



China's Wildlife Enforcement News Digest (July 2013)

Hardwoods import has to comply with global regulation

Cqn.com.cn, July 1st 2013- The CoP16 in Bangkok this March requires dozens of commercially exploited tropical hardwoods to receive better international trade controls through an Appendix listing. Till now, a total of 246 timber species have been listed on CITES Appendix. Thus, the domestic hardwoods imports enterprises must concern new CITES list and apply for importing permit base on relevant regulation. [Read More](#)



Xinhuanet.com, July 3rd 2013- In February, Yangpu Police of Shanghai received intelligence that someone was suspected for selling endangered animals on internet, including tortoises, chameleons and etc. After a long-term investigation, the police arrested 5 suspects and rescued 69 endangered species, which are the national first or second class protected animals. Now, further investigation is ongoing and the animals have been transferred to Shanghai Zoo. [Read More](#)

Luohu Customs seizes smuggled red coral products

Jisi.gov.cn, July 1st 2013- On June 4th, Luohu Customs officials discovered 29 red coral bracelets, weighing 450g from one Chinese passenger's waist. According to verification, the products are worth CNY200,000 (USD31,746). Now, the case has been transferred to relevant department for further investigation. [Read More](#)

Inner Mongolia detects 30kg red deer horns

Shanghai Police yields endangered species trading case





People.com.cn, July 8th 2013- On July 5th, Inner Mongolia border police detected a wildlife products smuggling case, and seized 109 red deer horns, weighing 30kg. In the early morning, the border police intercepted a train from Dzamiin-Üüd port, Mongolia to China for inspection. However, the two drivers' abnormal behaviors were observed by the police. [Read More](#)

China's Government warns Chinese citizens to obey Wildlife Protection Law of India

Xinhuanet.com, July 8th 2013- According to the information from Chinese Embassy in India, Chinese citizens' illegally taking raw red sanders has recently occurred for several times at airports in New Delhi, Mumbai and Bangalore. Base on the Wildlife Protection Law issued in 1972 by India, passengers whoever take endangered animal products or raw timber out of India, will be fined or even prosecuted. Therefore, Chinese embassy in India and general consulate in Bombay remind Chinese citizens to strictly comply with local laws and do not take any contraband across the border. [Read More](#)

Chinese government warns Chinese citizens to comply with Wildlife Protection Regulations of Kenya

People.com.cn, July 8th 2013- According to the information from Chinese embassy in Kenya, in recent years, Chinese tourists in Kenya have increased dramatically. For Chinese tourists' security and legal interest, Chinese embassy in Kenya has reminded Chinese tourists not to ask or purchase ivory, rhino horns and other wildlife products (Asking is regarded as indirectly slaughtering wild animals)." etc. [Read More](#)

Over 40kg of pangolin scales confiscated in Guangzhou



Chinanews.com, July 10th 2013- On the afternoon of July 8th, in the arrival hall of Baiyun Airport of Guangzhou, a passenger from Doha, Qatar was intercepted by the Customs official. Finally, 40.28kg of pangolin scales were found in his luggage. [Read More](#)

Five-year imprisonment for smuggling 76 hornbill skulls



Chinadaily.com.cn, July 11th 2013- On Jan. 19th, a passenger Yu was seized for smuggling 76 hornbill skulls, weighing 7.7kg by Gongbei Customs, Zhuhai. Recently, the accused Yu was sentenced to five years in jail with a fine of CNY20,000 (USD3174.6) for smuggling endangered animal products. [Read More](#)



Hangzhou Customs intercepts 164 dried seahorses



Customs.gov.cn, July 15th 2013- On the evening of July 1st, Xiaoshan Airport Office of Hangzhou Customs discovered 164 dried seahorses from a passenger from Malawi. [Read More](#)

Two Taiwanese arrested for purchasing endangered species

Xinhuanet.com, July 16th 2013- Ningde Border Police of Fujian Province succeeded in detecting a smuggling case on 6kg of red coral, worth CNY2,400,000 (USD380,952) on the evening of July 14th. A total of four suspects including two Taiwanese were arrested. [Read More](#)

583 ivory tusks disguised as chocolates seized



Chinacourt.gov, July 18th 2013- The Macau Customs Service seized 583 elephant tusks, weighing 34 kilograms, with a market value of MOP580,000 (USD72,090). Two South African tourists were intercepted yesterday when travelling to Macau from Hong Kong Airport. In their luggage, they were carrying 15 cartons of chocolate, but its heavy weight hinted that no chocolate would be found. Instead, 583 ivory tusks were discovered. The two men will be referred to the Immigration Department, following the violation of regulations on endangered species. [Read More](#)

Nanjing Customs intercepts 6000 dried seahorses



Xinmin.com, July 18th 2013- Recently, the post office branch of Jiling Customs, Nanjing detected over 6000 dried seahorses, weighing 10kg in a parcel from South Asia. According to the CITES and the Customs Law of China, the seahorse import/export is strictly limited. Now, the parcel has been detained. [Read More](#)

Dalian Customs seizes 15kg of smuggled shark fin



Customs.gov.cn, July 18th 2013- Recently, the airport office of Dalian Customs of Liaoning Province seized over 15kg of shark fin and 2.4kg of shark maw from inbound passengers. This is the biggest shark fin smuggling case yielded by Dalian Airport Customs. [Read More](#)

Hangzhou Customs detected live endangered species smuggling case



Customs.gov.cn, July 19th 2013- On July 17th, Hangzhou Customs released that they seized 229 smuggled *Ariocarpus fissuratus* III. This case was the first endangered live plant smuggling yielded by Zhejiang Province. In January, the post office branch of Hangzhou noticed a suspicious US parcel, named as “decoration”,

for its abnormal X-ray image. Later on, Hangzhou Customs arrested the principal criminals Yan and Liu in Hangzhou and Qingdao, and other 3 suspects in Shanghai, Nanjing and Xuzhou. Now, the case has been transferred to the Hangzhou People’s Procuratorate. [Read More](#)

HK grabs huge shipment of illegal ivory

People.com.cn, July 19th 2013- Hong Kong customs officers say they have made their biggest seizure of illegal ivory tusks in several years, confiscating more than two tons of elephant tusks worth an estimated \$2.25 million. Officials say that 1,148 pieces of ivory tusks were found in a container from Togo that was declared to be carrying shipping planks. [Read More](#)

Kunming Customs seizes 16 Black Bear Gall Bladders



Customs.gov.cn, July 19th 2013- Officers of Tengchong Customs affiliating to Kunming Customs said they had seized 16 black bear gall bladders on July 10th. That night, a truck entering through the Houqiao Port caught the eye of customs officers. When checking the truck, customs officers noticed a box of intact Burmese food that was placed under the windshield. Customs officers



opened it and found 16 black bear gall bladders and a hundred grams of pangolin scales. [Read More](#)

Over 10-year imprisonment for illegally trading ivory and other endangered species products

Sznews.com, July 25th 2013- Futian District People's Court sentenced the principal Shen to 10 years and three months in jail with a fine of CNY11,000 (USD1 784) for illegally trading ivory, Chinese yew and other endangered species products in Guangdong and Fujian provinces. [Read More](#)

Chinese arrested in Macau for smuggling tiger products



Chinaneews.com, July 26th 2013- On the morning of July 24th, the Macau Customs official interpreted an over 50-year-old Chinese passenger who carried 4 boxes of suspicious egg rolls. After opening the boxes, the officers discovered 78 tiger teeth (weighing 1 700g), 69 tiger claw nails (weighing 190g) and 8 bear gall bladders (weighing 300g), which were warped in tinfoil and

hidden in egg roll boxes. The passenger was from Indonesia to Hong Kong, and then transferred on ship to Macau. [Read More](#)

Gansu Inter-agency CITES Enforcement Coordination Group established

Eastday.com, July 26th 2013- Gansu Province Inter-agency CITES Enforcement Coordination Group was established on July 9th. The Coordination Group consists of Xi'an CITES Branch, Gansu Forestry Department, Agriculture Department, Public Security Department, Industry & Commerce Bureau, Lanzhou Customs and Inspection & Quarantine Bureau. The establishment of the Coordination Group will help to deal with issues of endangered species, meet enforcement challenges and jointly combat wildlife crime. [Read More](#)

Fangchenggang tackled 26 pangolins

Legaldaily.com.cn, July 26th 2013- Fangchenggang traffic police of Guangxi Province intercepted a yellow car who attempted to avoid the inspection nearby the Xiwan Bridge Toll Station in Gangkou District. The police discovered 26 live pangolins (2.5-3kg each) from the car. In the afternoon, the pangolins were transferred to the Fangchenggang Wildlife Rescue Center. [Read More](#)

Hengqin intercepts endangered agarwood

Cqn.com.cn, July 31st 2013- Recently, Hengqin Inspection and Quarantine Bureau of Zhuhai City discovered 3 sections of agarwood from an entry vehicle, weighing 0.95kg. The passenger claimed that he



purchased them in Indonesia and was about to take them back to China to produce beads. [Read More](#)

of the ecological significance of the endeavor”, said Yin Hong, deputy director of the State Forestry Administration of China. [Read More](#)

International tiger conference roars into life in Kunming

Greentimes.com, July 30th 2013- The 29th's Global Tiger Day was marked with the opening day of an international workshop on the trans-boundary conservation of tigers and other endangered species in Kunming, Yunnan Province. The workshop focuses on strategy for combating illegal wildlife trade, in an effort to boost global population recovery among endangered species. “Conservation of tigers, and the crackdown on both illegal trade and poaching, is part of the socioeconomic development in multiple countries. This needs joint international efforts and mutual awareness

China cracks down on over 700 cases of wildlife crime

Chinacourt.org, July 31st 2013- The authority at the International Workshop for Trans-boundary Conservation of Tigers and Other Endangered Species and the Strategy to Combat Illegal Trade in Wildlife released that a new crime has occurred in recent years. Criminal trade endangered species on Internet, which has drawn great attention of China’s Forest Police. Since last year, the national forest police have cracked down over 700 cases of online wildlife trade, punished 1031 criminals, broke 13 criminal gangs and confiscated over 130,000 wild animals, 2000 endangered species products and 147 pieces of pelts. [Read More](#)

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