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## CHINA'S WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT NEWS DIGEST

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### Guangzhou Airport Customs Seized 53 Ivory products through Inbound Traveller Inspection Channel



**News Release Date:** 1 December 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Airport Customs

**Location:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Inbound Traveller Inspection Channel, Guangdong Province

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

**Species:** 53 Ivory products, including beads, combs and carvings, 1240 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound passenger luggage (Concealed at the bottom of the luggage in the fishing rod and tea bag, non-declaration channel)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** Items have been further processed.

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### Kunming Nansan Customs Seized 150 Tropical Pitcher Plants in Outbound Freight at Nansan land port



**News Release Date:** 4 December 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Kunming Nansan Customs

**Location:** Nansan land port, Kunming, Yunnan Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** 150 Tropical Pitcher Plants (*Nepenthes* spp.), CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Outbound freight (declared as general trade)

**Country of Export:** China

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Guangzhou Postal Customs Seized Four Buddha statue Bases Made from Black Rosewood in an Inbound Mail



**News Release Date:** 4 December 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Postal Customs

**Location:** Guangzhou, Guangdong Province

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

**Species:** Four Bases of Buddha statue made from Black Rosewood (*Dalbergia* spp.), CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound mail (declared as "Brass Buddha statues")

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Nanjing Jinling Customs Seized Giant Clam Go Stones 5.23kg in an Inbound Mail



**News Release Date:** 4 December 2022

**Forensic Result Confirmation Date:** 28 November 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Jinling Customs

**Location:** Nanjing, Jiangsu Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.), go stones, 5.23 kg, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Shenzhen Postal Customs Seized 44 Tropical Pitcher Plants in an Inbound Mail



**News Release Date:** 4 December 2022

**Seizure Date:** 28 November 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shenzhen Postal Customs

**Location:** Shenzhen, Guangdong Province

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

**Species:** 44 Tropical Pitcher Plants (*Nepenthes* spp.), CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Parcel (declared as "intelligence toy")

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Kunming Changshui Airport Customs Seized 1,245 Orchids in a Freight



**News Release Date:** 4 December 2022

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

**Location:** Kunming Changshui Airport, Yunnan Province

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

**Species:** 1,245 Orchids (*Orchidaceae* spp.) with 4 species, which were Blue Orchid (*Vanda coerulea*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; *Christensonia vietnamica*, CITES II; *Vanda pumila*, CITES II; and *Tolumnia* spp., CITES II

**Transport Method:** Freight (declared as "noble dendrobium")

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Wuhan Postal Customs Seized Live Plants Including 2 *Tillandsia xerographica* in an Inbound Mail



**News Release Date:** 5 December 2022  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Wuhan Postal Customs  
**Location:** Wuhan, Hubei Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination  
**Species:** 14 live plants, about 600 g, which were *Hippeastrum rutilum*; Texas Bluebells (*Eustoma grandiflorum*); Crane Flower (*Strelitzia reginae*); *Tillandsia velutin*; and 2 *T. xerographica*, CITES II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound parcel (Disguised as "food")  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Nanjing Lukou Airport Customs Seized Two Stony Corals Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 10 December 2022  
**Seizure Date:** 3 December 2022  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Nanjing Lukou Airport Customs  
**Location:** Nanjing Lukou Airport, Jiangsu Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)  
**Species:** Two Stony Corals (*Scleractinia* spp.), about 1.9 kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound passenger luggage  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling  
**Number of Offenders:** 1

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### Wuhan Tianhe Airport Customs Seized One Gabon Ebony Carving Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 10 December 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Wuhan Tianhe Airport Customs

**Location:** Wuhan Tianhe Airport, Hubei Province

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

**Species:** One Gabon Ebony (*Diospyros crassiflora*) carving, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound passenger luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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### Qianjiang Customs Seized Two Ivory Painting Scroll Heads in an Inbound Mail



**News Release Date:** 10 December 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Qianjiang Customs  
Location: Hanzhou, Zhejiang Province

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

**Species:** Two Ivory painting scroll heads, gross weight 498 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized 13 Ivory Products through Inbound Traveller Inspection Channel



**News Release Date:** 13 December 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs

**Location:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Inbound Travellers Inspection Channel, Guangdong Province

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

**Species:** 13 Ivory products, including 5 beads bracelets, 1 bangle and 7 fang-shaped pendants, total 300 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound passenger luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 3

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### Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport Customs Seized 298 rosewood beads bracelets in an Outbound Mail



**News Release Date:** 14 December 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport Customs

**Location:** Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport, Zhejiang Province

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

**Species:** 298 *Dalbergia* spp. beads bracelets, 11.81 kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Outbound parcel

**Country of Export:** China

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized 23 Ivory Products Carried by 5 Inbound Passengers on the Same Flight



**News Release Date:** 15 December 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs

**Location:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination ("Machine Inspection + AI image screening system")

**Species:** 23 Ivory products, including bangles, beads, rectangular shape pendants and fang-shaped pendants, total 300 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound passenger luggage (total 5 cases, No Declaration Channel)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 5

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### Guangzhou Zhuhai Customs Seized 720 kg American Mahogany Products through Freight Channel at Jiaoxin Port



**News Release Date:** 15 December 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Zhuhai Customs

**Location:** Jiaoxin Port, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** American Mahogany (*Swietenia mahagoni*) products, total 720 kg, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Freight (declared as "Brass harp", concealed in a wooden box with large sheet material)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Huangdao Customs Seized 9.7 kg of Endangered Species and Their Products in an Inbound Freight



**News Release Date:** 17 December 2022  
**Confirmation Date:** 22 December 2022  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Huangdao Customs  
**Location:** Qingdao West Coast New Area, Shandong Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination  
**Species:** 961 Dreid Seahorses, including Tiger Tail Seahorse (*Hippocampus comes*), Hedgehog Seahorse (*H. spinosissimus*), and Spiny Seahorse (*H. histrix*), above all belongs to Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 75 Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.) products, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 29 Stylasteridae spp., Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; and other endangered species and products; total 9.7 kg  
**Transport Method:** Inbound Freight (declared as "gulfweed")  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Wuhan Postal Customs Seized Five Ivory painting scroll heads in an Inbound Mail



**News Release Date:** 17 December 2022

**Seizure Date:** 5 December 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Wuhan Postal Customs

**Location:** Wuhan, Hubei Province

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

**Species:** Five Ivory painting scroll heads, about 100 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Huangpu Laogang Customs Seized 7.35 tons of Tamalan Tree in Inbound Freight



**News Release Date:** 20 December 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Laogang Customs  
Location: Huangpu District, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Risk Control Order (Field Inspection)

**Species:** Tamalan Tree (*Dalbergia oliveri*), 2.29 m<sup>3</sup> sheet material and 853 products (including tissue paper box, round table, short chair, tea table, wardrobe and other furniture), weighting 7.35 tons, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Freight (declared as "An endangered species of Tamalan Tree furniture"; the specifications and quantity listed in the Certificate of Permitted Import of Endangered Species provided by the enterprise were less than the actual quantity of imported commodities)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Shanghai Pudong Airport Customs Seized 10 Ivory Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 23 December 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shanghai Pudong Airport Customs

**Location:** Shanghai Pudong Airport

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

**Species:** 10 Ivory products, including 2 bangles, 2 ornaments and 4 pendants, 65 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound passenger luggage (No Declaration Channel, hidden in a milk powder can)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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## Wuhan Postal Customs Seized Two Ivory Painting Scroll Heads in an Inbound Mail



**News Release Date:** 23 December 2022  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Wuhan Postal Customs  
**Location:** Wuhan, Hubei Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (CT scan)  
**Species:** Two Ivory painting scroll heads, about 50g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound parcel  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Harbin Bingcheng Postal Customs Seized Four Star Cactus in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 24 December 2022  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Harbin Bingcheng Postal Customs  
**Location:** Harbin, Heilongjiang Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination  
**Species:** Four Star Cactus (*Astrophytum asterias*), CITES I  
**Transport Method:** Inbound parcel  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Jiangmen Waihai Customs Seized 14 live Orchids in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 24 December 2022  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Jiangmen Waihai Customs  
**Location:** Jiangmen, Guangdong Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination  
**Species:** Ten Carrot fern (*Dendrobium moniliforme*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; two Wind Orchid (*Vanda falcata*), CITES II; two *Cattleya* spp., CITES II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound parcel  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Guangzhou Customs Seized 8.8 kg Rosewood Products in Baiyun Airport's Express Mail Channels



**News Release Date:** 24 December 2022  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Customs  
**Location:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Express Mail Channels, Guangdong Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination  
**Species:** Rosewood (*Dalbergia* spp.) products, 8.8kg, CITES II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound parcel  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Guangzhou Customs Seized 12 Agarwood Products in the Baiyun Airport's Express Mail Channels



**News Release Date:** 24 December 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Customs

**Location:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Express Mail Channels, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** 12 agarwood (*Aquilaria* spp.) beads bracelets and beads necklaces, net weight 209 g, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Guangzhou Postal Customs Seized a Kosso Carving in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 24 December 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Postal Customs

**Location:** Guangzhou, Guangdong Province

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

**Species:** One Kosso (*Pterocarpus erinaceus*) carving, 3.31 kg, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound parcel (declared as "beads, decorations")

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Guangzhou Postal Customs Seized Four Satanas Beetles in an Inbound Mail



**News Release Date:** 26 December 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Postal Customs

**Location:** Guangzhou, Guangdong Province

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

**Species:** Four Satanas Beetles (*Dynastes satanas*), CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound parcel (declared as "snacks", in four glass bottles)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Ruili Border Inspection Station Zhangfeng Branch Seized About 600 g Elephant's Skin in a Burmese Inbound Truck



**News Release Date:** 2 December 2022

**Seizure Date:** 29 November 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Ruili Border Inspection Station Zhangfeng Branch

**Location:** Zhangfeng Port, Dehong Dai and Jingpo Autonomous Prefecture, Ruili, Yunnan Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** 11 pieces of Elephant's Skin, about 600 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Truck (Hidden in the back of the cab, wrapped in black plastic bags)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** The case has been transferred to the relevant authorities.

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## Baotou Police Bureau Cracked an Illegal Wildlife Trade Case



**News Release Date:** 7 December 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Forest and Grassland Resources Protection Brigade of Baotou Police Bureau, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region

**Location:** A shop in the West Hall of Huayuan Market, Kundulun District, Baotou City, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** One specimen of Green Sea Turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; 25 Ivory products, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; 3 Bears (*Ursidae* spp.) tooth products, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; 21 Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.) beads necklaces, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Purchasing and Selling (purchased online or in Antique markets in other cities)

**Estimated Value:** The sale price of Green sea turtle specimen was 8,000 CNY

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** Suspect Pang Moumou has been put on file for investigation and compulsory measures have been taken for the crime of endangering precious and endangered wild animals. The case is in further processing.

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## Da'an Police Cracked a Red-Crowned Crane Poaching Case



**News Release Date:** 8 December 2022

**Seizure Date:** 21 November 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Da'an Police Bureau

**Location:** Haystack near the suspect's residence in Laoyinjia village, Da 'an City, Jilin Province

**Detection Method:** Intelligence

**Species:** Two Red-crowned Crane (*Grus japonensis*), including one adult wearing a tracker and one juvenile, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting

**Number of Offenders:** 2

**Case Progress:** 2 suspects were taken criminal compulsory measures.

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## Jilin Forest Public Bureau Dunhua Branch Cracked Two Illegal Logging Cases



**News Release Date:** 7 December 2022

**Seizure Date:** 4 February 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Jilin Forest Public Bureau Dunhua Branch

**Location:** A forest farm under the jurisdiction of Dunhua Forestry Bureau, Jilin Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Patrol

**Species:** One Manchurian Ash (*Fraxinus mandshurica*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES III

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Logging

**Number of Offenders:** 2

**Case Progress:** The suspects were taken criminal compulsory measures. The case is under further investigation.

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## Anhua Forest Police of Hunan Province Cracked a Poaching Case



**News Release Date:** 21 December 2022

**Seizure Date:** 5 November 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Anhua Forest Police of Hunan Province

**Location:** Near Qiyi Village garbage Station, Jiangnan Town, Anhua County, Yiyang City, Hunan Province

**Detection Method:** Tip Off

**Species:** Wild Boar (*Sus scrofa*), wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value; Bamboo Rat (*Rhizomyidae* spp.), wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value; Tufted Deer (*Elaphodus cephalophus*), Class II of National Protected Species; Masked Palm Civet (*Paguma larvata*), wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting for food, illegal Possession of 3 Guns, 29 Lead bullets for Hunting, 2 Shotgun Bullets, 54 Nail Bullets, 76 Iron Beads and 362 Steel Beads

**Number of Offenders:** 6

**Case Progress:** The suspects were taken criminal compulsory measures. The case is under further investigation.

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### Chengdu Railway Transport Intermediate Court Sentenced a case of Illegal Acquisition of Red Pandas



**News Release Date:** 7 December 2022

**Sentencing Date:** 7 December 2022

**Judicial Authority:** Chengdu Railway Transport Intermediate Court

**Species:** Nine Red Pandas (*Ailurus fulgens*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting, Transporting and Acquisition

**Estimated Value:** 360,000 CNY in total (40,000 CNY each)

**Number of Offenders:** 7

**Case Progress:** The court sentenced seven defendants to fixed-term imprisonment ranging from 1.5 to 5 years, and fined them between 50,000 and 10,000 CNY. At the same time, Defendant Wei was sentenced to an occupational prohibition order, and he was not allowed to engage in business related to the use of wild animals within five years from the date of the execution of the penalty or the date of parole. In addition, 9 defendants were sentenced to jointly bear the ecological value compensation of 360,000 CNY for the criminal civil public interest lawsuit.

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### Shanghai Third Intermediate Court Concluded a Case of Harming Endangered wildlife



**News Release Date:** 14 December 2022

**Judicial Authority:** Shanghai Third Intermediate Court

**Species:** 20 pianos with Ivory patch keys, net weight 5308 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Acquisition and Selling

**Estimated Value:** More than 220,000 CNY

**Number of Offenders:** One Trading Co., LTD. (Shanghai); one defendant (company executive officer)

**Case Progress:** The defendant's unit, a trading (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. was fined 220,000 CNY for harming endangered wildlife; the defendant, the company supervisor, was sentenced to one year in prison, suspended for one year, and fined 5,000 CNY.

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## Hekou County Court of Yunnan Province Trialed a Case on Illegally Transporting Chinese Hwameis

**News Release Date:** 15 December 2022

**Sentencing Date:** 26 January 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** China - Viet Nam border  
patrol police

**Judicial Authority:** Hekou County Procuratorate of  
Yunnan province, Hekou County Court of Yunnan  
province

**Location:** Near boundary marker 139 on the China-  
Vietnam border, Shuolong Town, Daxin County,  
Chongzuo City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

**Detection Method:** Patrol

**Species:** 42 Chinese Hwameis (*Garrulax canorus*),  
Class II of National Protected Species

**Transport Method:** Three-wheeled motor vehicle

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Transporting

**Estimated Value:** 210,000 CNY

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The suspect was sentenced to five  
years in prison and fined 10,000 CNY.

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### India

- [Over three kg of pangolin scales seized in Udham Sing Nagar district, six suspects apprehended](#)

### New Zealand

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### The United States

- [2 sentenced for trafficking ivory, wildlife 'products' into Seattle](#)

### South Africa

- [Rhino poacher sentenced to 17 years of imprisonment, his accomplice still on the run](#)