



## China's Wildlife Enforcement News Digest (January 2013)

### Hong Kong Customs seizes 779 ivory tusks



**News.china.com, January 4<sup>th</sup> 2013-** Hong Kong Customs seized a total of 779 pieces of ivory tusks on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Weighing close to 1,300 kilograms, the seizure is worth about 10.6 million HKD (around 1.4 million USD). The tusks were inside a container heading to Hong Kong from Kenya and were in transit to Malaysia. They were all in small size or cut into small pieces to avoid detection. [Read More](#)

### Cenxi Forest Police seizes 60 cobras

**Pagx.cn, January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013-** On November 24<sup>th</sup> 2012, Cenxi Forest Police of Guangxi Province intercepted a couple from Guangdong after receiving reports from local citizens. The couple was carrying more than 60 Bangladesh Cobras (weighing 60kg) near Niuling Tunnel of Cenwu Highway. They claimed that the cobras were purchased from Heng County, Guangxi

Province and were about to be delivered to Guangdong Province for trading. The case is under investigation. [Read More](#)

### Secret ivory trade detected in hotel

**lfeng.com, January 8<sup>th</sup> 2013-** On the night of January 15<sup>th</sup>, during routine inspection, Meizhou Border Police discovered a person who was about to trade four ivory Buddha statues in Meizhou Island Seaview Hotel. The suspect admitted that he bought the statues 3 years ago in Guangdong Province by CNY30,000 (USD4762). Recently, he got to know a fellow by accident on the road and made an appointment for the dealing. [Read More](#)

### Luomazhou cracks down on seafood smuggling



**Takungpao.com, January 8<sup>th</sup> 2013-** Hongkong Luomazhou customs officers intercepted a



refrigerated truck recently and seized a batch of smuggled seafood including alligator, hippocampus and dried gecko, which were all reported as deer horns. According to the evaluation, the seafood hauls are worth about 8 million HKD. Currently, the driver is under control. [Read More](#)

### **Forest police settles more than 3,000 cases of wildlife crime**

**Forestry.gov.cn, January 10<sup>th</sup> 2013-** Since November 2012, the national forest police have made great efforts on combating destruction of wildlife resources according to the special action. The police inspected 86,000 markets with 3,342 cases of wildlife crime detected and over 300,000 animals confiscated. The Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Commission for Political and Legal Affairs secretary Meng Jianzhu pointed out that this special action was critical on wildlife protection. “Hopefully we would establish a long-term mechanism” said Meng. [Read More](#)

### **Various stakeholders issue appeal on wildlife conservation**



**Sina.com.cn, January 10<sup>th</sup> 2013-** On January 8<sup>th</sup> 2012, the Chinese Society for Environmental Ethics, Research Center of the Animal Protection Act Society, Northwest University of Political Science and Law, Friends of Nature, and EAEG jointly held a press conference with the theme of “Strengthen enforcement for curbing wildlife poaching, improve wildlife protection legislation”. Participants from various sectors attended the conference. Up till now, over 50 scholars and representatives from other sectors have signed on the *Emergency Appeal of Strengthening Law Enforcement and Cracking Down on Over Killing Wild Animals, and Improving Wildlife Protection Legislation*. The appeal will be formally submitted to the relevant legislative branch. [Read More](#)

### **Luohu Customs seizes 445kg of agarwood in 2012**

**Legaldaily.com.cn, January 11<sup>th</sup> 2013-** During the year of 2012, Luohu customs of Shenzhen detected 110 cases of agarwood smuggling and seized 445kg agarwood. Furthermore, more than 40 cases of endangered species trafficking were curbed by the customs, including pangolin scale, ivory and cobra skin etc. [Read More](#)

### **Ivory unloaded by logistics men accidentally**



**Newschina.com, January 11<sup>th</sup> 2013-** On the afternoon of June 11<sup>th</sup> 2011, a logistics worker broke a container accidentally during unloading and resembling ivory products were exposed from inside. Their manager reported to local customs right away. According to verification, the ivory products weights 197.8kg, worth 19,887,500 RMB (about 3,200 USD). On November 29<sup>th</sup> 2012, the two suspects Dai and Gua surrendered to police and they were detained. [Read More](#)

#### **Man sued for selling ivory products in antique market**

**Bjd.com.cn, January 12<sup>th</sup> 2013-** On July 26<sup>th</sup> 2012, guided by the State Forestry Administration, Beijing Forest Police seized 16 ivory accessories, including necklaces, bracelets and pendants, as well as some other products from a shop named “Zangxiangge” at Cheng Tian antique market in Beijing. The total weights of 1.11kg products are valued of approximately 40,000 RMB (about 6,350 USD). The shop owner Liu admitted that the products were bought from Panjiayuan Antique Market with 9,000 RMB (about 1,429 USD). And he continued selling ivory products though getting warnings repeatedly. Xicheng Procuratorate, Beijing recently sued Liu for selling endangered species products illegally. [Read More](#)

#### **118 wild pangolins seized in Guangzhou**



**Xinhuanet.com, January 16<sup>th</sup> 2013-** After over two-month’s investigation, Conghua Forest police in Guangdong province arrested 17 suspects who were trading endangered species at Sanniao Market of Taiping County. A total of 58 live pangolins, 60 dead pangolins, 10 bear paws and 66kg pangolin scales along with four vehicles were confiscated. According to the local authority, this is the largest illegal wildlife trade seizure done by Guangdong Forest Police during the past few years. The case is now under investigation. [Read More](#)

#### **Jiangsu Province approves new regulation for wild animal protection**

**163.com, January 17<sup>th</sup> 2013-** Jiangsu Province Wild Animals Protection Ordinance has been effective since January 1st, 2013. From then on, besides hunting, people who sell wild animals might also be fined up to 10,000 RMB (about 1,587 USD). The Ordinance shows that the local government will focus on protecting



animals range within the province. Furthermore, Jiangsu Province has also made a list of endangered animals for protection. [Read More](#)

### **The State Forestry Administration launches key working areas in 2013**

**Forestry.gov.cn, January 21<sup>st</sup> 2013-** Recently, the State Forestry Administration issued its key working areas in 2013. The working document asked each level of forestry administration to put work into practice. According to the document, the CITES National Committee would be established for further enforcement and curbing on endangered species trafficking. Other activities include facilitating the negotiations on international forest issues and the development of CITES model, making fully preparation for the 16<sup>th</sup> CITES CoP and the 10<sup>th</sup> United Nations Forest Forum. [Read More](#)

### **Chongqing Customs intercepts three zebra skins**

**Chinadaily.com.cn, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013-** On the afternoon of January 21<sup>st</sup>, three zebra skins without any shipping certification were seized by X-ray machine at the Jiangbei Airport in Chongqing. The customs confiscated the skins for further investigation.

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### **18 items of endangered species products seized at Xi'an exhibition**



**China.com.cn, January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013-** On January 20<sup>th</sup>, a wild animal lover posted online that he saw endangered wildlife specimen traded at a luxury exhibition. On the afternoon of 22<sup>nd</sup>, according to the intelligence, Xi'an Forestry Bureau, Shaanxi Province seized nine categories of endangered species specimens, including one national first-protected animal and seven national second-class protected animals in Deyuhang Collection Hall. The manager of the Hall told the journalist who went for a secret investigation that a Buzzard was priced at 10,000 RMB (about 1,587 USD) and a lion has been sold. The hall could also offer tiger and rhino horns upon requirement. The price of an entire adult tiger was 500,000 RMB (about 79,365 USD). Finally, the enforcers confiscated the products and arrested Shao Yuyang, the hall's manager for further investigation.

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## Shenzhen Bay Customs intercepts smuggled agarwood



**Szciq.gov.cn, January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013-** On the evening of January 19<sup>th</sup>, Shenzhen Bay Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau seized 3.3kg agarwood from a passenger's luggage. According to the evaluation, the commodity is worth around 100,000 RMB (about 15,873 USD). [Read More](#)

## SFA launches 2013 No.5 Circular

**Forestry.gov.cn, January 24<sup>th</sup> 2013-** The State Forestry Administration recently launched the No.5 circular, Further Strengthening the Management of Ivory Products Market. In the Circular, the agency announced the latest lists of [Ivory Processing Companies and Factories](#) and [Ivory Trading Stores and Affiliate Companies](#). The lists would be effective due to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2014. [See Details](#)

## Five-year imprisonment for transporting five hornbills without certification

**Chinacourt.org, January 24<sup>th</sup> 2013-** Recently, People's Court of Suifu County, Guangxi Province sentenced the defendant Wen Haiqiang to five years in jail with a fine of 5,000 RMB (about 793 USD) for illegally transporting endangered species. Early morning of April 27<sup>th</sup> 2012, Wen hired some helpers to transport five Wreathed Hornbills from Aidian Port of Chongzuo, Guangxi Province to Nanning, Guangxi Province without any certification. They were intercepted by the traffic police when passing by the Fusui Service area of Nanyou Highway. According to the verification, the confiscation is on the list of national second-class protected animals. [Read More](#)

## Hangzhou Customs discovers resembling pangolin scales



**Hangzhou.com.cn, January 25<sup>th</sup> 2013-** On the evening of January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Xiaoshan Airport Customs of



Hangzhou seized three bags of resembling pangolin scales in the luggage of two passengers from Ethiopia. The pangolin scales weighs about 6.18kg, which belong to the CITES Appendix II. Since the carriers could not offer any certification for transporting, the scales have been confiscated by the customs officers for further investigation. [Read More](#)

### Chongzuo Border Police seizes 25 pythons



Jisi.gov.cn, January 25<sup>th</sup> 2013- On the evening of January 22<sup>nd</sup>, Chongzuo Border Police of Guangxi Province discovered over 10 boxes of 25 pythons during patrolling. The biggest python weighs 31.35kg and the smallest one is over 15.4kg. Due to the large case scale, the police seized the pythons along with the shipping vehicle at the site and the two suspects were arrested. The case has been transferred to the Chongzuo forest police. [Read More](#)

### Three suspects charged for shipping pangolins

Chinacourt.org, January 25<sup>th</sup> 2013- On the night of April 24<sup>th</sup> 2012, Li Penghui and two other men were hired by his uncle to transport 45 live pangolins from Dongxing, Guangxi Province to Guangdong Province. However, he was intercepted by police when passing by the Shitan Toll Station of Lanhai Highway. The police seized four pangolins under the foot pad. On the 26<sup>th</sup>, the police discovered another 41 pangolins which had already died. On January 24<sup>th</sup> 2013, Qinzhou Intermediate Court, Guangxi Province sentenced the defendant Li to 12 years in jail, deprivation of political right for two years with a fine of 20,000 RMB (about 3,174 USD). For the other two defendants, Zhou Zihui was sentenced to 11.5 years in jail, deprivation of political right for two years with a fine of 20,000 RMB (about 3,174 USD), and Li Bo to 10 years in jail, deprivation of political right for one year with a fine of 15,000 RMB (about 2,380 USD). [Read More](#)

### Xiamen Customs seizes 413 boa gallbladders worth 3.2 million RMB





**Customs.gov.cn, January 25<sup>th</sup> 2013-** Gaoqi Airport Customs of Xiamen, Fujian Province recently detected a Chinese passenger Wang, who was carrying 413 boagallbladders without declaration. According to verification, the confiscation is worth nearly 3.177 million RMB (about 504, 286 USD). [Read More](#)

#### **Chinese men working in Africa seized for carrying ivory illegally**

**Cnr.cn, January 28<sup>th</sup> 2013-** On the evening of January 24<sup>th</sup>, Shekou customs officers of Shenzhen detected 19 items of ivory products with X-ray machine from a luggage shipped from the Hong Kong airport. The products weighed 1.487kg in total. On the 26<sup>th</sup>, the customs seized another three ivory smuggling cases. The seizures were 1.458kg ivory products, including chopsticks, necklaces and 569g and 307g ivory products from two other passengers respectively. The four cases seized in only three days involved 3.821kg ivory products in total. [Read More](#)

#### **Lincang seizes 70kg Dendrobium**

**People.com.cn, January 28<sup>th</sup> 2013-** On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, Lincang Border Police of Yunnan Province intercepted 70kg Dendrobium, listed as the national second-class plants, in a truck from outside the border. The case has been transferred to the local forest police. [Read More](#)

#### **Achievements gained in the Shield of the Gateway**

**China.com.cn, January 29<sup>th</sup> 2013-** In the year of 2012, the General Administration of Customs alliance and local customs jointly launched a one-year action named “Shield of the Gateway” to crack down on all kinds of smuggling. During the action, the customs detected 142 criminal cases and 622 administrative cases of smuggling endangered species products. 236 ton endangered species products were seized, including ivory, antelope horn, pangolin, tiger skin, sandalwood and Chinese yew, etc. China Customs has been awarded a certification by the CITES Secretariat to highlight its achievement during the action. [Read More](#)

#### **Huanggang Customs seizes a piece of zebra skin**

**Legaldaily.com.cn, January 30<sup>th</sup> 2013-** On the afternoon of January 29<sup>th</sup>, Huanggang Customs noticed a car with an unusual white bag inside. Opening up the bag, the officers uncovered a large animal skin. The driver admitted that it was zebra skin and he did not have any transportation permission. [Read More](#)

#### **Huge ivory smuggling case cracked down**

**Jisi.gov.cn, January 30<sup>th</sup> 2013-** At the end of 2010, the suspect Gong Sheng found that ivory products were



available in Yahoo Japan website. So he connected with Jin Guangxuan and Xu Guiyu, who lived in Jilin Province to import ivory products. To avoid the being checked, they falsely declared the postal parcels as “conduit joint”. Together with his wife Tao Liping, Gong smuggled 3257kg ivory products in total, worth 135million RMB (about 24.4 million USD) during the

period from November 2010 to April 2012. Despite knowing the ivories were smuggled, the three buyers, the suspect Wu Ruiwen, Yang Gang, Zhang Tianfeng still purchased them for reselling. All the eight suspects have been sued by the Hefei Procuratorate.

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