhou**— Earlier this year, the Criminal Investigation Brigade of Forest Police



Bureau learned through intelligence that two groups of people in the Maoming had committed crimes and illegally sold wild animals for profit. At about 6 o'clock on the morning of February 2nd, the joint action team smashed illegally-operated wildlife dens located at No. 81 Baiyinling Village, Maonan District, Maoming. At that moment, one illegal worker was captured. There are 130 ducks, 23 sparrows, 5 spotted turtles and 3 waterfowls, all of which are living organisms. On the morning of February 5th, the joint action team carried out ambush arrests on another suspect rental house. The suspects were prepared to go out for delivery and the police quickly attacked. Lee was arrested on the scene and 12 pangolins which are the state-protected animals and 21 dead birds were found. The case is under further investigation. [Read more](#)

#### **A woman in Changsha has been sentenced for illegal acquisition of ivory products**

**12/02/2018, Changsha, Hunan** — In 2016, Xiao purchased ivory products including a necklace and a donut from the Cultural antique markets and jewelry markets in Guangzhou and Changsha, and put them on sale in his own antique store. In December 2016, after had received the report, the police agency seized the mentioned items in the store, weighing a total of 65 grams and worth 2,708 yuan. Xiao surrendered. The court found that Xiao has constituted the crime of illegal acquisition of precious and endangered wildlife products. Because he had surrendered, according to the law, he can be punished lightly. Then he was sentenced for 4 months, with a 5-year-reprieve, and a fine of 5,000 yuan. Involved ivory products which have been seized shall be confiscated according to law. [Read more](#)

#### **The first case that forest police crackdown on illegal ivory resale**



**15/02/2018, Beijing** —According to reports from the public, Beijing Forest Police seized 1,045 ivory products in Beijing West Antique City, worth more than 40,000 yuan. After the owner was arrested, he confessed that the product was purchased from Fujian. The case is currently under further investigation. [Read More](#)

#### **Border police handle a case of smuggling wild animal products on the Guangxi border**

**24/02/2018 Chongzuo, Guangxi**—At noon on January 26th, border police in Puzhai border checkpoint discovered that a two-wheeled motorcycle driver carrying three large cartons looked nervous. After checking, there were 10 pairs of ivory chopsticks, 11 ivory bracelets, 42 ivory bracelets, 51 ivory necklaces, 20 kg elephant skins, 21 crocodile wallets, and 23 crocodile belts. According to the suspect's confession, this group of wild animal products was purchased from outside China and was ready to be sold to the mainland for profit. At present, the Puzhai Border police has transferred the wild animal products and the persons involved in the case to the local forest police for disposal. The case is under further investigation. [Read more](#)

#### **Shenyang Customs Postal Entry seize ivory crafts**





**26/02/2018 Shenyang, Liaoning**— On February 26, the customs officer of the Shenyang Customs Office at the Post Office seized two pieces of ivory handicrafts in a mail sent from the United Kingdom. The ivory handicrafts were totaled 560 g, which has now been transferred to the anti-smuggling Department for further processing. [Read more](#)

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