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## CHINA'S WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT NEWS DIGEST

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## Several Anti-Smuggling Branches Launched the '2.23' Combating Timber Smuggling Operation

**News Release Date:** 9 February 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Customs Anti-Smuggling Branch of Huangpu, Haikou, Guangzhou, Ningbo, and Hangzhou

**Detection Method:** 2.23' crackdown on combating timber smuggling operation

**Species:** Endangered timber (species not specified)

**Transport Method:** False report and other ways

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Estimated Value:** 110 million CNY

**Number of Offenders:** 13 gangs

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## Guangzhou Customs Seized Endangered Timber Made Furniture



**News Release Date:** 10 February 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Nansha Customs

**Location:** Nansha Customs supervision channel of inbound travellers' luggages shipment, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

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

**Species:** Side table, square table, jewelry box and other Siamese rosewood (*Dalbergia cochinchinensis*) products, total weight 16.7 kg, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound passengers' separated luggage (declared as 'furniture')

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Nanjing Customs Continuously Seized Endangered Giant Clam Products



**News Release Date:** 13 February 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Xinshengwei Customs

**Location:** Xinshengwei Customs, Nanjing City, Jiangsu Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** Three giant clam (*Tridacnidae spp.*) bangles and bead bracelets, 257.27 g, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** Item has been processed according to law.

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## Shekou Customs Seized Endangered Yunnan Cypress Handicrafts



**News Release Date:** 17 February 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shekou Customs

**Location:** Shekou Customs export freight channel, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Inspection

**Species:** Three Yunnan cypress (*Calocedrus macrolepis*) wooden handicrafts, two of which weigh 20 kg and one weighs 30 kg, CITES II/Class II of National Protected Species  
One Bubinga (*Guibourtia tessmannii*) timber, about 500 kg, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Export goods (falsely reported goods)

**Country of Export:** China

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** Case is handed over to anti-smuggling department for process.

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### Dapeng Customs Seized 500 Dalbergia Hupeana Guitars at Yantiangang Port



**News Release Date:** 19 February 2022  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Dapeng Customs  
**Location:** Yantiangang Port, Dapeng Customs, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province  
**Detection Method:** Inspection  
**Species:** 500 guitars with bridges made from *Dalbergia hupeana*, CITES II  
**Transport Method:** Export goods  
**Country of Export:** China  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling  
**Case Progress:** Handed over to the relevant department for further process.

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### Jinling Customs Seized One Batch of Giant Clam Products from Inbound Mail



**News Release Date:** 21 February 2022  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Jinling Customs  
**Location:** Jinling Customs, Nanjing City, Jiangsu Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination  
**Species:** Go pieces made from giant clam (*Tridacnidae spp.*), total weight 1.024 kg, CITES II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound mail  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Dapeng Customs Seized Endangered African Blackwood Chopsticks at Yantiangang Port



**News Release Date:** 21 February 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Dapeng Customs

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

**Detection Method:** Inspection

**Species:** 1410 African blackwood chopsticks (*Dalbergia melanoxylon*), CITES II

**Transport Method:** Export goods (declared for export in the form of market procurement; declared as wooden logs, coasters, vases, keys, and other goods)

**Country of Export:** China

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** Handed over to the relevant department for further process.

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## Guangzhou Postal Customs Seized Ivory Scroll Heads



**News Release Date:** 25 February 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Postal Customs

**Location:** Guangzhou Post Office, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

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

**Species:** Two ivory scroll heads, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound mail (declared as 'hanging scroll')

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Qianjiang Customs Seized 21 Ivory Products



**News Release Date:** 25 February 2022  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Qianjiang Customs  
**Location:** Qianjiang Customs Post Office, Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (X-ray)  
**Species:** 20 suspected ivory scroll heads, one suspected ivory bangle, 571 g, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound parcel (7 parcel images are unusual)  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Wuhan Postal Customs Seized Three Ivory Products



**News Release Date:** 25 February 2022  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Wuhan Postal Customs  
**Location:** Wuhan Post Office, Wuhan City, Hubei Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (CT machine)  
**Species:** Three ivory products, 89.201 g, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound mail (declared as 'decoration')  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling  
**Case Progress:** Items were detained and handed over to relevant department for further process.

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## Luzhou Customs Seized One Ivory Splicing Painting



**News Release Date:** 26 February 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Luzhou Customs

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

**Detection Method:** Risk alert, Routine Examination (CT machine)

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

**Transport Method:** Inbound parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** Items were detained and handed over to relevant department for further process.

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## Zhenjiang Customs Seized Chinese Alligator Leather Products and Horned Helmet Products



**News Release Date:** 27 February 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Zhenjiang Customs

**Location:** Zhenjiang Customs, Zhenjiang City, Jiangsu Province

**Detection Method:** Inspection

**Species:** One Chinese alligator leather wallet (*Alligator sinensis*), 213.88 g, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I; two horned helmets (*Cassis cornuta*), 3205 g, Class II of National Protected Species

**Transport Method:** Inbound crew member's carry-on luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** Case is handed over to anti-smuggling department for process.

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## Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Continuously Seized 12 Batches of Illegally Imported Red Sandalwood



**News Release Date:** 28 February 2022  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs  
**Location:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province  
**Detection Method:** Risk control instruction, Routine Examination (X-ray)  
**Species:** Red sandalwood (*Pterocarpus santalinus*), total weight about 860 kg, CITES II  
**Transport Method:** Imported goods (declared as 'rosewood wooden balls, wooden brackets')  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling  
**Case Progress:** Items were under further process.

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## Bijie Police Investigated and Punished Two Illegal Chinese Hwamei Traders



**News Release Date:** 9 February 2022  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guizhou Bijie Yongna Forest Police Brigade  
**Location:** Suspect's shop in Bijie City, Guizhou Province  
**Detection Method:** Investigation into business activities  
**Species:** Several suspected Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species; several leiothrix (*Leiothrix spp.*), Class II of National Protected Species  
**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal sale, illegal purchase  
**Number of Offenders:** Two  
**Case Progress:** Suspects are under compulsory measures. Animals have been handed over to Forestry Department for process. Case is under further process.

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## Wuyishan National Park Cracked the First Case of Illegal Harvesting National Protected Plants



**News Release Date:** 15 February 2022

**Seizure Date:** 5 January 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Wuyishan National Park Sub-Bureau Da'an Police Station, Fujian Province Police Forest Police Bureau

**Location:** Wuyishan National Park, Fujian Province

**Detection Method:** Regular patrol

**Species:** Seven jewel orchids (*Anoectochilus roxburghii*), Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal logging

**Number of Offenders:** One

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

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## Shengzhou City Police Bureau Food, Drug Environment, and Intellectual Property Right Investigation Brigade Arrested a Gang that Trades Chinese Hwamei



**News Release Date:** 16 February 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** The police of Jiahu, Pukou, Ganlin, and Jinting; Shengzhou City Police Bureau Food, Drug Environment and Intellectual Property Right Investigation Brigade; Shengzhou City Police Bureau

**Location:** Shengzhou City, Shaoxing City, Zhejiang Province

**Detection Method:** Patrol, intelligence, investigation

**Species:** More than 90 Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species

**Reason for Seizure:** Poaching, illegal sale

**Estimated Value:** The sale of more than 20 Chinese Hwamei made a profit of more than 100,000 CNY

**Number of Offenders:** 42

**Case Progress:** 36 suspects were under criminal compulsory measures. Case is under further process. More than 90 Chinese Hwamei were released.

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## Jiangsu Gaoyou Police Cracked an Illegal Endangered Wildlife Trade Case



**News Release Date:** 16 February 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Ganyou Police, Ganyou City Market Supervision Bureau

**Location:** A farmer's market in Gaoyou City, Jiangsu Province

**Detection Method:** Patrol

**Species:** one eastern bozzard (*Buteo japonicus*), class II of National Protected Species/CITES II; animals with important ecological, economic and scientific values: one falcated duck (*Anas falcata*), three common mallards (*Anas platyrhynchos*), two Chinese spot-billed ducks (*Anas zonorhyncha*), one common pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus*), 21 common moorhens (*Gallinula chloropus*).

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal sale

**Number of Offenders:** One

**Case Progress:** Suspects was taken measures according to law.

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## Gansu Longnan Forest Police Cracked a Poaching Case



**News Release Date:** 18 February 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Longnan City Xihe County Poice Bureau Forest Police Brigade

**Location:** Xihe County, Longnan City, Gansu Province

**Species:** Nine common rosefinch (*Carpodacus erythrinus*), Animal of important ecological, economic and scientific values; four Elliot's laughingthursh (*Trochalopteron elliotii*), Class II of National Protected Species

**Reason for Seizure:** Poaching

**Number of Offenders:** One

**Case Progress:** Suspect is under criminal compulsory measures according to law. Case is under further process.

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## Zhejiang Hangzhou Fuyang District Chengnan Police Station Seized Wild Birds



**News Release Date:** 18 February 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Zhejiang Province Hangzhou City Fuyang District Chengnan Police Station

**Location:** Suspect's home in Fuyang District, Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province

**Detection Method:** Tip off, investigation

**Species:** 195 frozen wild birds and 5 live wild birds, including three Class II of National Protected Species, the rest are Animal with important ecological, economic and scientific values

**Reason for Seizure:** Poaching

**Number of Offenders:** Two

**Case Progress:** Suspect is under criminal compulsory measures according to law. Case is under further process.

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## Henan Dengzhou Police Cracked a Illegal Harvest Case of National Protected Plants



**News Release Date:** 18 February 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Dengzhou City Police Bureau Forest Police Brigade, Jitan Police Station

**Location:** Suspect's restaurant, Dengzhou City, Henan Province

**Detection Method:** Intelligence

**Species:** One golden chicken fern (*Cibotium barometz*), Class II of National Protected Species

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal purchase

**Number of Offenders:** One

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

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### Wuhua Sub-Bureau Forest Police Brigade of Kunming City Police Bureau Cracked an Illegal Endangered Wildlife Trade Case



**News Release Date:** 23 February 2022  
**Seizure Date:** 12 February 2022  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Kunming City Police Bureau Wuhua Sub-Bureau Forest Police Brigade  
**Location:** Jingxing Bird and Flower Market, Kunming City, Yunnan Province  
**Detection Method:** Intelligence, tip off  
**Species:** 68 Chinese warty newts (*Paramesotriton chinensis*), Class II of National Protected Species  
**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal purchase/transport/sale  
**Estimated Value:** Sold for 10 CNY each  
**Number of Offenders:** One  
**Case Progress:** Suspect is under criminal detention according to law. Case is under further process.

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### Muchuan County People's Procuratorate Filed a Public Prosecution for Harming National Protected Plants

**News Release Date:** 9 February 2022  
**Judicial Authority:** Muchuan County People's Procuratorate  
**Location:** Muchuan County, Leshan City, Sichuan Province  
**Species:** One Phoebe zhennan (*Phoebe zhennan*), Class II of National Protected Species  
**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Sale, illegal logging  
**Estimated Value:** One Phoebe zhennan sold for 1500 CNY  
**Number of Offenders:** Two  
**Case Progress:** Public prosecution was filed.

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## The Owner of a Jade Shop was Sentenced for Selling Pangolin Scales



**News Release Date:** 11 February 2022

**Sentence Date:** 27 October 2020 (seizure date)

**Judicial Authority:** Teng County People's Court

**Location:** Suspect's jade shop in Teng County, Wuzhou City, Guangxi Province

**Species:** 167 pangolin (*Manis spp.*) scales were seized, 20 scales were sold, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I

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

**Estimated Value:** 20 pangolin scales sold for a profit of 700 CNY

**Number of Offenders:** One

**Case Progress:** Suspect was sentenced to 7 months in prison, one year probation, and fined 500 CNY.

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