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## CHINA'S WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT NEWS DIGEST

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## Shanghai Customs Seized Cosmetics Containing Ingredients from Endangered Species



**News Release Date:** 7 September 2021  
**Law enforcement authority:** Shanghai Customs Anti-Smuggling Bureau  
**Location:** Shanghai  
**Detection Method:** Cargo Inspection  
**Species:** One batch of cosmetics containing sturgeon caviar extract (*Acipenser* spp.), CITES II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound cargo  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling  
**Case Progress:** The cargo was detained for further process. Shanghai Customs Anti-Smuggling Bureau has filed the case for investigation.

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## Kunming Postal Customs Seized Sika Deer Antler Products



**News Release Date:** 7 September 2021  
**Law enforcement authority:** Kunming Postal Customs  
**Location:** Kunming Post Office, Kunming City, Yunnan Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (machine inspection)  
**Species:** Ten sika deer antler crafts (*Cervus nippon*), Class I of National Protected Species  
**Transport Method:** Inbound mail (declared as 'toys')  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling  
**Case Progress:** The mail was temporarily detained.

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## Dongguan Customs Siezed 800 Export Caterpillar Fungus



**News Release Date:** 14 September 2021

**Law enforcement authority:** Dongguan Customs

**Location:** Dongguan Customs, Dongguan City, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (X-ray image is not consistent with the declaration)

**Species:** 800 caterpillar fungus (*Ophiocordyceps sinensis*), total weight 199.1 g, class II of National Protected Species

**Transport Method:** Outbound cargo (declared as 'men's top')

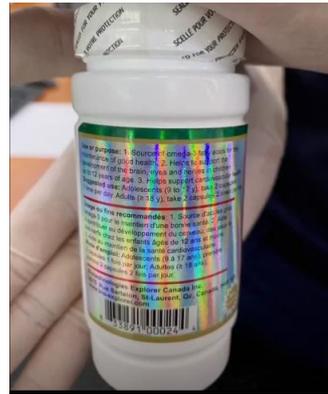
**Country of Export:** China

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** The cargo was temporarily detained for further process.

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## Xinzheng Customs Seized Seal Oil Capsules



**News Release Date:** 18 September 2021

**Law enforcement authority:** Xinzheng Customs

**Location:** Cross-Border e-Commerce Channels, Xinzheng Customs, Zhengzhou City, Henan Province

**Detection Method:** Inspection

**Species:** 5,547 harp seal oil capsules (*Pagophilus groenlandicus*), class II of National Protected Species

**Transport Method:** Inbound parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** Under further process according to relevant law.

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### Nanning Customs Handed over a Batch of Endangered Species and Their Products to Local Fishery Department



**News Release Date:** 19 September 2021  
**Transferal date:** 2 September 2021  
**Transferal authority:** Longbang Customs Anti-Smuggling Division  
**Recipient authority:** Guangxi Fishery Administration Team  
**Transferal content:** Thorny seahorses (*Hippocampus histrix*), CITES II; High-crowned seahorses (*Hippocampus coronatus*), CITES II  
 18,170 seahorses were handed over.

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### Nanning Customs Handed over a Batch of Endangered Species and Their Products to local Forestry Department



**News Release Date:** 19 September 2021  
**Transferal date:** 8 September 2021  
**Transferal authority:** Dongxing Customs  
**Recipient authority:** Guangxi Fangchenggang City Forestry Bureau  
**Transferal content:** 39.8 tons of rosewood (*Dalbergia cochinchinensis* Pierre), CITES II ; 1.6 tons of agarwood (*Aquilaria spp.*), CITES II ; 26.6 tons of golden chicken fern (*Cibotium barometz*), class II of National Protected Species

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## Shanghai Customs Seized Ivory Painting Scrolls



**News Release Date:** 20 September 2021

**Law enforcement authority:** Shanghai Pudong Airport Customs

**Location:** Shanghai Pudong International Airport, Shanghai

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** One painting using ivory as scrolls, CITES I

**Transport Method:** Inbound express

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** Shanghai Customs Anti-Smuggling Bureau has filed the case for investigation.

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## Luzhou Customs Seized Ivory Painting Scrolls



**News Release Date:** 20 September 2021

**Law enforcement authority:** Luzhou Customs

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

**Detection Method:** Risk warning, routine examination (X-ray)

**Species:** One ivory scrolls, two hanging paintings, CITES I

**Transport Method:** Inbound parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** Detained and handed over to relevant department for further process.

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## Wenzhou Customs Seized a Pair of Ivory Bangles



**News Release Date:** 20 September 2021

**Law enforcement authority:** Wenzhou Customs

**Location:** Wenzhou Customs, Wenzhou City, Zhejiang Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (machine inspection)

**Species:** One pair of ivory bangles, total weight 92 g, CITES I

**Transport Method:** Inbound mail

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Guangzhou Customs Cracked a Suspected Case of Smuggling Ivory Products



**News Release Date:** 27 September 2021

**Law enforcement authority:** Guangzhou Customs

**Location:** Inbound Mail Channels, Guangzhou Customs, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** Seven table wares with ivory handles, net weight 112 g, CITES I

**Transport Method:** Inbound mail

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Guangzhou Zhuhai Police Cracked a Significant Case of Smuggling Wild animals and Their Products



**News Release Date:** 1 September 2021

**Law enforcement authority:** Guangdong Zhuhai Police

**Location:** Storage site in Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province; hideout in Zhangzhu Village, Haozhou City, Anhui Province

**Detection Method:** Special Force Investigation

**Species:** Nearly eight tons of pangolin scales (*Manis spp.*), class I of National Protected Species/CITES I; live parrots (Psittaciformes) and a large number of live endangered wild birds and other wild animals

**Transport Method:** Smuggled into the country on water

Sent through logistics channels from Shenzhen to other cities

**Intermediate Country:** (Region) Shenzhen

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Estimated Value:** About 400 million CNY

**Number of Offenders:** 33

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## Kang County Police Bureau Forest Police Brigade Cracked a Number of Cases of Harming Nationally Protected Plants



**News Release Date:** 02 September 2021

**Seizure Date:** 28 March 2021

**Law enforcement authority:** Kang County Police Bureau Forest Police Brigade

**Location:** Suspect's home in Liaojiagou, Wangba Village, Kang County, Longnan City, Gansu Province; suspect's home in Dashuigou Village, Kang County, Longnan City, Gansu Province

**Detection Method:** Online patrol

**Species:** Seven Chinese yew (*Taxus chinensis*), class I of National Protected Species

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal logging

**Number of Offenders:** Two

**Case Progress:** Case is under further process.

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### Guangxi Fangchenggang City Seized 146 Suspected Smuggled Saiga Antelope Horns and Six Rhino Horn Bangles



**News Release Date:** 5 September 2021

**Law enforcement authority:** Guangxi Fangchenggang Border Management Branch Border Patrol Team

**Location:** The Border of Fangchenggang City, Guangxi Province

**Detection Method:** Patrol

**Species:** 146 saiga antelope horns (*Saiga tatarica*), class I of National Protected Species/CITES II; six rhino bangles (*Ceratotherium simum*), CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Estimated Value:** 2.96 million CNY

**Number of Offenders:** Two

**Case Progress:** Two suspects have been approved of arrest.

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### Hunan Province Shaoyang City Forest Police Bureau Cracked a Case of Suspected Harming Endangered Wildlife



**News Release Date:** 07 September 2021

**Law enforcement authority:** Hunan Province Shaoyang County Forest Police Bureau

**Location:** Laotang Reservoir in Xiangrong Village, Tiantang Township, Shaoyang County, Hunan Province

**Species:** 23 dead birds, including one class II of National Protected Species, fourteen protected species, eight unidentified species.

**Reason for Seizure:** Poaching

**Number of Offenders:** Four

**Case Progress:** Suspects are under criminal compulsory measures in accordance with the law. Case is under further examination.

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### Inner Mongolia Baotou City Kundulun District Police Cracked a Case of Illegal Sale of Wildlife Products



**News Release Date:** 8 September 2021

**Law enforcement authority:** Kundulun District Police Division Forest Police Brigade

**Location:** Near an Antique City in Baotou City, Inner Mongolia

**Detection Method:** Intelligence, investigation

**Species:** Nine wild animal products, including five Eurasian eagle-owl products (*Bubo bubo*), class II of National Protected Species/CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal trade (online illegal trade)

**Number of Offenders:** Two

**Case Progress:** Suspects are under criminal compulsory measures in accordance with the law.

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### Gansu Province Longnan City Cheng County Police Bureau Forest Police Brigade Successfully Cracked a Case of Poaching Wild Birds



**News Release Date:** 27 September 2021

**Law enforcement authority:** Gansu Province Longnan City Cheng County Police Bureau Forest Police Brigade

**Location:** Suspect's home in Diancun Town, Cheng County, Longnan City, Gansu Province

**Detection Method:** Intelligence, investigation

**Species:** 24 wild birds, including rosefinch (*Carpodacus spp.*), red-billed Leiothrix (*Leiothrix lutea*), oriental grosbeaks (*Eophona spp.*) and others. Red-billed Leiothrix is class II of National Protected Species/CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Poaching

**Number of Offenders:** Two

**Case Progress:** Case is under further investigation.

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## Shandong Province Tai'an City Dongping County Court Enforced a Case of Ecological Public Interest Law Case



**News Release Date:** 22 September 2021

**Judicial authority:** Dongping County People's Court

**Location:** Inside a river ditch on the south of suspect's land in Dongping County, Tai'an City, Shandong Province

**Species:** Five dead little owls (*Athene noctua*), class II of National Protected Species/CITES II ; four dead spotted doves (*Streptopelia chinensis*) ; one dead azure-winged magpie (*Cyanopica cyanus*) ; one dead large-billed crow (*Corvus macrorhynchos*)

**Reason for Seizure:** Poaching

**Number of Offenders:** One

**Case Progress:** Suspect was sentenced to four months in prison, with five months' probation, fined one thousand CNY and State ecological loss compensation of 76500 CNY, and apologize to the public on mainstream media at country level or above.

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## Court Judgement of a Case of Illegal Transporting Endangered Wildlife Products

**News Release Date:** 30 September 2021

**Law enforcement authority:** Ningming County Border Management Team Andian Town Nahe Duty Point

**Judicial authority:** Ningming County People's Court

**Location:** Nahe Duty Point, Aidian Town, Ningming County, Chongzuo City, Guangxi Province

**Species:** One lion skull (*Panthera leo*), class II of National Protected Species; 14,255 dried seahorses (*Hippocampus spp.*), class II of National Protected Species

**Way of Transport:** Sedan

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal transport

**Estimated Value:** 2,197,425 CNY

**Number of Offenders:** One

**Case Progress:** Suspect was sentenced to five years in prison, fined 50,000 CNY and public welfare compensation of 2,197,425 CNY.

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## Hong Kong SAR

### **Hong Kong Customs detects first case of smuggling suspected scheduled fresh totoaba fish maw this year**



Hong Kong Customs yesterday (September 20) seized about 46 kilograms of suspected scheduled fresh totoaba fish maws, with an estimated market value of about \$7.4 million, at Hong Kong International Airport. This is the first smuggling case involving scheduled fresh totoaba fish maw detected by Customs this year.

Through risk assessment, Customs officers yesterday inspected an air consignment, declared to be carrying frozen fish fillets, arriving in Hong Kong from Mexico. Upon inspection, Customs officers found the batch of suspected scheduled fresh Totoaba macdonaldi fish maws mix-loaded with non-scheduled frozen fish fillets inside three cartons. A 58-year-old man suspected to be connected with the case was arrested.

Investigation is ongoing.

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