



China's Wildlife Enforcement News Digest (April 2013)

Wenzhou Customs intercepts smuggled agarwood



Jisi.gov.cn, April 1st 2013- On March 25th, Wenzhou Customs detected several pieces of agarwood, including a whole section of agarwood when X-raying a suitcase of a passenger arriving from Hong Kong. The customs temporarily detained the agarwood since the passenger failed to provide any permission or declaration. [Read More](#)

Guangxi Province seizes 45 live pangolins

Xinhuanet.com, April 3rd 2013- On the night of April 2nd, Fangchenggang Public Police of Guangxi Province detected a case of illegally transporting endangered species. During patrolling, the Fangchenggang City Police discovered 45 live pangolins in suspect Zheng's car. The case was transferred to the local forest police for further investigation. [Read More](#)

Guangxi Province seizes 24 hawksbill specimens

Xinhuanet.com, April 9th 2013- On the evening of April 1st, during patrolling, Hengjiang Border Police of Fangchenggang city seized 24 hawksbill specimens in a suspicious truck from Dongxing bound for Nanning, Guangxi Province. [Read More](#)

Business man seized for smuggling raw ivories

Cnr.cn, April 11th 2013- On the afternoon of October 4th 2012, the suspect Zhu was intercepted in the Gongbei Port, Guangdong Province for illegally transporting 7.07 kg of raw ivories without any certificate. The confiscation, worth USD46,760, was discovered in his bags and pockets by the customs officials. Zhu owns a factory manufacturing fans in Zhejiang Province. Recently, Zhuhai Intermediate People's Court trailed the case and the judgment would be announced in another day. [Read More](#)

25 pangolins discovered in a restaurant in Futian



S1979.com, April 12th 2013- On the afternoon of April 10th, Shenzhen Forest Police discovered 25 frozen pangolins and 7 dead owls from a secret refrigerator in a restaurant in Futian District. Later, the owner and four employees of the restaurant were arrested. In the further investigation, the boss confessed to illegally sell wild meat. Currently, all those five suspects have been detained. [Read More](#)

CITES-MA Nanning branch conducts a joint enforcement inspection with Guangxi Anti-smuggling Office

CITES.gov.cn, April 16th 2013- On 9-10 April 2013, CITES-MA Nanning Branch conducted a joint enforcement inspection on illegal wildlife trade with Guangxi Anti-smuggling Office in Pingxiang Port and local markets for inspection. The task force visited Youyiguan, Nonghuai, Puzhai and Jiao'ai ports, and discussed with local enforcement agencies on combating wildlife smuggling. [Read More](#)

10-year imprisonment for illegal wildlife trade

Ifeng.com, April 16th 2013- In September 2012, Shenzhen Forest Police detected a case on illegally trading endangered species. A total of 122 pangolins, six giant salamanders, one bear paw and 27 owls were seized. Recently, the Luohu District People's Court sentenced the defendant Zhu to 10.5 years in prison with a fine of USD1,587; the defendant Wu and Zhuo to four years in prison with a fine of USD1,587. [Read More](#)

Hunan Province yields huge wildlife case



China .com.cn, April 17th 2013- Hunan Province Forest Police recently yielded a case on illegal trade in endangered species. A total of 22 suspects were arrested from 6 restaurants. And 2 Great Bustard *Otis tarda*, 142 pangolins *Manis javanicas*, 20 black bear paws and over 50kg bear meat were seized. According to the investigation, the criminal gang purchased endangered species from Viet Nam and Myanmar, and then transported them to Changsha, the capital of Hunan Province via Guangxi Province and Yunnan



Province. The destination of the confiscation was other cities in Hunan Province, as well as Shanghai, Fujian Province, Sichuan Province, Chongqing and Guangdong Province. Now, all of the chief suspects have been detained and further investigation is ongoing. [Read More](#)

Capital Airport intercepts 7kg of smuggled ivory



BTV.org, April 18th 2013- On 22nd March, from the Flight ET604, Beijing Capital Airport Customs seized 2 bunches of smuggled ivory weighing 6-7kg, worth USD47,620. The flight came from Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia. It was reported that the suspects were 2 Chinese workers in Africa and they concealed the ivories in special belts. [Watch the Film](#)

Zhuhai yields a huge illicit ivory trading case

Doumenqu.com, April 19th 2013- In Early March, Zhuhai Forest Police detected a case on illegally processing and selling of ivory products in Doumen

District of Zhuhai, Guangdong Province. The suspects also sold ivory products on the internet. Recently, the Forest Police conducted a sudden inspection and arrested the suspect Huang. The other suspect Jin was arrested later in Shandong Province. Over 100 items of ivory products were seized, which weighed 40kg, worth USD238,095. Ten processors were also confiscated. [Read More](#)

Shenzhen seizes 50kg of pangolin scales



Cqnews.net, April 19th 2013- Shenzhen Customs authority released that on the morning of April 18th, Shenzhen Customs intercepted a yacht in Dameisha sea area and 50kg of pangolin scales along with large numbers of electronic products were confiscated. The three suspects have been arrested. [Read More](#)

Honghe Forest Police seizes four bear paws and ten cobras

Cwca.org.cn, April 19th 2013- Recently, Mile Forest Police of Honghe autonomous prefecture, Yunnan



Province arrested a suspect, who illegally transported four black bear paws and ten cobras. On March 21st, the suspect Zhang rented a taxi to transport the animal parts from Pingbian County to Yiliang County for trading with Liu. However, the taxi was intercepted at the Suolongsi Toll Station of Pingsuo Highway. Now, the suspect Zhang was detained and the case is under further investigation. [Read More](#)

Court to 1 year in jail with a fine of USD317. [Read More](#)

A truck with tortoises intercepted in Guangxi Province



[Chinanews. com, April 24th 2013](#)- On the early morning of April 21st, according to the intelligence, Nanning Forest Police discovered 5 Siamese crocodiles, 15 alligator snapping turtles, 24 Raccoon dogs, 23 elongated tortoises and 61 Chinese stripe-necked turtles on a truck. According to the investigation, the animals were delivered from Guangdong Province on April 20th. Now, the animals were transferred to the Guangxi Endangered Species Rescue Center and further investigation is under going. [Watch the Film](#)

Henan Province detected 126kg of smuggled ivory

[Hnr.cn, April 20th 2013](#)- The suspect Wang is a Chinese businessman in Zimbabwe. In 2008, he checked in 10 luggages with smuggled ivory inside when going back from Zimbabwe to China. However, the airport police discovered ivory products in one of his luggages. Finally, a total of 126 kg of smuggled ivories, worth USD849,206 were discovered in all 100 luggages. Recently, Zhengzhou Procuratorate heard this case and the judgment would be announced later.

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Trader sentenced for illegal trade in ivory

[People.com.cn, April 24th 2013](#)- On July 26th 2012, the suspect Liu was arrested by Beijing Forest police for illegally trade ivory at an antique market of Chaoyang District. A total of 17 ivory items were discovered from his shop, worth USD7,341. Recently, the suspect Liu was sentenced by the Xicheng District People's

The National Forest Police initiates Skynet Action

[People.com.cn, April 25th 2013](#)- Since April 1st, the National Forest Police initiated the Skynet Action to crack down on wildlife crime. Till now, the Forest



Police has inspected 3,498 Antique and Flowers & Birds Markets, and seized 93,400 wild animals. A total of 410 wildlife cases have been filed. In addition, they also cleaned 137 relevant websites and screened 284 pieces of illegal trade information. [Read More](#)

Tianjin ivory trader sentenced 68 months in prison

Enorth.com.cn, April 26th 2013- On the morning of July 5th 2012, the suspect An was arrested when she was selling ivory products in Shenyangdao Antique Market of Tianjin. She sold the products by the price of CNY13-15 per gram. The police confiscated 21.0957kg of ivory in her stall, worth about USD139,508. On April 5th, Heping District People's Court of Tianjin sentenced the defendant An to 68 months in prison with a fine of USD1905. In addition, another five ivory traders who were arrested at the same day have also been sentenced imprisonment.

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Beijing Police seizes 30 kg of ivory products



Cnr.cn, April 27th 2013- According to the intelligence, On April 25th, Beijing Forest Police seized 469 ivory products, 54 bags of ivory beans, 15 hornbill skulls, 67 hawksbill products from six stalls of Baoguosi Antique Market in Beijing. The ivory products weighed around 30 kg. The confiscation is worth about USD158,730. A total of ten suspects were arrested. [Read More](#)

Shanghai Police rescues two pangolins

Sina.com.cn, April 26th 2013- On the afternoon of April 25th, during routine inspection, Songjiang Police discovered an unclaimed luggage with two pangolins inside at Fengjing Check Station of Hukun Highway. The pangolins have been transferred to the wildlife protection station and further investigation is ongoing. [Read More](#)