



## China's Wildlife Enforcement News Digest (October 2012)

### Shenzhen Customs seized more than 300kg of pangolin scales



**Chinanews.com, October 9<sup>th</sup> 2012-** On the midnight of September 29<sup>th</sup>, the anti-smuggling patrol boat of Shenzhen Customs seized more than 310kg of pangolin scales and 90 boxes of electronic products. According to the suspects, the confiscations were planned to transport from Hong Kong to Mainland China. [Read more](#)

### 428 smuggled big-head turtles detected in Menghai



**Kunming.cn, October 12<sup>th</sup> 2012-** On the morning of October 10<sup>th</sup>, according to the intelligence, Menghai

forest police of Yunnan Province seized 428 big-head turtles in Menglong Port. These turtles were planned to send to downtown Jinghong for sale. Now, the suspect has been detained for smuggling endangered species. [Read more](#)

### 11 criminals were arrested for poaching endangered animals

**Legaldaily.com.cn, October 14<sup>th</sup> 2012-** A joint enforcement action by police in Hubei and Hunan provinces found that the suspects used electric nets to illegally trap endangered animals in the Shimen Forests near Wufenghouhe Nature Reserve on the border of the two provinces. A total of 17 bear paws, 5 bear gall bladders and more than 300 kg of bear meat, as well as musk deer skins and antelope corpses, were confiscated. Police has arrested 11 suspects for illegally hunting endangered animals. [Read more](#)

### 12 kg of pangolin scales were intercepted in Shenzhen



**Sina.com.cn, October 14<sup>th</sup> 2012-** On October 11<sup>th</sup>, Shenzhen Inspection & Quarantine Bureau detected a parcel coming from Pakistan with 12kg of pangolin scales, worth about CNY50, 000 (USD 8000). [Read more](#)

**Pangolins were intercepted in Guangzhou**

**Chinadaily.com.cn, October 17<sup>th</sup> 2012-** On early morning of May 8<sup>th</sup>, Guangzhou traffic police intercepted 2 pangolins and 21 pieces of pangolin scales under the copilot seat in a local car. Recently, the suspect has been prosecuted for illegally transporting endangered species. [Read more](#)

**Guangxi Border Police seized 15 monitor lizards and 20 marine turtles**

**Cqnews.net, October 17<sup>th</sup> 2012-** Recently, Fangchenggang Border Police intercepted a motorbike rider with 15 monitor lizards. The suspect admitted that he smuggled the animals from some Southeast

Asia country and planned to sell them to Guangzhou, Guangdong Province. In addition, Pingxiang Border Police of uncovered 20 marine turtle specimens from shipping bag without any official permission. [Watch the film](#)

**Hong Kong makes the largest ivory seizure worth HK\$3.4m**



**Hexun.com, October 21<sup>st</sup> 2012-** The Hong Kong customs officials said that more than 1200 ivory tusks - as well as ivory ornaments - worth about HK\$3.4m - had been discovered on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> in two separate containers from Kenya and Tanzania marked as "plastic scrap". The seizure followed a tip-off from Mainland Chinese police, who have since arrested seven people. Under Hong Kong's law, those guilty of trading in endangered species products would face up to two years in jail with a huge fine. [Read more](#)

**Eight bear paws were confiscated in Fangchenggang**



**Cnr.cn, October 18<sup>th</sup> 2012-** On the afternoon of October 17<sup>th</sup> 2012, the Highway polices uncovered eight bear paws during routine inspection at Qinfang Highway. Bear paws were hidden in a sack. The bear paws weighted 3 - 5kg and their length range from 30-50cm. Now, these bear paws have been transferred to relevant department. [Read more](#)

#### **Ivory products were intercepted in vacuum meat**

**Legaldaily.com.cn, October 23<sup>rd</sup> 2012-** On the evening of October 18<sup>th</sup>, Beijing airport custom officials seized 46 ivory bangles and 12 ivory seals in vacuum meat. The total weight of confiscated ivory is 8kg. The case is under further investigation. [Read more](#)

#### **Shenzhen Bay Customs seized 3 cases on smuggling endangered species products**

**Cnr.cn, October 24<sup>th</sup> 2012-** On September 26<sup>th</sup>, Shenzhen Bay Customs seized undeclared 159 Helmeted hornbill skulls, weighting 10kg, which is listed in CITES Appendix I. Later on 28<sup>th</sup>, Shenzhen Bay Port detected another wildlife smuggling case, which confiscated 32.6kg of animal skins, including 110 python skins, 4 crocodile skins, 13 items of Teju, 86 monitor lizard skins and 74 items of other snake skins. Another case took place on September 10<sup>th</sup>. The customs confiscated 22 sun bear claws. [Read more](#)

#### **Macao intercepted 22.5 kg of ivory from a Taiwanese passenger**

**People.com.cn, October 27<sup>th</sup> 2012-** Macao Customs released information that the Customs officials seized 864 items of ivory pieces, weighting 22.5kg from a Taiwanese passenger's luggage in Dangzai Wharf. According to the verification, the confiscation is worth about MOP170,000 (USD21,296). The official noticed abnormal items through X-ray; however, they were claimed as "blackwood". After the luggage was opened up, the passenger admitted that they were ivory. He carried them from Taiwan, transferred in



Hong Kong and the final destination is Mainland China.

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### **2 sailors were sentenced for smuggling ivories**

**Js.xinhuanet.com, October 29<sup>th</sup> 2012-** On March 18, 2012, according to the intelligence, Taizhou Customs, Jiangsu Province detected 2 sailors who was about to sell elephant tusks in Jingjiang port. After careful investigation, the two suspects Jiang and Yao admitted that they bought the tusks from Equatorial Guinea with USD2,350, and in order to avoid the punishment, they had already thrown the 2 tusks to Yangtze River. According to the verification, the tusks are worth CNY500,000(USD79,365). Currently, the suspect Yao has been sentenced to 3 years and 3 months in prison with a fine of CNY20,000 (USD 3000) and Jiang has been sentenced to 3 years in prison with a fine of CNY20,000 (USD 3000) by Taizhou intermediate people's court. [Read more](#)

### **Putian Forest Police confiscated endangered species**

**People.com.cn, October 31<sup>st</sup> 2012-** Recently, Putian Forest Police of Fujian Province received the intelligence that someone was transporting wildlife in Shenhai Highway. When the police intercepted the suspicious car in Putian East service area, however, the driver Lin escaped and left 6 monitor lizards and

37 snakes. Now, the case is under further investigation. [Read more](#)

### **Putian seized more than 400kg of ivory**

**Nhaidu.com, October 31<sup>st</sup> 2012-** On 12th September 2012, Putian Forest Police of Fujian Province was informed that a criminal gang planned to transport elephant tusks to Putian for process. After almost one-month investigation, on the afternoon of 9th October, the forest police confiscated 200 segments of raw ivory (370.4kg) and two carved elephant tusks (55.4kg) in Xianyou county, Putian City. The total weight of confiscated ivory is 425.8kg. So far, the case is under further investigation. [Read more](#)

### **Illegal trader was sentenced to 10.5 years for selling ivory**

**Jcrb.com, October 31<sup>st</sup> 2012-** Among the year from 1997-1998, the defendant Zhang sold 49kg of ivory, worth CNY2,041,683 (USD 300,000) by 4 times. On October 29<sup>th</sup>, Putian Court, Fujian Province sentence Zhang to 10.5 years in jail with a fine of CNY10, 000 (USD 1500) for illegally selling endangered species products. [Read more](#)

### **Fangchenggang Border Police confiscated 12 pangolins**



**People.com.cn, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012-** On early morning of October 31<sup>st</sup>, Fangchenggang Border Police of Guangxi Province noticed a MPV who attempt to avoid the inspection. The suspicious driver finally abandoned the car and escaped for being pursued. After carefully searching, the police uncovered 12 live pangolins hidden under the seat. Now, the case has been transferred to the local forestry department. [Read more](#)

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