



China's Wildlife Enforcement News Digest (February 2013)

Guangxi Forest Police confiscates wildlife products

Pagx.cn, January 31st 2013- In June 2012, Guangxi Forest Police obtained an important intelligence that a criminal gang planned to smuggle rhino horns to Dongxing (bordering Viet Nam) and then to Nanning, Guangxi Province. After six-month investigation, on 6 January 2013, the police arrested three suspects and confiscated 14 rhino horns, one tiger skin, one entire tiger skeleton and 55.53 kg ivory products, worth CNY30 million (about USD4.6 million). [Read More](#)

Hefei Customs cuts down an ivory smuggling chain

Anhuinews.com, February 1st 2013- Hefei, Anhui Province recently crack down an ivory smuggling ring, which involved in over 3000kg of ivories, worth over CNY10 million (USD1,587,300), and arrested 8 suspects. The ivories purchased in Japan were sending to China by mail and then sold on Internet. These ivories were smuggled during the period of Nov. 2010 to Apr. 2012. Hefei Procuratorate has sued the suspect Liu and others for smuggling endangered species products. [Read More](#)

Three suspects arrested for poaching a couple of Asian elephants in Jinghong, Yunnan Province



Youth.cn, February 1st 2013- On June 21st 2012, Xishuangbanna Forest Police found a couple of Asian elephants were poached at Kunman Village of Mengyang County. After almost half-month investigation, on the night of July 5th, a total of three suspects were arrested. Four guns and a pair of elephant tusks were seized onsite. The case has been transferred to the local procuratorate. [Read More](#)

Young businessman arrested for trading ivory products

Hexun.com, February 1st 2013- Zhu, a young businessman living in Kunming, Yunnan Province often purchased and resold ivories for profits. On November 14th, Zhu was intercepted by the police in a toll station when he came back from Pu'er. 107 pieces of ivory products were confiscated in his car. The next day, his



ivory supplier Fu was also arrested and 143 pieces of ivory products were seized. In another seizure, suspect Xu, a pet store owner in Mengzi, was arrested as well. He had been engaged in wildlife smuggling for a long time. The police confiscated a bunch of live animals including 16 Loris, a boa, a monitor lizard, a macaque and a pangolin. These two cases have been prosecuted. [Read More](#)

Shantou Customs seizes about 50kg ivory products

Jisi.gov.cn, February 1st 2013- Recently, Shantou Customs initiated a special investigation after receiving the intelligence that a smuggler was about to smuggle ivory from Thailand to Shantou, Guangdong Province. On the afternoon of Jan. 27th, the suspect Xu was intercepted by the anti-smuggling police when passing the channel of non-declaration with eight elephant tusks (weighted 49.6kg) and 1 kg unknown animal bones. The further investigation is ongoing. [Read More](#)

Fake police rob wildlife smugglers

Sina.com.cn, February 3rd 2013- A rob gang in Fangchenggang, Guangxi Province were charged for disguised as police to rob wildlife a smuggler for a total of 74 pangolins and a vehicle. [Read More](#)

Shanghai Airport intercepts 18.18 kg of ivory products

Cqn.com.cn, February 5th 2013- On Jan. 20th, Shanghai Airport Inspection and Quarantine Bureau detected a suspicious luggage carried by a Chinese passenger boarding flight FM816 from Japan. The officers discovered seven pieces of ivory carvings, weighing 11.18kg. The case has been transferred to the anti-smuggling department. [Read More](#)

Huanggang Customs intercepts crocodile and hawksbill products



Jixi.gov.cn, February 6th 2013- On January 28th, Huanggang Customs discovered unclaimed 3.47kg of crocodile products and 265g of hawksbill products in a Chinese passenger's luggage. [Read More](#)



140 python skins seized by Luohu Customs

Sina.com.cn, February 7th 2013- On Feb.1st, Luohu Customs detected 140 python skins, weighing 21 kilograms in a Hong Kong passenger's luggage by X-ray examination. Now, the case has been transferred to the anti-smuggling department for dealing. [Read More](#)

uncovered 21 hornbill skulls and some agarwood products weighing 1140g and 248g respectively in his camera bag, luggage and pockets. [Read More](#)

Operation succeeds at cracking down on illegal wildlife trade

Ningbo Customs detects smuggled ivory products



Jisi.gov.cn, February 7th 2013- Recently, Ningbo Customs seized 10 items of smuggled ivory carvings in a passenger luggage. The carvings' weight ranged from 100g to 1000g and the two largest figures, made with an entire elephant tusk, were 46cm tall. [Read More](#)

Xiamen Customs seizes 21 hornbill skulls

Customs.gov.cn, February 8th 2013- Recently, a male passenger, taking Flight MH390 from Kuala Lumpur to Xiamen, was noticed by the Customs. The officers



163.com, February 18th 2013- Between 6 January and 5 February 2013, China chaired an International Coordination Team (ICT) to crackdown on wildlife crimes involving countries in Asia, Africa and the United States. The operation yielded hundred of arrests which included seizures of assorted wildlife specimens mainly 42,000kg red sander wood, 6,500kg elephant ivory, 1,550kg shatoosh (around 10,000 Tibetan antelopes must have been killed to collect the wool of these animals), 2,600 live snakes, 324 hornbill beaks, 102 pangolins, 800 kg pangolin scales, 22 rhino horns and 4 rhino horn carvings, 10 tiger and 7 leopard trophies, 31kg elephant meat as well as claws and teeth of protected felid animals and plant species.



Assorted equipment including fire arms and ammunitions were also recovered from poachers during the operation. [Read More](#)

China has scored significant achievements on cracking ivory smuggling



Fmptc.gov.cn, February 18th 2013- *The Chinese Government has always attached great importance to the protection of elephants and other endangered wildlife. We have enacted a series of laws and regulations, established a joint law enforcement mechanism of departments of public security, customs and industry and commerce and have actively participated in international law enforcement cooperation, which has cracked down on smuggling and illegal business of ivory and ivory products and effectively curbed ivory smuggling. China's penalties for smuggling ivory and ivory products are among the strictest in the world and its unremitting efforts have scored significant achievements, as evidenced by apparent decrease of illegal and criminal activities of ivory smuggling and trafficking in recent years. We hope that people who fail to see China's efforts and*

progress can view China in an objective light instead of always wearing "colored glasses". Foreign Ministry Spokesperson Hong Lei said in Regular Press Conference on February 18, 2013. [Read More](#)

A suspect sentenced to ten years in jail for illegally transporting tiger bone

Lpswz.com, February 18th 2013- On the morning of Aug. 14th 2012, the suspect Li drove his nephew to a market in Yunnan Province for purchasing a set of tiger skeleton. However, he was intercepted at the Pingguan Anti-drug checkpoint on the way back to Bijie, Guizhou Province. The police confiscated the tiger skeleton, worth CNY480,000 (USD76,190) and a bag of Chinese yew bars. Recently, the Panxian Court sentenced Li to jail for ten years with a fine of CNY20,000 (USD3174). [Read More](#)

Torugart cracks down on saiga horns and muskrat skins smuggling

163.com, February 19th 2013- On February 6th, Torugart Border Police of Xinjiang Province seized 3,715 saiga horns and 12,950 muskrat skins, worth CNY 110 million (USD17.5 million). The confiscation was discovered under the interlayer in a truck from Kyrgyzstan. The case has been transferred to the Torugart Customs. [Read More](#)



Nanjing detects endangered species products through online track



Chinecourt.org, February 21st 2013- On January 5th 2012, the Tianjin Customs detected a parcel from the United States to Yancheng, Jiangsu Province with suspicious animal skulls inside. About a month later, another similar one was seized and skulls inside were identified to belong to endangered species listed on CITES Appendix. During almost three-month investigation, Nanjing Customs locked a suspect Gu base by tracking his QQ (Chinese MSN) status messages. Finally, Gu was arrested and over 20 species animal products were seized. The seizure includes wolf skull, lion bone, eagle claw, bear claw and etc. [Read More](#)

Yunnan Province confiscated four tons of live snakes



China.com.cn, February 25th 2013- Based on intelligence, on the early Morning of February 22nd, the Ruili Forest Police of Yunnan Province intercepted a suspicious truck on Jiedong Road. A total of 4,815 snakes, weighing 3,810.5kg, were seized. The seizure included rat snakes, cobras and vipers. According to the Dehong Wild Animal Rescue Center, the snakes would be released later. The suspect Sheng has been detained. [Read More](#)

Woman faces ten years in prison due to trading ivory and rhino horn products

Xxcb.cn, February 27th 2013- On the night of Jan. 21st, the suspect Jiang called Lin for exchanging her ivory and rhino horns products with Lin's furniture. However, the next day, Lin reported Jiang to the local forest police. In the afternoon, Jiang, her husband and brother were seized in Lin's shop, where nine rhino horn products and one ivory product, worth CNY1,391,792 (USD220,919), were confiscated. Jiang has been arrested and will face at least ten-year imprisonment. [Read More](#)



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