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Shenzhen Bao'An Airport Customs Seized 17 Nautilus, Triton's Trumpet, Ivory, Crocodile Skin and Other Animal Products



News Release Date: 1 December 2021
Law Enforcement Authority: Shenzhen Bao'An Airport Customs
Location: Inbound Passenger Inspection Channel, Shenzhen Bao'An Airport, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Examination
Species: 17 Nautilus (*Nautilus pompilius*), Triton's trumpet (*Charonia tritonis*), ivory, crocodile skin (*Crocodylia*) and other animal products, total weight 4.712 kg, including 0.208 kg of Nautilus. Nautilus Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I, Triton's trumpet Class II of National Protected Species, elephant Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II
Transport Method: Carried by inbound passenger
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Case Progress: Confiscations have been processed by relevant Customs department.

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Dongxing Customs Handed Over 305.97 kg of Ivory and Other Endangered Species Products to the Local Forest Department



News Release Date: 2 December 2021
Transferal Date: 23 November 2021
Transferal Authority: Dongxing Customs
Recipient Authority: Fangchenggang Forestry Bureau
Transferal Content: 153 ivory tusk, six ivory products, total weight more than 302.48 kg; 2.75 kg of pangolin scales (*Manis* spp.), rhino horns (*Rhinocerotidae*) and others. Elephant Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II, pangolin Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I, rhino, CITES I/II.

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Dapeng Customs Seized Guitars Made from Endangered Timber Species



News Release Date: 3 December 2021
Law Enforcement Authority: Dapeng Customs
Location: Yantian Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Inspection
Species: 40 guitars made from Burmese Blackwood (*Dalbergia cultrata*), Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II
Transport Method: Export goods
Country of Export: China
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Case Progress: Items have been handed over to the relevant department for further process.

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Guangzhou Customs Seized Three Batches of Red Sandalwood Products



News Release Date: 6 December 2021
Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs
Location: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Cargo Channel, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Risk Control instruction, Routine Examination (X-ray)
Species: Small beads and wooden blocks made from red sandalwood (*Pterocarpus santalinus*), a total of nine boxes, total weight about 210 kg, CITES II
Transport Method: Imported goods (declared as "wooden balls", "wooden brackets")
Country of Export: Southeast Asia
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Case Progress: Items have been under further process.

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Qingdao Customs Anti-Smuggling Bureau Seized Six Saiga Antelope Horns and Products



News Release Date: 6 December 2021
Law Enforcement Authority: Qingdao Customs Anti-Smuggling Bureau
Location: Qingdao City, Shandong Province
Species: 6 Saiga antelope horns (*Saiga tatarica*) and products, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES II
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: One
Case Progress: Case is filed for further investigation.

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Yangshan Customs Seized Pianos wutg Ivory Keys



News Release Date: 9 December 2021
Seizure Date: 8 December 2021
Law Enforcement Authority: Yangshan Customs
Location: Yangshan Customs, Shanghai City
Detection Method: Unpacking inspection
Species: 218.6 g of ivory piano patches, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II
Transport Method: Imported old pianos
Country of Export: Europe
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Pingxiang Customs Handed Over 54.469 kg of Ivory Tusk and Products to the Local Forest Department



News Release Date: 10 December 2021
Transferal Authority: Pingxiang Customs, Guangxi Province
Recipient Authority: Local forest department
Transferal Content: 386 ivory and ivory products, total weight 54.469 kg. Including 379 ivory tusk segments, 54.07 kg; four ivory bangles, 0.34 kg; other three ivory products, 0.059 kg; Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II

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Luzhou Customs Seized Ivory Painting Scrolls from Postal Channel



News Release Date: 10 December 2021
Law Enforcement Authority: Luzhou Customs
Location: Luzhou Customs, Hefei City, Anhui Province
Detection Method: Risk warning, routine examination (CT machine)
Species: One ivory painting scroll, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound parcel
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Case Progress: Item has been detained and handed over to relevant department for further process

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Nanning Postal Customs Seized Ivory Products



News Release Date: 10 December 2021
Law Enforcement Authority: Nanning Postal Customs
Location: Nanning Post Office, Nanning City, Guangxi Province
Detection Method: Risk instruction tips, routine examination (CT machine)
Species: Six small ivory carvings, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound mail (declared as "book carvings, small wood carvings")
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Wuhan Postal Customs Seized Ivory Painting Scroll Head



News Release Date: 10 December 2021
Law Enforcement Authority: Wuhan Postal Customs
Location: Wuhan Post Office, Wuhan City, Hubei Province
Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)
Species: Ivory painting scroll head, about 42.3 g, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound parcel (Item not declared)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Case Progress: Item has been detained and handed over to relevant department for further process.

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Chengdu Shuangliu Airport Customs Seized Ivory Tusk from Inbound Passenger Inspection Channel



News Release Date: 10 December 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Chengdu Shuangliu Airport Customs

Location: Chengdu Shuangliu Airport Inbound Passenger Inspection Channel, Chengdu City, Sichuan Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: One ivory tusk tip, net weight 980 g, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I

Transport Method: Carried by inbound passenger

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Item is under further process.

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Dapeng Customs Seized Fat Choy



News Release Date: 12 December 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Dapeng Customs

Location: Yantian Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Inspection

Species: Fat choy (*Nostoc flagelliforme*), 100 kg, Class I of National Protected Species

Transport Method: Export goods (undeclared, hidden in other export food)

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Item has been processed by the relevant Customs department.

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Jinan Postal Customs Seized Hawksbill Sea Turtle Products from Inbound Mail



News Release Date: 16 December 2021
Law Enforcement Authority: Jinan Postal Customs
Location: Jinan Post Office, Jinan City, Shandong Province
Detection Method: Inspection
Species: Four hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) made ornaments, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I
Transport Method: Inbound mail (declared as "rock")
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Pudong Airport Customs Seized Two Cases of Smuggling Ivory (1)



News Release Date: 20 December 2021
Law Enforcement Authority: Pudong Airport Customs
Location: Shanghai Pudong Airport T2 Arrival Hall, Shanghai City
Detection Method: Advanced machine inspection
Species: Two ivory pendants, three ivory bead bracelet, three small ivory carvings and 8 ivory bangles, a total of 16 pieces, total weight 470.1 g, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound passenger's check-in luggage (put in shoes or hidden in milk powder)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: One

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Pudong Airport Customs Seized Two Cases of Smuggling Ivory (2)



News Release Date: 20 December 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Pudong Airport Customs

Location: Shanghai Pudong Airport, Shanghai City

Detection Method: Advanced machine inspection

Species: One ivory product, net weight 123.1 g, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound passenger's luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: One

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Nanning Customs Anti-Smuggling Bureau Cracked a Case of Smuggling Crocodile Skin and Other Groceries



News Release Date: 22 December 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Nanning Customs Anti-Smuggling Bureau Pinxiang Customs Anti-Smuggling Branch

Location: A Courier warehouse and railway station platform near Pingxiang City Railway Station, Chongzuo City, Guangxi Province

Species: 1,767 Siamese crocodile skin (*Crocodylus siamensis*), CITES I

Transport Method: Smuggled into the country through non-checking point, changed the packaging and disguised as common goods and then transported to mainland by train logistics

Country of Export: Vietnam

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: Seven

Case Progress: Case is under further investigation.

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Jinan Postal Customs Seized Two Sika Deer Horns from Inbound Mail



News Release Date: 23 December 2021
Law Enforcement Authority: Jinan Postal Customs
Location: Jinan Post Office, Jinan City, Shandong Province
Detection Method: Inspection
Species: Two sika deer horns (*Cervus nippon*), Class I of National Protected Species
Transport Method: Inbound mail
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Tianjin Customs Seized Live Stony Corals



News Release Date: 23 December 2021
Law Enforcement Authority: Tianjin Customs Anti-Smuggling Bureau
Location: Tianjin City
Detection Method: Special taskforce operation
Species: 2,392 stony corals (*Scleractinia* spp.), 2313 of which are live, about 210 kg, Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: Eight

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Qingdao Postal Customs Seized Five Endangered Butterfly Specimens from Three Inbound Mails



News Release Date: 23 December 2021
Law Enforcement Authority: Qingdao Postal Customs
Location: Qingdao Post Office, Qingdao City, Shandong Province
Detection Method: Routine Examination (machine inspection)
Species: One Goliath birdwing (*Ornithoptera goliath*), CITES II; two Priam's blue birdwings (*Ornithoptera urvillianus*), CITES II; two common green birdwing (*Ornithoptera priamus*), CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound mail (three mails, one of which contains a butterfly specimen sandwiched in white paper wrapped in a cotton pad and placed in a plastic box filled with newspaper)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Changsha Customs Seized Ivory Cigarette Holders and Ivory Pendant



News Release Date: 23 December 2021
Law Enforcement Authority: Changsha Postal Customs
Location: Changsha Post Office, Changsha City, Hunan Province
Detection Method: Routine Examination
Species: One ivory cigarette holder, 46.8 g; one ivory pendant, 37g. Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound mail
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Case Progress: Items have been temporarily detained according to the law.

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Dandong Customs Seized Two Ivory Products from Inbound Postal Channel



News Release Date: 23 December 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Dandong Customs

Location: Dandong Customs Inbound Postal Channel, Dandong City, Liaoning Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: One ivory bead bracelet, 20 beads; one rose pattern ivory brooch. Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Luzhou Customs Seized Ivory Painting Scrolls from Postal Channel



News Release Date: 23 December 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Luzhou Customs

Location: Luzhou Customs, Hefei City, Anhui Province

Detection Method: Risk warning, routine examination (CT machine)

Species: One ivory painting scroll, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Item has been detained and handed over to relevant department for further process.

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Huanggang Customs Seized 130 Tropical Pitchers and 30 Trumpet Pitchers from Inbound Freight Channel



News Release Date: 25 December 2021
Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs
Location: Huanggang Customs Inbound Freight Channel, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: N/A
Species: 130 (seven species) tropical pitcher plant (*Nepenthes* spp.), CITES II; five (three species) trumpet pitchers (*Sarracenia* spp.), CITES II
Transport Method: Imported goods
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Dapeng Customs Seized Ukeleles and Guitars made from Indian Rosewood



News Release Date: 29 December 2021
Law Enforcement Authority: Dapeng Customs
Location: Yantian Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Inspection
Species: 180 ukeleles and 162 guitars made from Indian rosewood (*Dalbergia latifolia*), CITES II
Transport Method: Export goods
Country of Export: China
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Case Progress: Items have been handed over to the relevant department for further process.

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Sandu County Police Bureau Forest Police Bureau Seized Chinese Hwamei



News Release Date: 1 December 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Sandu County Public Security Bureau Forest Police Brigade

Location: Suspect's residence, Liudiezu, Shangjiang Village, Dujiang Town, Sandu County, Qiannan Buyi and Miao Autonomous Prefecture, Guizhou Province

Detection Method: Instructions

Species: Five Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal trade (online streaming)

Estimated Value: The transaction volume is more than 100,000 CNY

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: Case is under further investigation. Birds have been released.

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Huoshan Police Seized Yellow-Margined Box Turtles and other wild animals



News Release Date: 1 December 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Huoshan County Police Bureau Forest Police Brigade

Location: Zhulinxuanya restaurant, Huajia Village management Committee, Zhufo'an Town, Huoshan County, Anhui Province

Detection Method: Tip off

Species: 12 live yellow-margined box turtle (*Cuora flavomarginata*), one dead yellow-margined turtle, Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II; more than 60 wild boar (*Sus scrofa*), Reeves's muntjac (*Muntiacus reevesi*), Chinese hares (*Lepus sinensis*) and other animal products

Reason for Seizure: Illegal purchase/ sale

Number of Offenders: Four

Case Progress: Suspects were under criminal compulsory measures according to the law. Case is under further process.

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Suxian Police Aoshang Police Station and Suxian Police Forest Branch Jointly Investigated a Poaching Case



News Release Date: 4 December 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Aoshang Police Station and Forest Police Branch Office, Suxian Public Security Bureau

Location: Around the mountain in Huangni'ao Village, Aoshang Town, Suxian District, Chenzhou City, Hunan Province

Detection Method: Patrol

Species: Ten Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species; four vinous-throated parrotbill (*Paradoxornis webbianus*)

Reason for Seizure: Poaching

Number of Offenders: Two

Case Progress: Suspects were under criminal detention. Case is under further process.

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Heilongjiang Province Police Department Forest District Police Bureau Heli Branch Successfully Cracked a Series of Poaching Cases



News Release Date: 6 December 2021

Seizure Date: 2 March 2021 (report date)

Law Enforcement Authority: Heilongjiang Province Police Department Forest District Police Bureau Heli Branch

Location: Suspect's accommodation and dormitory, Hongqi restaurant and other places in Heli Town, Tangyuan County, Jiamusi City, Heilongjiang Province

Detection Method: Tip off, investigation

Species: One golden eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*) specimen, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES II; one Asian black bear (*Ursus thibetanus*), Class II of National Protected Species/CITES I; one Eurasian lynx (*Lynx lynx*), Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II; one Elk (*Cervus canadensis*), Class II of National Protected Species; and other 56 animals (including 21 dead pheasants)

Reason for Seizure: Poaching

Number of Offenders: Nine

Case Progress: Six suspects were approved to be arrested.

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Guangxi Nanning Binyang County Police Successfully Cracked a Major Poaching Case



News Release Date: 07 December 2021

Seizure Date: 29 November 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Binyang County Police Bureau Forest Police

Location: On the third floor of suspect's residence in Mazu Village, Daqiao Village Committee, Daqiao Town, Binyang County, Nanning City, Guangxi Province

Detection Method: Intelligence, instructions

Species: 37 yellow-breasted bunting (*Emberiza aureola*), Class I of National Protected Species; and other 535 birds

Reason for Seizure: Poaching

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: Suspect was under criminal detention.

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Ya'An City Police Bureau Economic Development Zone Branch Cracked a Series of Cases of Illegal Logging



News Release Date: 8 December 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Ya'An City Police Bureau Economic Development Zone Branch

Location: Near Yongxing Street in Ya'An City, Sichuan Province

Detection Method: Tip off, investigation

Species: A batch of processed *Phoebe zhennan* wood, Class II of National Protected Species

Transport Method: Small rental minivan

Reason for Seizure: Illegal logging

Number of Offenders: Three

Case Progress: Suspects were under criminal compulsory measures. Case has been handed over to procuratorate for prosecution.

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Yunnan Honghe Prefecture Luxi County Police Bureau Forest Police Brigade Seized 79 Live Birds



News Release Date: 9 December 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Yunnan Honghe Prefecture Luxi County Police Bureau Forest Police Brigade

Location: Farmer's market in Ji Town, Luxi County, Honghe Prefecture, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Tip off

Species: 79 live birds, including francolins (*Francolinus* spp.) and Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species; and turtle doves (*Streptopelia* spp.) etc

Reason for Seizure: Poaching, illegal purchase/sale

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: Suspect was under criminal detention according to the law. Case is under further process.

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Fujian Zhangzhou Longhai Police Successfully Cracked a Case of Harming National Protected Plants



News Release Date: 16 December 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Fujian Zhangzhou Longhai Police

Location: Longhai, Nanjing, Zhangzhou, and other cities in Fujian Province

Detection Method: Intelligence, investigation

Species: More than 100,000 golden chicken ferns (*Cibotium barometz*) were seized on the spot, more than 310,000 golden chicken ferns were sold, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest/purchase/sale

Estimated Value: Sold for between 200 CNY and 8,000 CNY per individual, the amount involved is more than 110 million CNY

Number of Offenders: More than 20

Case Progress: Case is under further investigation.

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Shaanxi Province Danfeng County Forest Police Successfully Cracked Two Cases of Harming National Protected Plants



News Release Date: 23 December 2021
Seizure Date: 18 December 2021
Law Enforcement Authority: Danfeng County Public Security Bureau Forest Police Brigade
Location: Forest in Wuguan Town, Danfeng County, Shaanxi Province
Detection Method: Tip off
Species: 13 orchids (*Cymbidium* spp.), Class I of National Protected Species
Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest/transport
Number of Offenders: Six
Case Progress: Four suspects were under criminal detention, two were bailed pending trial. Case is under further process.

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Xianju Police Seized Nearly 300 *Fortunella Venosa*



News Release Date: 23 December 2021
Seizure Date: 16 November 2021
Law Enforcement Authority: Xianju Police
Location: Deep mountains around Bilian Town and Jiekeng Town in Yongjia County, Wenzhou City, Zhejiang Province
Detection Method: Investigation
Species: Nearly 300 *Fortunella venosa*, Class II of National Protected Species
Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest
Number of Offenders: Eight
Case Progress: Eight suspects were under criminal compulsory measures according to the law.

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**Jilin Changchun Police Bureau
Lianhuashan Branch Sijiazhi Police
Station Busted an Illegal Logging Gang**



News Release Date: 29 December 2021
Law Enforcement Authority: Jilin Changchun Police Bureau Lianhuashan Branch Sijiazhi Police Station
Location: On the side of West Mountain under the temple of Qingshan Village, Sijiazhi Town, Lianhuashan, Changchun City, Jilin Province
Detection Method: Forestry station report
Species: More than 70 segments of Amur Cork tree (*Phellodendron amurense*), Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II
Reason for Seizure: Illegal logging
Number of Offenders: Four
Case Progress: Suspects were under criminal detention. Case is under further verification.

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**Two Cases of Harming Endangered
Species Detection by Gansu Zhangye
Police Bureau Forest Branch were
Sentence**



News Release Date: 10 December 2021
Law Enforcement Authority: Zhangye City Public Security Bureau Forest Branch, Sunan County Public Security Bureau
Judicial Authority: Qilianshan Forest District Court
Location: Area around Heicigou, Yaoquan Village, Qifeng Twon, Sunan County, Zhangye City, Gansu Province
Detection Method: Task force investigation
Species: Two white-lipped deer (*Przewalskium albirostris*), Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I
Reason for Seizure: Poaching
Number of Offenders: 12 (including two fugitives)
Case Progress: Suspects were sentenced to prison terms ranging from 11 years and six months to four years. The main offender was sentenced to 11 years and six months in prison, fined 5,000 CNY, and the illegal gains of 2,450 CNY were confiscated. Three suspects were sentenced to compensate 6000 CNY for the loss of national wildlife resources, and publicly apologize on media.

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Xinzhou Intermediate People's Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Purchase and Sale of National Protected Wildlife



News Release Date: 18 December 2021
Judicial Authority: Xinzhou Intermediate Court
Detection Method: Tip off
Species: 15 golden pheasants (*Chrysolophus pictus*), Class II of National Protected Species
Reason for Seizure: Illegal purchase/sale
Estimated Value: Intended to sell three golden pheasants for 1,000 CNY each
Number of Offenders: Three
Case Progress: Suspect 1 was sentenced to three years in prison, fined 5,000 CNY; suspect 2 was sentenced to two years in prison, fined 3,000 CNY; suspect 3 was sentenced to two years in prison, fined 2,000 CNY.

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Taiyuan City Wanbolin District People's Court the Environmental Resources Court Publicly Tried a Case of Illegal Purchase and Sale of Endangered Wildlife and Pronounced the Verdict in Court



News Release Date: 20 December 2021
Sentence Date: 23 November 2020
Law Enforcement Authority: Police
Judicial Authority: Taiyuan City Wanbolin District People's Court Environmental Resources Court
Location: Residence rent by suspect
Species: 14 Mexican red kneed tarantulas (*Brachypelma smithi*), CITES II; four Mexican golden redrumps (*Brachypelma albiceps*), CITES II
Reason for Seizure: Illegal purchase/ sale
Estimated Value: Purchased 20 Mexican red kneed tarantulas with 4 CNY each, sold ten Mexican red kneed tarantulas for 35 CNY each
Number of Offenders: One
Case Progress: Suspect was sentenced to eight months in prison, fined 2,000 CNY.

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