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Guangzhou Customs Seized a Number of Stone Coral and Horned Helmet Products from Inbound Traveler Channel



News Release Date: 2 August 2021

Law enforcement authority: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs

Location: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

Detection method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: Two stony corals (*Scleractinia*), total weight about 1.2 kg, class II of National Protected Species/CITES II; Two horned helmets (*Cassis cornuta*), total weight about 2.2 kg, class II of National Protected Species

Way of Transport: Inbound passenger's luggage (packed under clothing stacked in the suitcase)

Country of Export: A Southeast Asian Country (country name was not specified)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress : Under further process

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Jinling Postal Customs Seized Ivory Carvings from Emergency Mail



News Release Date: 3 August 2021

Law enforcement authority: Jinling Postal Customs

Location: Jinling Post Office, Jiangsu Province

Detection method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: Suspected ivory carvings, gross weight 558 g, CITES I

Way of Transport: Inbound mail (declared as 'woodwork')

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Huanggang Customs Seized 203 Endangered Turtles from Outbound Freight Channel



News Release Date: 4 August 2021

Law enforcement authority: Huanggang Customs

Location: Cargo site, Huanggang Customs, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection method: Routine Inspection

Species: 25 yellow pond turtles (*Mauremys mutica*), Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II; 28 Amboina box turtles (*Cuora amboinensis*), CITES II; Eight Florida box turtles (*Terrapene carolina bauri*), CITES II; One Chinese stripe-necked turtle (*Mauremys sinensis*), Class II of National Protected Species/CITES III; 94 ringer map turtles (*Graptemys oculifera*), Class II of National Protected Species/CITES III; 47 common snapping turtles (*Chelydra serpentina*), CITES III; 510 snakes (Serpentiformes), 49 lizards (Lizard), four scorpions (Scorpionida), 36 spiders (Araneae)

Way of Transport: Cross-border export trucks (discarded from driver cab window)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: One

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Wenjindu Customs Seized 20 Stony Coral Products from Export Freight Channel



News Release Date: 4 August 2021

Law enforcement authority: Wenjindu Customs

Location: Export Freight Channel, Wenjindu Customs, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection method: Inspection

Species: 20 stony coral (Scleractinia) products, total weight 14.49 kg, Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II

Way of Transport: Export Chinese herbs

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Case has been handed over to Customs anti-smuggling Division for further process

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Huangdao Customs Seized 33 Giant Tritons



News Release Date: 9 August 2021

Law enforcement authority: Huangdao Customs

Location: Huangdao Port, Qingdao City, Shandong Province

Detection method: Routine Examination (machine inspection)

Species: 33 giant tritons (*Charonia tritonis*), Class II of National Protected Species

Way of Transport: Inbound cargo (hidden in a container of crystal stone imported by a company in Lianyungang, with a large number of rice shells covered on the top)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Guangzhou Customs Seized Endangered Stony Coral Products and Tridacnidae Products from Inbound Traveler Channel



News Release Date: 9 August 2021

Law enforcement authority: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs

Location: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

Detection method: Routine Examination (machine inspection)

Species: Four beads of Tridacnidae spp., six beads bracelets of Tridacnidae spp., total weight 1134 g, Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II; One stony coral (*Scleractinia*), 1566.6 g, Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II

Way of Transport: Inbound passenger's luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: Two

Case Progress: Under further process

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Tianjin Dongjiang Customs Seized 318 Ivory Piano Key Patches



News Release Date: 10 August 2021

Law enforcement authority: Tianjin Dongjiang Customs

Location: Tianjin Dongjiang Customs, Tianjin City

Detection method: On-site inspection

Species: 318 ivory piano key patches, 0.68 kg, CITES I

Way of Transport: Inbound cargo (a Tianjin company declared 28 imported old pianos, hidden in piano and among other piano key patches)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Goods have been handed over for further process

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Kunming Postal Customs Seized Ivory Products



News Release Date: 10 August 2021

Law enforcement authority: Kunming Postal Customs

Location: Kunming Post Office, Kunming City, Yunnan Province

Detection method: Routine Examination (CT machine)

Species: One ivory umbrella handle, one ivory stick, CITES I

Way of Transport: Mail (declared as 'Umbrella')

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Kunming Changshui Airport Seized 47.9 g of Ivory Products from Passenger's Carry-on Luggage



News Release Date: 11 August 2021

Law enforcement authority: Menglian Customs

Location: Menglian Port, Pu'er City, Yunnan Province

Detection method: Routine Examination

Species: Two ivory products, net weight 13.1 g, CITES I

Way of Transport: Inbound passenger's carry-on luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: One

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Menglian Customs Seized One Ivory Necklace



News Release Date: 11 August 2021

Law enforcement authority: Menglian Customs

Location: Menglian Port, Pu'er City, Yunnan Province

Detection method: Routine Examination

Species: One ivory necklace, 74.9 g, CITES I

Way of Transport: Inbound passenger's carry-on luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: One

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Luzhou Customs Seized Suspected Ivory Chopsticks and Other Ivory Products



News Release Date: 11 August 2021

Law enforcement authority: Luzhou Customs

Location: Luzhou Customs, Hefei City, Anhui Province

Detection method: Routine Examination (CT machine)

Species: Ivory chopsticks and other ivory products, 266.4 g, CITES I

Way of Transport: Inbound parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Items detained and handed over to relevant departments for further process

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Wenzhou Customs Seized Ivory Painting Scroll Heads



News Release Date: 11 August 2021

Law enforcement authority: Wenzhou Customs

Location: Wenzhou Customs, Wenzhou City, Zhejiang Province

Detection method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: Ivory scroll heads, 141 g, CITES I

Way of Transport: Inbound mail (declared as 'artworks')

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Luzhou Customs Seized Ivory Tusks and Ivory Products from Mail



News Release Date: 11 August 2021

Law enforcement authority: Luzhou Customs

Location: Luzhou Customs, Hefei City, Anhui Province

Detection method: Routine Examination

Species: Ivory tusk 273.4 g, ivory ornaments 94.6 g, CITES I

Way of Transport: Inbound mail

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Items detained and handed over to relevant departments for further process

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Luzhou Customs Seized Ivory Products from Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 20 August 2021

Law enforcement authority: Luzhou Customs

Location: Mail Supervision Site, Luzhou Customs, Hefei City, Anhui Province

Detection method: Routine Examination (CT machine)

Species: One ivory artifact, 70.4 g, CITES I

Way of Transport: Inbound mail

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Items detained and handed over to relevant departments for further process

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Waihai Customs Seized Three Ivory Products



News Release Date: 20 August 2021

Law enforcement authority: Waihai Customs

Location: Inbound Express Channel, Waihai Customs, Jiangmen City, Guangdong Province

Detection method: Routine Examination

Species: One ivory carving, 20.23 g; two ivory umbrella handles, CITES I

Way of Transport: Inbound express

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Nanchang Changbei Airport Customs Seized Two Batches of Ivory Products



News Release Date: 20 August 2021

Law enforcement authority: Nanchang Changbei Airport Customs

Location: Nanchang Changbei Airport, Nanchang City, Jiangxi Province

Detection method: Routine Examination (machine inspection)

Species: Three spherical ivory art crafts, one ivory ornaments, total weight 0.18 kg, CITES I

Way of Transport: Inbound mail (declared as 'biscuits' and 'china')

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Xi'an Postal Customs Seized Two Star Rocks from Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 27 August 2021

Law enforcement authority: Xi'an Postal Customs

Location: Xi'an Post Office, Xi'an City, Shaanxi Province

Detection method: On-site inspection

Species: Two star rocks (*Ariocarpus spp.*), CITES I

Way of Transport: Inbound parcel (declared as 'grocery')

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Relevant intelligence has been handed over to anti-smuggling division for further process

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Zhengzhou Customs Seized a Batch of Smuggled Ivory Products



News Release Date: 30 August 2021

Law enforcement authority: Zhengzhou Airport Customs

Location: Zhengzhou Airport, Zhengzhou City, Henan Province

Detection method: Routine Examination (machine inspection)

Species: Two suspected ivory beads bracelets and ivory bangles, total weight 60 g, CITES I

Way of Transport: Inbound passenger's luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: One

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Nanjing County Police Bureau Seized Nine Golden Chicken Ferns



News Release Date: 04 August 2021

Seizure Date: 22 June 2021

Law enforcement authority: Nanjing County Police Bureau

Location: A residential compound in Fengtian Village, Fengtian Township, Nanjing County, Zhangzhou City, Fujian Province

Detection method: Tip off

Species: Nine golden chicken ferns (*Cibotium barometz*), class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal logging, illegal sale (online trade)

Estimated Value: 6 plants are sold from 45 yuan to 65 yuan each

Number of Offenders: Two

Case Progress: Under further process

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Yunxiao Police Rescued 38 Wild Birds from Traders



News Release Date: 10 August 2021

Law enforcement authority: Yunxiao County Police Bureau Forest Police Brigade

Location: A shop on Yongying Road in Yunling Township, Yunxian County, Zhangzhou City, Fujian Province

Detection method: Investigation, control

Species: Chinese hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*) class II of National Protected Species, Cockatiel (*Nymphicus hollandicus*), Java sparrow (*Lonchura oryzivora*), crested myna (*Acridotheres cristatellus*), etc., a total of 38 wild birds

Reason for Seizure: Illegal sale

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: Suspect is under criminal compulsory measures

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Qionghai Police Destroyed a Gang Suspected of Harming Endangered Wildlife



News Release Date: 10 August 2021

Seizure Date: September 2020, 29 July 2021

Law enforcement authority: Qionghai Integrated Administrative Law Enforcement Bureau, Qionghai Police Bureau Tourism and Environmental Resources Police Brigade

Location: A rental house on Qiangtan Road in Tanmen Town, Qionghai City, Hainan Province; The factory rented by suspect, Xiatian Village, Jiu County, Tanmen Town, Qionghai City, Hainan Province; A factory building in Jiujipo Industrial Zone, Tanmen Town, Qionghai City, Hainan Province

Detection method: Investigation, analysis, On-site investigation

Species: About 105 tons of Tridacnidae shell and Tridacnidae products (*Tridacnidae spp.*), Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II; Including 70 giant clams (*Tridacna gigas*), Class I of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal transport, illegal processing, illegal trade

Estimated Value: The value of the 100 items involved is about 1.23 million CNY (70 giant clams, 30 Tridacnidae, total weight about 33 tons)

Number of Offenders: Seven

Case Progress: 7 suspects are under criminal detention, 2 are approved for arrest
Case is under further process

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Zhangjiakou Yuyuan Police Successfully Cracked Down a Case of Harming Endangered Wildlife



News Release Date: 11 August 2021

Law enforcement authority: Yuyuan Police Bureau Banlashan Checkpoint, Yuyuan Police Bureau Forest Police Brigade

Location: Banlashan checkpoint, Yuyuan County, Zhangjiakou City, Hebei Province

Detection method: On duty, investigation

Species: 80 live Mongolian Lark (*Melanocorypha mongolica*) nestlings, Class II of National Protected Species

Way of Transport: Minibus (put in trunk, license plate 'Jin B*****')

Reason for Seizure: Illegal transport, poaching, illegal sale

Number of Offenders: Four

Case Progress: Mongolian lark nestlings involved in the case have been officially handed over to Kangbao County Yi'ou Wildlife Conservation Association

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Shaanxi Province Forest Police Bureau Branch First Seized 100 kg of Pangolin Scales



News Release Date: 13 August 2021

Seizure Date: 1 August 2021

Law enforcement authority: Shaanxi Provincial Public Security Department Forest Public Security Bureau directly under the first branch

Location: Yang County, Hanzhong City, Shaanxi Province

Detection method: Intelligence, investigation

Species: Pangolin (*Manis spp.*) scales 100 kg, class I of National Protected Species/CITES I

Reason for Seizure: Illegal sale

Estimated Value: Transaction value is 180,000 CNY

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: Suspect is under criminal detention. Case is under further process.

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Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport Customs Seized Inbound Passengers Illegally Bringing Ivory Products



News Release Date: 15 August 2021

Law enforcement authority: Hebei Province Shijiazhuang City Qiaoxi Police Division Huan'an Brigade, Xinshi Police Station

Detection method: Patrol

Species: Five Pacific parrotlets (*Forpus coelestis*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal purchase, illegal sale

Number of Offenders: One

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Shijiazhuang City Public Security Bureau Circular Chemical Park Branch Successfully Cracked a Suspected Case of Harming Endangered Wildlife



News Release Date: 15 August 2021

Law enforcement authority: Shijiazhuang City Police Bureau Circular Chemical Park Branch

Location: Suspect's residence in Citcular Chemical Park, Shijianzhuang City, Hebei Province

Detection method: Tip off, intelligence

Species: 12 tortoises (*Testudinidae* spp.), three tortoise eggs, National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal trade and transportation

Number of Offenders: Two

Case Progress: Suspect is under criminal detention. Case is under further process.

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Zhuhai Police Cracked a Major Case of Smuggling Wild Animals

News Release Date: 16 August 2021

Seizure Date: 14 May 2020, 15 November 2020

Law enforcement authority: Zhuhai Police Bureau Anti-Smuggling Branch, Donguan Police Bureau Anti-Smuggling Branch, Shenzhen Police Bureau Anti-Smuggling Branch, Huizhou Police Bureau Anti-Smuggling Branch, Zhuhai Police Bureau, Anhui Province Haozhou City Police Bureau, Shenzhen Police Bureau

Location: Qi'ao Wharf, Gaoxin District, Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province; Haozhou City, Anhui Province, Shenzhen and Chaozhou City, Guangdong Province,

Detection method: Intelligence, investigation

Species: Nearly eight tons of pangolin (*Manis* spp.) scales, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I; 511 endangered birds

Way of Transport: Smuggled to Hong Kong, then smuggled to Shenzhen storage points through waterway transportation, delivered by express mail in mainland

Intermediate Region: Hong Kong

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Estimated Value: More than 400 million CNY

Number of Offenders: 33 (17 arrested in the first special operation; 16 arrested in the collective operation)

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Meizhou Police Bureau Forest Branch Continuously Cracked Seven Cases of Poaching, Illegal Trade and Transportation of Endangered Wildlife



News Release Date: 19 August 2021

Seizure Date: 31 May 2021, 3 June 2021

Law enforcement authority: Meizhou City Police Bureau Forest Branch, Meizhou City Wuhua County Police Bureau, Xingning City Police Bureau Forest Police Brigade and local Police Station

Location: Suspect's residence and shop, Wuhua County, Meizhou City, Guangdong Province; Suspect's shop, Xingning City, Guangdong Province

Detection method: Investigation

Species: 2666 live, dead and frozen masked palm civet, birds, Indian muntjac and others, total weight 1137 kg; Including two pangolins (*Manis spp.*), class I of National Protected Species/CITES I; One king cobra

(*Ophiophagus hannah*), class II of National Protected Species/CITES II; two yellow pond turtles (*Mauremys mutica*), class II of National Protected Species/CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Poaching, illegal purchase, illegal transport, illegal sale

Estimated Value: More than 1.7 million CNY

Number of Offenders: 16

Case Progress: Suspect is under criminal compulsory measures

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The Ecological Environment Food and Drug Crime Investigation Team of the Keshkten Police Bureau in Chifeng City, Inner Mongolia, Successfully Cracked a Case of Harming Endangered Wildlife



News Release Date: 23 August 2021

Seizure Date: 29 April 2021

Law enforcement authority: Keshkten Police Bureau Huanggangliang Forest Police Station

Location: Three km east of Nangouzu, Siyihao Village, Tongxing County, Keshkten, Inner Mongolia

Detection method: Tip off, investigation

Species: 47 red deer (*Cervus elaphus*) horns, Class II of National Protected Species

Way of Transport: Vehicle (sedan)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal trade

Estimated Value: 13280 CNY

Number of Offenders: Four

Case Progress: Case has been handed over to Keshketengqi People's Procuratorate for review and prosecution

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Guangzhou Zengcheng Police Cracked a Huge Case of Smuggling and Endangering Rare and Endangered Wild Animals



News Release Date: 25 August 2021

Seizure Date: 26 April 2021, 21 May 2021

Law enforcement authority: Guangzhou City Zengcheng Police

Location: Suspects's residence, Xintang County, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province; Suspects's residence, Huadu District, Xintang County, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

Detection method: Investigation

Species: Six ivory tusks, 91 ivory products, one ivory ring, one ivory pipe, 32 ivory chess pieces, CITES I; Four hawksbill sea turtle shell (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) specimens, one hawksbill sea turtle product, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I; Three giant clams (*Tridacna gigas*), Class I of National Protected Species; 36 tridacnidae (*Tridacnidae* spp.) products, Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II; One Perny's long-nosed squirrel (*Dremomys pernyi*) specimen, etc.

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling, illegal purchase (online transaction)

Estimated Value: 1.44 million CNY

Number of Offenders: Two

Case Progress: Two suspects have been arrested in accordance with the law. Case is under further process.

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Yanyuan Police Bureau Forest Police Brigade Cracked a Case of Endangering Rare and Endangered Wild Animals



News Release Date: 31 August 2021

Law enforcement authority: Sichuan Province Liangshan City Yanyuan County Police Bureau

Detection method: Special operation

Species: Giant pangolin (*Smutsia gigantea*) and African tree pangolin (*Manis tricuspis*) products, total weight 1087.5 kg; giant pangolin CITES II

Way of Transport: Logistics company consignment

Reason for Seizure: Illegal trade

Estimated Value: Transaction amount is 3.10505 million CNY

Number of Offenders: Four

Case Progress: Two suspects were transferred for prosecution, one suspect was dealt with as a separate case, one suspect not mentioned.

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Xinlong County People's Court sentenced a Case of Poaching



News Release Date: 6 August 2021

Sentence Date: 22 July 2021

Law enforcement authority: Xinlong County Police Bureau Forest Police Brigade, Criminal Police Brigade

Judicial authority: Xinlong County People's Court

Location: Luogu Township and Yulasi Township, Xinlong County, Ganzi Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan Province (crime scene)

Species: Four sambar deer (*Rusa unicolor*), class II of National Protected Species/CITES I

Reason for Seizure: Poaching

Number of Offenders: Three

Case Progress : Suspect 1 was sentenced to eight years in prison and fined 8,000 CNY.

Suspect 2 was sentenced to six years in prison and fined 4,000 CNY. Suspect 3 was sentenced to one year and six months in prison and fined 2,000 CNY.

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The Largest Endangered Wildlife Smuggling Case in Heilongjiang Province Was Sentenced by



News Release Date: 10 August 2021

Law enforcement authority: Hulin Customs Anti-Smuggling Bureau

Judicial authority: Heilongjiang Higher People's Court

Species: 1276 Saiga antelope horns (*Saiga tatarica L.*), Class II of National Protected Species; Two African ivory, CITES I; Sea cucumber 313.94 kg; 219 whale ivory (Cetacea); 344 walrus ivory (*Odobenus rosmarus*), CITES III; Four deer penis (Cervidae); 66 bear teeth (Ursidae), 43 bear bile, Class I of National Protected Species

Way of Transport: Inbound truck (hidden in concealed compartment)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Estimated Value: 106 million CNY

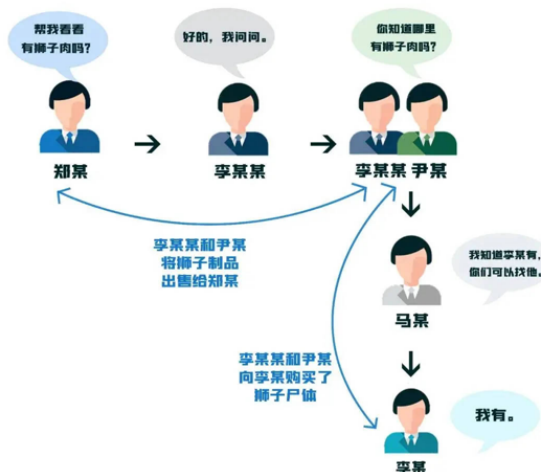
Number of Offenders: Four

Nationality: One Russian, others unspecified

Case Progress: The Russian suspect was sentenced to ten years and six months in prison, confiscated 200,000 CNY of personal property and fined 200,000 CNY. The other three were sentenced to seven years and six months in prison and fined 400,000 CNY each.

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Taizhou Wenling Issued the First Verdicts of the Case of Harming Endangered Wildlife



News Release Date: 26 August 2021

Law enforcement authority: Court

Judicial Authority: Police

Location: Suspect's residence and a market, Wenling City, Taizhou City, Zhejiang Province

Species: Four lion legs (*Panthera leo*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal purchase, illegal transport, illegal sale

Estimated Value: 30000 CNY

Number of Offenders: Seven

Case Progress: The five were sentenced to prison terms ranging from eight months to five years and six months, fined between 10,000 CNY and 80,000 CNY. Two suspects were dealt with as separate cases.

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Harbin Customs Anti-Smuggling Bureau's Comprehensive Control of Fighting Against Smuggling Along the Sino-Russian Border Railway Achieved Substantial Results



News Release Date: 6 August 2021

Law enforcement authority: Harbin Customs Anti-Smuggling Bureau

Case: Three cases of smuggling through the railway border between China and Russia have been processed since 2018. Nine cases of smuggling into the country via freight trains have been processed since 2021.

Species: Since 2018, seized 592 antelope horns (*Saiga tatarica L.*), Class II of National Protected Species; 209 pieces of tiger bones (*Panthera tigris*), Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I; many other endangered wildlife and their products. Since 2021, seized 63 red deer penis (*Cervus elaphus*), Class II of National Protected Species; 23051 packs of medication; sea cucumber 93.8 kg; 230 electronic cigarettes.

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Shenzhen Nanshan 'Hurricane 2021' Operation Cracked Eight Cases Involving Wildlife



News Release Date: 19 August 2021

Law enforcement authority: Nanshan Police,
Nanshan Forest Police and other departments

Case: Eight cases involving wild animals

Species: Four African spurred tortoises
(*Centrochelys sulcata*), CITES II; One yellow pond
turtle (*Mauremys mutica*), Class II of National
Protected Species/CITES II; One green-cheeked
Parakeet, Class II of National Protected
Species/CITES II; One green iguana (*Iguana
iguana*), CITES II; One Hermann's tortoise
(*Testudo hermanni*), CITES II; One yellow-footed
tortoise (*Geochelone denticulatus*), CITES II

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Hong Kong SAR

Hong Kong Customs seizes over five tonnes of suspected smuggled dried shark fins and dried guitarfish fins



Hong Kong Customs yesterday (August 12) seized a batch of suspected smuggled goods, including about 4 tonnes of dried shark fins and about 1.1 tonnes of suspected scheduled dried guitarfish fins of endangered species, with a total estimated market value of about \$3.4 million, from a container at the Kwai Chung Customhouse Cargo Examination Compound.

Through risk assessment, Customs officers selected a container arriving in Hong Kong from Democratic Republic of the Congo for inspection and found the batch of suspected smuggled dried shark fins and dried guitarfish fins.

Investigation is ongoing.

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Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected smuggled endangered Asian arowana fishes and stony corals



Hong Kong Customs yesterday (August 19) detected a suspected fishing vessel smuggling case in the waters off Fan Lau, Lantau Island. About 400 suspected scheduled live Asian arowana fishes, over 100 bags of suspected scheduled live stony corals and about 1700 frozen leopard coral groupers with an estimated market value of about \$1.82 million were seized. Three men were arrested in the case.

Customs officers spotted a suspicious fishing vessel heading west towards Mainland waters from the waters off Fan Lau last night. Immediate action was taken to intercept the fishing vessel for examination. The seizure, including the endangered Asian arowana fishes and stony corals, was made on board.

During the operation, Customs officers arrested three male crew members, aged between 45 and 64, and the fishing vessel has been detained for investigation.

Investigation is ongoing.

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