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## CHINA'S WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT NEWS DIGEST

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## Yiwu Customs Seized Nearly 5 Kg of Ivory Painting Scroll Heads



**News Release Date:** 05 October 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Yiwu Customs

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

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (X-ray)

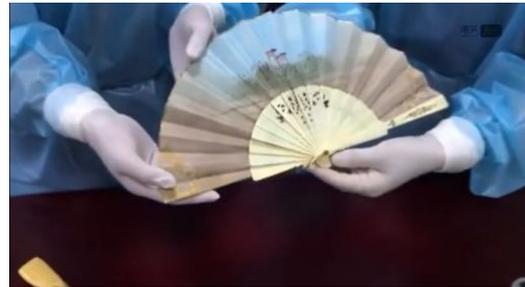
**Species:** 257 ivory painting scroll heads, total weight 4.95 kg, CITES I; two rosewood (*Dalbergia spp.*) painting scroll heads, CITES II; two sika deer (*Cervus nippon*) antler painting scroll heads, class I of National Protected Species

**Transport Method:** Inbound parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Luzhou Customs Seized Ivory Folding Fan



**News Release Date:** 05 October 2021

**Seizure Date:** 27 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 folding fan, CITES I

**Transport Method:** Inbound parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** Item was detained and handed over to relevant departments for further process

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## Kunming Changshui Airport Customs Seized Ivory Products



**News Release Date:** 05 October 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Kunming Changshui Airport Customs

**Location:** Inbound Traveler Inspection Site, Kunming Changshui Airport, Kunming City, Yunnan Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** Three ivory products, weight 18.1 g, CITES I

**Transport Method:** Inbound passenger's carry-on luggage (undeclared)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Zhanjiang Customs Seized Ivory and Red Coral Products



**News Release Date:** 05 October 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Zhanjiang Airport Customs

**Location:** Zhanjiang Airport, Zhanjiang City, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

**Species:** Two ivory products, net weight 27.9 g, CITES I; one red coral product, net weight 0.9 g, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES III

**Way of Transport:** Inbound parcel (declared as 'silver plated necklace')

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Aidian Customs Seized *Euchresta Japonica*



**News Release Date:** 08 October 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Aidian Customs

**Location:** Daidian Customs, Aidian Town, Ningming County, Chongzuo City, Guangxi Province

**Detection Method:** Risk Warning

**Species:** Two bags of *Euchresta japonica*, total weight 120 kg, Class II of National Protected Species

**Transport Method:** Outbound goods

**Country of Export:** China

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Dalian Customs Cracked a Case of Smuggling Suspected Red Coral Products



**News Release Date:** 13 October 2021

**Seizure Date:** 08 October 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Dalian Harbour Customs

**Location:** Dalian Port Customs, Dalian City, Liaoning Province

**Detection Method:** Manual Inspection

**Species:** Coral beads bracelets and brooches, net weight 65 g, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES III

**Transport Method:** Inbound parcel (declared as 'Porcelain ornaments')

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Luzhou Customs Seized Cactuses



**News Release Date:** 13 October 2021

**Seizure Date:** 28 September 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Luzhou Customs

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

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** Cactuses (*Echinopsis* spp.), CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Wuhan Customs Seized Python Leather Skin Erhu and Sanruanqin



**News Release Date:** 14 October 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Wuhan Customs

**Location:** Inbound Express Supervision Channels, Wuhan Customs, Wuhan City, Hubei Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (X-ray)

**Species:** Two Burmese python skin Erhu (*Python bivittatus*), one Burmese python skin Sanruanqin, Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound express

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Dapeng Customs Seized Manchurian Ash TV Cabinet



**News Release Date:** 20 October 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Dapeng Customs

**Location:** Dapeng Customs, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Inspection

**Species:** 16 sets of Manchurian ash (*Fraxinus mandshurica*) TV cabinet, Class II of National Protected Species

**Transport Method:** Outbound goods (declared as 'TV cabinet')

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** Handed over to other departments for further process

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## Kunming Customs Seized a Batch of Suspected Smuggled Dried Seahorses



**News Release Date:** 25 October 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Wanding Customs

**Location:** Wanding Customs, Kunming City, Yunnan Province

**Detection Method:** Inspection

**Species:** 4381 dried seahorses (*Hippocampus spp.*), weight 34.4 kg, including hedgehog seahorses (*Hippocampus spinosissimus*), flat-faced seahorses (*Hippocampus trimaculatus*), spiny seahorses (*Hippocampus hystrix*), great seahorses (*Hippocampus kelloggi*), Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound goods (declared as 'onions', concealed in four hidden white woven bags)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Shanghai Customs Seized Four Corals



**News Release Date:** 27 October 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shanghai  
Waigaoqiao Port Customs

**Location:** Shanghai Waigaoqiao Port Customs,  
Shanghai

**Detection Method:** Inspection

**Species:** One cauliflower coral (*Pocillopora damicornis*), weight 256.6 g, CITES II  
Three *Acropora armata* (*Acropora armata*), weight  
587.1 g, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound crew member's  
luggage

**Country of Export:** Philippines

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Nationality:** Chinese

**Case Progress:** Shanghai Customs  
Anti-Smuggling Division filed the case for  
investigation

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## Wuhan Postal Customs Seized Ivory Mahjong



**News Release Date:** 27 October 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Wuhan Postal  
Customs

**Location:** Wuhan Postal Customs, Wuhan City,  
Hubei Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (X-ray)

**Species:** One set of ivory mahjong, weight 1809.8 g,  
CITES I

**Transport Method:** Inbound parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** Item was detained and handed  
over to relevant departments for further process

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## Luzhou Customs Seized Ivory Cigarette Holders, Ivory Earrings and Other Ivory Products



**News Release Date:** 30 October 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Luzhou Customs

**Location:** Luzhou Customs, Hefei City, Anhui Province

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

**Species:** One pair of ivory earrings, one ivory cigarette holder, five ivory crafts, CITES I

**Transport Method:** Inbound parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** Item was detained and handed over to relevant departments for further process

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## Tianjin Postal Customs Seized Ivory Seals



**News Release Date:** 30 October 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Tianjin Postal Customs

**Location:** Tianjin Postal Customs, Tianjin City

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** One ivory seal, weight about 33 g, CITES I

**Transport Method:** Inbound parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** The parcel was temporarily detained for further process

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## Luzhou Customs Seized Ivory Fan



**News Release Date:** 30 October 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Luzhou Customs

**Location:** Luzhou Customs, Hefei City, Anhui Province

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

**Species:** One ivory fan, CITES I

**Transport Method:** Inbound parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** Item was detained and handed over to relevant departments for further process

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## Hengqin Customs Seized Ivory Products



**News Release Date:** 30 October 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Hengqin Customs

**Location:** Hengqin Customs, Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** Three batches of ivory products, including beads bracelets, pendants, rings and others, CITES I

**Transport Method:** Outbound item

**Country of Export:** China

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** Item was detained according to relevant regulations for further process

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## Luzhou Customs Seized Ivory Made Paintings



**News Release Date:** 30 October 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Luzhou Customs

**Location:** Luzhou Customs, Hefei City, Anhui Province

**Detection Method:** Risk Warning, Routine Examination (X-ray)

**Species:** Two ivory hanging paintings, CITES I

**Transport Method:** Inbound parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** Item was detained and handed over to relevant departments for further process

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## Guangzhou Customs Continuously Seized 14 Ivory Products



**News Release Date:** 30 October 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Customs

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

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** 14 ivory products, net weight 321.8 g, CITES I

**Transport Method:** Inbound mail

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** Further process has been made.

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## Guangxi Pingguo City Police Bureau Cracked a Significant Case of Harming Nationally Protected Wild Plants



**News Release Date:** 8 October 2021

**Seizure Date:** 1 September 2021 (arrest date)

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Pingguo City Police Bureau Forest Police

**Location:** A stone mountain near a natural village in Matou Town, Pingguo City, Guangxi Province (crime scene)

**Detection Method:** Tip off

**Species:** 57 dwarf cycad (*Cycas sexseminifera*), Class I of National Protected Species/CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal harvest and sale

**Number of Offenders:** One

**Case Progress:** The suspect was arrested according to the law.

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## Forest Police of Ruzhou City, Henan Province Seized 26 Suspected Hwamei and Other Birds



**News Release Date:** 20 October 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Forest Police of Ruzhou City, Henan Province

**Location:** Suspect owned tobacco and liquor store, Ruzhou City, Henan Province

**Detection Method:** Tip off

**Species:** 26 suspected Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*) and other birds, class II of National Protected Species

**Reason for Seizure:** Poaching, illegal purchase, breeding and sale

**Number of Offenders:** Six

**Case Progress:** Suspects were under criminal compulsory measures according to the law

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## Fangchenggang Seized 1200 Suspected Smuggled Live Siamese Crocodiles



**News Release Date:** 23 October 2021

**Seizure Date:** 23 October 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Fangchenggang Border Management Branch Dongxing Border Control Team

**Location:** A abandoned residence near Datian Village, Malu Town, Dongxing City, Fangchenggang City, Guangxi Province

**Detection Method:** Patrol

**Species:** 146 boxes/more than 1200 Siamese crocodiles (*Crocodylus siamensis*), CITES I

**Reason for Seizure:** Suspected smuggling

**Case Progress:** Crocodiles were handed over to Dongxing City Forest Police for further investigation.

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## Xincheng District Police Division Environmental Food and Drug Investigation Brigade Cracked a Case of Illegal Purchase and Transportation of Terrestrial Wildlife



**News Release Date:** 27 October 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Xincheng District Environmental Food and Drug Investigation Brigade

**Location:** A village resident's house at Genghis Khan Street Office, Xincheng District, Hohhot, Inner Mongolia

**Detection Method:** Investigation

**Species:** Six suspected Siberian rubythroats (*Calliope calliope*), Class II of National Protected Species; five suspected bluethroats (*Luscinia svecica*), Class II of National Protected Species; one suspected Japanese grosbeak (*Eophona personata*)

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal purchase and transportation

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

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## Sichuan Aba Police Investigated a Case on Poaching Two Alpine Musk Deer



**News Release Date:** 28 October 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Aba County Forest Police Brigade

**Location:** Xiamarong Village, Kehexiang, Aba County, Sichuan Province

**Detection Method:** Tip off

**Species:** Two alpine musk deer (*Moschus chrysogaster*), Class I of National Protected Species

**Reason for Seizure:** Poaching

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

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## Jiangsu Taizhou Jiangyan Police Confiscated Over 1000 Animal Products



**News Release Date:** 29 October 2021

**Seizure Date:** 25 April 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Tianmushan Police Station, Jiangyan Division of Taizhou Public Security Bureau

**Location:** Suspect's home in Jiangyan District, Taizhou City, Jiangsu Province; Shandong Province, Zhejiang Province, Nantong City in Jiangsu Province, Sichuan and Other Places (arrest location)

**Detection Method:** Intelligence, investigation

**Species:** More than 1000 wildlife products, including Eurasian lynx (*Lynx lynx*) Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II, leopards (*Panthera pardus*) Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I, snow leopards (*Panthera uncia*) Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I, Himalayan black bears (*Ursus thibetanus*) Class II of National Protected Species/CITES I, oriental white storks (*Ciconia boyciana*) Class I of National Protected Species, and a large number of other Class I and Class II of National Protected Species' body parts

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal purchase and sale

**Estimated Value:** More than 100 million CNY

**Number of Offenders:** Five

**Nationality:** Chinese

**Case Progress:** Suspects were under criminal compulsory measures, and the case is under further investigation .

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## Langao County Police Bureau Filed a Case of Harming Rare and Endangered Wildlife



**News Release Date:** 29 October 2021

**Seizure Date:** 13 October 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Hengxi Forest Police Station, Langao County Police Bureau

**Location:** A woodland in Shimen Town, Langao County, Ankang City, Shaanxi Province

**Detection Method:** Patrol

**Species:** 102 Wushan salamanders (*Liu shihi*), Class II of National Protected Species

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal fishing

**Number of Offenders:** Four

**Case Progress:** Suspects were under criminal detention and the case is under further investigation.

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## Ningming County Court Judged a Case of Illegal Transportation of Rare and Endangered Wild Animal

**News Release Date:** 10 October 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Ningming County Border Management Brigade Aidian County Nahe Duty Point

**Judicial authority:** Ningming People's Procuratorate, Court

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

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** One lion skull (*Panthera leo*)  
Lion, CITES II; 14,255 dried seahorses (*Hippocampus spp.*), CITES II

**Way of Transport:** Buick Sedan

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal transportation

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

**Number of Offenders:** One

**Case Progress:** The suspect was sentenced to five years in prison and fined 50,000 CNY and the additional 2,197,425 CNY for public welfare compensation.

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### Jiange County People's Procuratorate Supervised an Administrative Public Interest Litigation Case of Protecting Chinese Weeping Cypress

**News Release Date:** 12 October 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Jiange County Police Bureau, Sichuan Province

**Judicial Authority:** Ningming County Procuratorate, Sichuan Province

**Location:** Qibai Mountain, Qibai Village, Muma Town, Jiange County, Guangyuan City, Sichuan Province

**Species:** Two Chinese weeping cypress (*Cupressus funebris*), Class II of National Protected Species

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal logging

**Estimated Value:** 231,600 CNY

**Number of Offenders:** One

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### Qingdao Peoples' Procuratorate Litigated a Case on Illegal Sale and Purchase of Rare and Endangered Wildlife and Products

**News Release Date:** 12 October 2021

**Sentence Date:** 29 January 2021

**Judicial Authority:** Qingdao People's Procuratorate, Qingdao Intermediate People's Court

**Location:** An art appreciation center in Laoshan District, Qingdao City, Shandong Province

**Species:** One pangolin (*Manis spp.*), Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I; one brown bear (*Ursus arctos*), Class II of National Protected Species/CITES I; three monocled cobras (*Naja kaouthia*), National Protected Species of

Important Ecological, Scientific and Social Value

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal sale and purchase

**Case Progress:** The art center was fined by 1,089,000 CNY and a public apology on the national media

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## Yinchuan Railway Court Heard a Case of Harming Rare and Endangered Wild Animal



**News Release Date:** 22 October 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Yinchuan Police

**Judicial Authority:** Yinchuan Railway Court, Yinchuan Railway Procuratorate

**Location:** Xingqing District, Yinchuan City, Ningxia Province

**Species:** Ivory products, including three beads, two tiles, two cups, 35 bangles, two tusks, 12 pairs of chopsticks, weight 1.008 kg, CITES I

**Way of Transport:** Express; drive

**Country of Export:** Vietnam

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal purchase and transport

**Estimated Value:** 42,019 CNY

**Number of Offenders:** three (one Vietnamese, at large)

**Case Progress:** The trial was held and the sentence will be made later

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## Review on China Customs Investigated Cases



**News Release Date:** 09 October 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** China Customs

**Case:** From January 2019 to September 2021, China Customs investigated 923 cases involving smugglings of endangered wild animals and plants and their products

**Species:** 1552.7 tons of endangered wild animals, plants and their products

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## Hong Kong SAR

### **Hong Kong customs makes largest-ever seizure of shark fins by value**



Nearly 10 tonnes of shark fins were seized as part of a record HK\$210 million (US\$27 million) haul of luxury goods, including handbags from Hermes, Louis Vuitton and Gucci, and endangered wildlife products destined for mainland China, customs officials said on 6 October 2021.

The 9.7 tonnes of fins, valued at HK\$110 million on their own, were removed from some 15,000 animals, including endangered thresher sharks. The haul was the biggest-ever seizure of shark fins by value, according to Senior Superintendent Mark Woo Wai-kwan, of customs' syndicate crimes investigation bureau.

Customs officers made their largest shark fin seizure in terms of quantity in May last year, finding 26 tonnes taken from 38,500 endangered sharks in two shipping containers from Ecuador, though that haul was worth only a fraction of the price – HK\$8.6 million.

Woo said the latest bust, which took place on September 24, comprised higher-value fins worth an average of HK\$11,000 per kilogram.

Aside from that seizure, customs officers had already confiscated 362 tonnes of endangered flora and fauna – including red sandalwood, ginseng and totoaba fish – in 207 cases over the first nine months of the year, up nearly 60 per cent from 230 tonnes in 2020's 221 cases.

The senior superintendent said an investigation suggested the shark fins, endangered plants, fruit and other luxury goods in the latest bust had been sourced from around the world by a triad-controlled smuggling gang, then stored in a warehouse off Lung Kwu Tan Road in Tuen Mun while awaiting shipment to mainland China by speedboat.

In the warehouse raid last month, customs officers arrested a 34-year-old man on suspicion of attempting to export unmanifested cargo and possession of endangered species without a licence. He was released on bail pending further investigation.

In addition to the 9.7 tonnes of shark fin, the haul also included 2.2 tonnes of other high-value foodstuffs, such as bird's nest, dried fish maw and abalone, worth HK\$74 million.

Woo said they also seized dozens of endangered plants – mostly cactuses – and some originated from Mexico.

Describing the gang as cautious and “well-organised”, his colleague, assistant Superintendent Herman Lui Siu-fai, said it had carried out air, land and sea counter-surveillance with the use of drones in an attempt to evade capture. Intelligence indicated the HK\$210 million consignment was to be smuggled across the border on the day of the raid, according to Woo.

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### Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected scheduled red sandalwood



On 7 October 2021, Hong Kong Customs seized about 3 186 kilograms of suspected scheduled red sandalwood, with an estimated market value of about \$2.16 million, at Hong Kong International Airport.

Through risk assessment, Customs officers inspected an air consignment, declared to be carrying furniture parts, arriving in Hong Kong from Dubai. Upon inspection, Customs officers found the batch of suspected scheduled red sandalwood inside two large wooden boxes.

The case was handed over to the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department for follow-up investigation.

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