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Chengdu Postal Customs Seized Giant Clam Products from Inbound Mail



News Release Date: 10 March 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Chengdu Postal Customs

Location: Chengdu Post Office, Chengdu City, Sichuan Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (machine inspection)

Species: Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.) go pieced, total weight 0.66 g, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound mail

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Shekou Customs Seized 26 Furnitures Made from Endangered Timber Species from Export Goods



News Release Date: 11 March 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Shekou Customs

Location: Shekou Customs, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Inspection

Species: Barwood (*Pterocarpus erinaceus*) products, including two chaise longue beds, three cabinets, two side tables, two tables, six chairs, one round table and one Arhat bed, CITES II; two African blackwood (*Dalbergia melanoxylon*) wooden pedestals, CITES II; seven Thailand rosewood (*D. cochinchinensis*) tissue boxes, CITES II; total weight 466.7 kg

Transport Method: Export goods (undeclared wooden furniture)

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Case has been handed over to anti-smuggling department.

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Yuzhou Customs Seized 20 Burmese Python Skin Erhu



News Release Date: 11 March 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Yuzhou Customs

Location: Yuzhu Customs, Chongqing City, Sichuan Province

Detection Method: Inspection

Species: 20 Burmese python (*Python bivittatus*) Erhu, Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II

Transport Method: Export goods

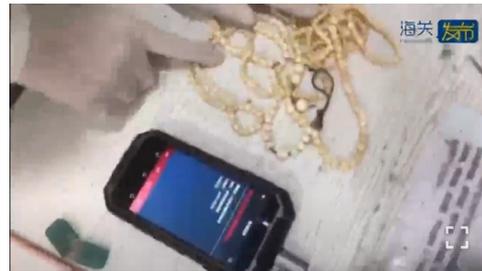
Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Case has been handed over to Customs anti-smuggling department for further process.

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Maoming Customs Seized Three Ivory Necklaces from Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 17 March 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Maoming Customs

Location: Maoming Customs, Maoming City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (machine inspection)

Species: Three ivory necklaces, net weight 107g, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound parcel (hidden in collagen powder)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Items have been detained by Customs.

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Nanjing Lukou Airport Customs Seized a Pair of Ivory Bangles



News Release Date: 17 March 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Nanjing Lukou Airport Customs

Location: Nanjing Lukou International Airport, Nanjing City, Jiangsu Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination, regulatory inspection

Species: Two suspected ivory bangles, total weight 104.97 g, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound passenger's luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: Items have been temporarily detained and will be handed over to relevant departments for further process.

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Wuhan Postal Customs Seized One Ivory Cigarette Butter



News Release Date: 17 March 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Wuhan Postal Customs

Location: Wuhan Post Office, Wuhan City, Hubei Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (CT machine)

Species: One ivory cigarette butter, about 11.5 g, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Items have been temporarily detained and handed over to relevant departments for further process.

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Meishan Customs Seized Ivory Piano Key Patches from Inbound Goods



News Release Date: 17 March 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Meishan Customs

Location: Meishan Customs, Ningbo City, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Inspection

Species: 52 ivory piano key patch pieces, 242.93 g, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II

Transport Method: Imported goods (in a batch of goods declared for import by a company)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized Ivory Products from Inbound Express



News Release Date: 17 March 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs

Location: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: Two pieces of ivory products, about 52 g, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound express

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Tianjin Postal Customs Seized Ivory Products from Inbound Mail



News Release Date: 17 March 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Tianjin Postal Customs

Location: Tianjin Post Office, Tianjin City

Detection Method: Inspection

Species: Ivory painting scroll, gross weight about 655 g, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound mail

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Items have been temporarily detained for further process

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Zhakou Customs Seized 19 Star Rock Cactus



News Release Date: 26 March 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhakou Customs

Location: Gongbe Port Travel Inspection Hall, Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: 19 Star rocks (*Ariocarpus* spp.), including 8 living rock cactus (*Ariocarpus fissuratus*), total weight about 1.9 kg, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound passenger's carry-on item (packed in shopping bags)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Nanning Wuxu Airport Customs Handed Over a Batch of Endangered Species Products to Wildlife Management Authorities



News Release Date: 24 March 2022

Transferral Authority: Nanning Wuxu Airport Customs

Recipient Authority: Guangxi Province Zhuang Autonomous District Forest Bureau
Nanning City Agriculture and Rural Bureau

Transferral content: Terrestrial and aquatic endangered species products, including ivory, giant clam, red sandalwood, Hawksbill turtle shell, agarwood, crocodile, snake skin and others, all belong to CITES I or II, a total of 535 pieces, 69.233 kg

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Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized Four Ivory Products from Inbound Travel Inspection Channels



News Release Date: 30 March 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs

Location: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: Two ivory bangles, two ivory bead bracelets, total weight 282 g, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound passenger's luggage (hidden inside the bag of melon seeds)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: One

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Kang County Forest Police of Gansu Province Cracked a Case of Poaching Endangered Species



News Release Date: 3 March 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Anhui Province Kang County Forest Brigade

Location: Suspect's residence in Liangshan Village, Kang County, Anhui Province

Detection Method: Investigation and intelligence

Species: Two live golden pheasants (*Chrysolophus pictus*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Poaching

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: Case is under further process.

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Huichuan Police Cracked a Case of Illegally Selling Protected Birds



News Release Date: 18 March 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Police officers from Huichuan Police Sub-Bureau Economic Investigation Brigade

Location: Flowers and Birds Market on Hangzhou Road, Huichuan District, Zunyi City, Guizhou Province

Detection Method: Routine patrol

Species: One African grey parrot (*Psittacus erithacus*), Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I; 63 Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Sale

Estimated Value: The total amount involved in the case was more than 300,000 CNY, and Chinese Hwamei were sold for 80 to 400 CNY each.

Number of Offenders: Two

Case Progress: One suspect was under criminal detention according to law, the other was released on bail. Case is under further investigation.

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Taihe Police of Anhui Province Cracked a Case of Illegal Purchase and Sale of Terrestrial Species During Routine Examination



News Release Date: 22 March 2022
Law Enforcement Authority: Taihe County Police Bureau Santang Police Station
Location: Suspect's residence in Taihe County, Fuyang City, Anhui Province
Detection Method: Security inspection
Species: One common kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*), Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II; more than 1000 dead Animals with important economic, scientific and social values, the majority is turtle doves (*Streptopelia* spp.) with a small number of azure-winged magpie (*Cyanopica cyanus*), mallards (*Anas platyrhynchos*) and other species not specified.
Reason for Seizure: Illegal purchase/ sale
Estimated Value: More than 350,000 CNY
Number of Offenders: Three
Case Progress: Suspects were under compulsory criminal measures.

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Fujian Police Cracked a Case of Illegal Harvest of National Protected Wild Orchids



News Release Date: 24 March 2022
Law Enforcement Authority: City District Forest Police Station of Shaowu City Police Bureau, Fujian Province
Location: Back hill of Xiaping Village, Shuibei Town, Shaowu City, Fujian Province
Detection Method: Tip off
Species: More than 700 cold-growing cymbidiums (*Cymbidium kanran*), Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II
Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest
Number of Offenders: Four
Case Progress: Case is filed and under further investigation and trial.

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Guizhou Congjiang Forest Police Cracked a Series of Cases of Illegal Harvest and Sale of National Protected Ferns



News Release Date: 25 March 2022

Seizure Date: 1 March 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Congjiang Forest Police

Location: Congjiang County, Guizhou Province

Detection Method: Tip off, investigation

Species: More than 150 golden chicken ferns (*Cibotium barometz*) and *Angiopteris fokiensis* Hieron (*Angiopteris fokiensis* Hieron), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest, illegal sale

Estimated Value: Sold for 20-450 CNY

Number of Offenders: One

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

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Hubei Province Police Cracked the First Case of Destruction of Wild Orchid Resources



News Release Date: 27 March 2022

Seizure Date: 14 March 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Zengdu Police

Location: Suspect's home in Zengdu District, Hubei Province

Detection Method: Intelligence, investigation

Species: A large number of noble orchids (*Cymbidium goeringii*) and *Cymbidium faberi* (*Cymbidium faberi*), Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest, illegal sale

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: Suspect was under criminal compulsory measures.

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Anhui Province Law Enforcement Agencies Successfully Cracked a Case of Poaching Endangered Species



News Release Date: 28 March 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Police Bureau and Natural Resources Planning Bureau Forest Law Enforcement Squadron, Dingyuan County, Chuzhou City, Anhui Province

Location: Suspect's residence in Dingyuan County, Chuzhou City, Anhui Province

Detection Method: Tip off

Species: National protected species with economic, scientific or social value, including Two common pheasants (*Phasianus colchicus*), eight Tolai hares (*Lepus tolai*), four wild ducks (*Anas platyrhynchos*), one Eurasian badger (*Meles meles*), four Oriental turtle doves (*Streptopelia orientalis*); two wild boars (*Sus scrofa*) and two water deer (*Hydropotes inermis*), Class II of National Protected Species; one eastern buzzard (*Buteo japonicus*), Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Poaching

Number of Offenders: One

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

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Xi'an City Chanba Police of Shaanxi Province Successfully Rescued 13 Chinese Hwamei



News Release Date: 28 March 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Xinjiamiao Police Station of Chanba Sub-Bureau, Xi'an City Police Bureau

Location: The area around Miqin Road in Xi'an City, Shaanxi Province, and the suspect's residence

Detection Method: Intelligence

Species: 13 Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal trade

Number of Offenders: Two

Case Progress: Suspects were under criminal compulsory measures according to law. Animals were handed over to wildlife conservation department.

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A Seafood Shop in Ningbo Illegally Sold Hundreds of National Protected Animals



News Release Date: 29 March 2022

Seizure Date: 21 March 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Xiangshan Dandong Police

Location: A seafood shop in Xiangshan, Ningbo City, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Basic investigation, intelligence

Species: National protected species with economic, scientific or social value, including grey herons (*Ardea cinerea*), hedgehogs (*Erinaceinae* spp.), and masked palm civets (*Paguma larvata*); Chinese muntjac (*Muntiacus reevesi*) and racoon dogs (*Nyctereutes procyonoides*), Class II of National Protected Species. More than a hundred of Animals in total

Reason for Seizure: Illegal purchase/sale

Number of Offenders: Three

Case Progress: Suspects were under criminal compulsory measures. Case is under further process.

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Two Men in She County Were Criminally Prosecuted for Illegally Harvesting Wild Orchids



News Release Date: 31 March 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: She County Police of Huangshan City in Anhui Province

Location: A Village in Shaolin Town, She County, Huangshan City, Anhui Province (crime scene)

Species: One noble orchid (*Cymbidium goeringii*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest

Number of Offenders: Two

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The Case of Illegal Orchid Harvest was Sentenced in Gansu



News Release Date: 9 March 2022

Sentence Date: 3 March 2022

Judicial Authority: Bailongjiang Forest District Court of Gansu Province

Location: Majiagou Forest Area, Bikou Town, Wen County, Gansu Province

Species: 196 *Cymbidium faberi*, Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest

Number of Offenders: Two

Case Progress: Two suspects were sentenced to three years in prison with four years' probation, and fined 2,000 CNY.

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Taohe Forest District Court of Gansu Province Judged a Case of Poaching and Illegal Selling Endangered Species



News Release Date: 14 March 2022

Judicial Authority: Taohe Forest District Court of Gansu Province

Species: 2,114 alpine stream salamanders (*Batrachuperus tibetanus*) were caught (319 were dead and seized; 24 live salamanders were released), 1,711 were sold, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Poaching, illegal sale

Number of Offenders: Three

Case Progress: Three suspects were sentenced to one to three years in prison and fined, and to compensate for the loss of national wildlife resources.

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Sichuan Province Ya'An City Hanyuan County Court Judged a Case of Poaching Endangered Species



News Release Date: 17 March 2022
Judicial Authority: Hanyuan County Court, Ya'An City, Sichuan Province
Location: Hanyuan County, Ya'An City, Sichuan Province
Species: One tufted deer (*Elaphodus cephalophus*), Class II of National Protected Species
Reason for Seizure: Poaching
Estimated Value: 15,000 CNY
Number of Offenders: Six
Case Progress: One suspect was sentenced to 10 months in prison with 1.5-year probation and fined 5,000 CNY. The other five suspects were sentenced to one year in prison with two-year probation and fined 5,000 CNY. In addition, six suspects were fined 15,000 CNY for ecological restoration compensation and 6,000 CNY for punitive damages and pay the appraisal fee. Crime tools are confiscated according to law.

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Lianjiang City People's Court Openly Judged a Case of Selling Dried Seahorse



News Release Date: 24 March 2022
Judicial Authority: Lianjiang City People's Court
Location: Suspect owned pharmacy in Lianjiang City, Guangdong Province
Species: 134 dried seahorses (*Hippocampus* spp.), net weight 566.67 g, Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II
Reason for Seizure: Illegal sale
Estimated Value: 20,100 CNY
Number of Offenders: One
Case Progress: The suspect was sentenced to eight months in prison with 1.5-year probation and fined 5,000 CNY.

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The Longgang District People's Court of Shenzhen City Judged a Case of Illegal Purchase of Endangered Species



News Release Date: 30 March 2022

Judicial Authority: Shenzhen City Longgang District People's Court

Location: Suspect's residence in Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Species: One green-cheeked parakeet (*Pyrrhura molinae*), one African-spurred tortoise (*Geochelone sulcata*), one green iguana (*Iguana iguana*), and one leopard tortoise (*Stigmochelys pardalis*), Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal purchase

Estimated Value: One green-cheeked parakeet was purchased with 388 CNY; one African-spurred tortoise was purchased with around 850 CNY; one green iguana was purchased with around 550 CNY; one leopard tortoise was purchased with 1,088 CNY

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: Suspect was sentenced to seven months in prison with one-year probation, and fined 5,000 CNY

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The Forest Police Corps Carried Out Special Operations Against Orchids Resource Destructions in cities of Suizhou, Jinmen, Xiangyang and Enshi



News Release Date: 25 March 2022

Law enforcement authority: Hubei Province Police Forest Police Corps

Hubei Province Provincial and Municipal Police

Cases: 7 criminal cases were investigated and processed.

Species: More than 300 orchids (*Cymbidium ssp.*) were seized, National Protected Plants

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Hong Kong SAR

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected scheduled dried totoaba fish maws



Hong Kong Customs on 3 March seized about 1.2 kilograms of suspected scheduled dried totoaba fish maws with an estimated market value of about \$260,000 at Hong Kong International Airport.

Through risk assessment, Customs on that day inspected an air express parcel, declared to be carrying gifts and clothing, arriving in Hong Kong from Mexico. Upon inspection, Customs officers found the batch of suspected scheduled dried totoaba macdonaldi fish maws wrapped with clothes inside the parcel. An investigation is ongoing.

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Taiwanese convicted of rhino horn smuggling repatriated from Eswatini



Two Taiwanese serving jail terms in Eswatini after being convicted of attempting to smuggle rhino horns out of the Southern African country in 2017 were escorted back to Taiwan Thursday evening to serve the remainder of their sentence.

Initially serving an 11-year jail term and having already served five, the Taiwanese inmates were recently granted a commuted sentence, which ends at the end of this year, by the government of Eswatini, the bureau said, adding that the men will now serve their remaining time in Taiwan.

The rhino horns that the two men tried to smuggle via their luggage out of Eswatini into Taiwan were valued at NT\$72 million (US\$2.53 million), the bureau said. According to an Agence de Presse Africaine report at the time, they were caught at the King Mswati III International Airport with 24 pieces of chopped up rhino horns from four killed animals on Feb. 25, 2017.

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