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## CHINA'S WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT NEWS DIGEST

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## Suzhou Customs Seized Two Canned Whale Meat from Inbound International Mail



**News Release Date:** 1 April 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Suzhou Customs

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

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** Two cans of whale meat (Cetacea), gross weight 0.32 kg, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound international mail

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** Items have been detained according to law.

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## Huangdao Customs Seized Nine Endangered Wood Products from Import Freight Channels



**News Release Date:** 1 April 2022

**Seizure Date:** 28 March 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Huangdao Customs

**Location:** Huangdao Customs, Qingdao City, Shandong Province

**Detection Method:** Inspection

**Species:** Nine pieces of rosewood (*Dalbergia* spp.) and ramin (*Gonystylus* spp.) products, including tables, stools and others, CITES II

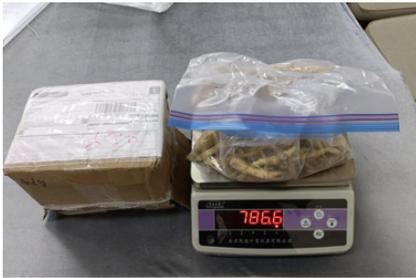
**Transport Method:** Import used goods

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** Items have been detained according to law and await further disposition.

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## Urumqi Customs Anti-Smuggling Bureau Filed and Investigated a Case of Mailing Endangered Plants into the Country



**News Release Date:** 29 April 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Anti-Smuggling Sub-Bureau of Urumqi Airport Customs

**Location:** Urumqi Customs, Urumqi City, Xinjiang Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** American ginseng (*Panax quinquefolium*) 786.6 g, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound mail

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** Item has been detained and under further process. Case is under further process.

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## Chengdu Shuangliu Airport Customs Seized Ivory Products



**News Release Date:** 30 April 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Chengdu Shuangliu Airport Customs

**Location:** Chengdu Shuangliu Airport, Chengdu City, Sichuan Province

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

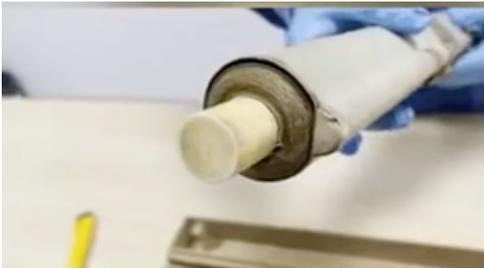
**Species:** Four ivory bangles, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound passenger's luggage (hidden in milk powder cans and lunch boxes)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Suzhou Customs Seized Ivory Painting Scrolls



**News Release Date:** 30 April 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Suzhou Customs

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

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

**Species:** One pair of ivory painting scroll heads, gross weight about 504 g, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound mail

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Qianjiang Customs Seized 11 Pieces of Ivory Products from Postal Channels



**News Release Date:** 30 April 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Qianjiang Customs

**Location:** Qianjiang Customs, Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** 11 ivory painting scroll heads, 172.5 g, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound mail

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** Items have been detained according to law.

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## Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized Ivory Folding Fan



**News Release Date:** 30 April 2022

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

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

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

**Species:** One ivory folding fan, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound express (declared as "a second-hand fan")

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Huangdao Customs Seized 19 Illegally Imported Ivory Products



**News Release Date:** 30 April 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Huangdao Customs

**Location:** Huangdao Customs, Qingdao City, Shandong Province

**Species:** 19 ivory products, 393.4 g, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Import old furniture and handicrafts (painting scrolls of several decorative paintings)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Chun'an County Police Bureau and Forest Bureau Seized 50 Wild Orchids



**News Release Date:** 02 April 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Chun'an County Police Bureau, Chun'an County Forest Bureau

**Location:** Farmer's market in Qingxi village, Qiandaohu Town, Chun'an County, Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province

**Detection Method:** Tip off

**Species:** 50 orchids (Orchidaceae), Class I/II of National Protected Wild Plants/CITES II

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

**Estimated Value:** Each plant was priced from 20 CNY to 50 CNY

**Number of Offenders:** One

**Case Progress:** Suspect is under criminal compulsory measure.

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## Hezhou Forest Police Cracked down a Case of Harming National Protected Plants



**News Release Date:** 08 April 2022

**Seizure Date:** 29 March 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Hezhou Forest Police, Guangxi Province

**Location:** Suspect's vegetable garden in Daning County, Babu District, Hezhou City, Guangxi Province

**Detection Method:** Intelligence, investigation

**Species:** 78 wild orchids (Orchidaceae), Class I/II of National Protected Wild Plants/CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal harvest

**Number of Offenders:** One

**Case Progress:** Suspect is under criminal compulsory measure. Orchids have been replanted. Case is under further process.

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### Xianfeng Forest Police Seized Four Consecutive Cases of Harming National Protected Plants



**News Release Date:** 12 April 2022  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Xianfeng Forest Police, Enshi City, Hubei Province  
**Location:** Suspect's residence in Xianfeng County, Enshi City, Hubei Province  
**Detection Method:** Intelligence, investigation  
**Species:** A large number of wild orchids (Orchidaceae), Class I/II of National Protected Wild Plants/CITES II  
**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal sale  
**Number of Offenders:** Six  
**Case Progress:** Xianfeng Police Bureau has filed four cases for investigation. Cases are under further process.

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### Hantai Forest Police Cracked down a Case of Harming National Protected Plants



**News Release Date:** 12 April 2022  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Hantai Forest Police, Hanzhong City, Shaanxi Province  
**Location:** Hanzhong City, Shaanxi Province  
**Detection Method:** N/A  
**Species:** 16 wild orchids (Orchidaceae), Class I/II of National Protected Wild Plants/CITES II  
**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal harvest/purchase/sale  
**Number of Offenders:** Five  
**Case Progress:** All orchids involved in the case were recovered. Case has been filed for criminal investigation and under further process.

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## Yixing Police Cracked down a Case of Illegal Wildlife Trade Online



**News Release Date:** 13 April 2022

**Seizure Date:** 16 March 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Yixing Police Station; Yixing Food, Drug and Environmental Brigade of Jiangsu Province

**Location:** Suspect's residence in Yixing City, Jiangsu Province

**Detection Method:** Intelligence

**Species:** Two African grey parrots (*Psittacus erithacus*), CITES I; one African spurred tortoise (*Geochelone sulcata*), CITES II; one Argentine black and white tegu (*Salvator merianae*), CITES II; eight ball pythons (*Python regius*), CITES II

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

**Number of Offenders:** Four

**Case Progress:** Yixing City Police Bureau filed and investigated the case according to law.

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## Hezhou Forest Police Successfully Cracked down a Case of Harming National Protected Plants



**News Release Date:** 15 April 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Hezhou Police of Guangxi Province

**Location:** Suspect's residence in Etang Town, Pinggui District, Hezhou City, Guangxi Province

**Detection Method:** Intelligence, investigation

**Species:** 11 *Angiopteris fokiensis* Hieron (*Angiopteris fokiensis Hieron*), Class II of National Protected Species

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

**Case Progress:** Suspect is under criminal compulsory measure. Plants have been handed over to local forestry department. Case is under further process.

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## Chongzuo Forest Police Cracked down Two Cases of Harming National Protected Plants



**News Release Date:** 19 April 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Forest Police Bureau of Chongzuo City, Guangxi Province

**Location:** Suspect's residence in a village in Lulu Town, Jiangzhou District, Chongzuo City, Guangxi Province

**Detection Method:** Intelligence, investigation

**Species:** 14 sago palms (*Cycas revoluta*), Class I of National Protected Species/CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal harvest/purchase/sale (online sale)

**Estimated Value:** 12 were sold for 100 CNY to 400 CNY per plant; 3 were bought for 250 per plant

**Number of Offenders:** Two (one surrendered to the police)

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## Wuxi Police Successfully Cracked down a Major Case of Harming National Protected Plants



**News Release Date:** 20 April 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Wuxi Police, Chongqing City

**Location:** Wuxi County in Chongqing City; Liupanshui City in Guizhou Province; Chengdu and Xichang City in Sichuan Province; Jianshi City in Hubei Province and other places

**Detection Method:** Tip off, investigation

**Species:** 748 Chinese yews (*Taxus chinensis*), boxwood (*Buxus sinica*), Sichuan evergreen persimmon (*Diospyros cathayensis*), Taiwan crape myrtle (*Lagerstroemia subcostata*), winter-hazel (*Distylium chinense*) and other Class I of National Protected Species and endangered trees and wild plants

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal logging/transport/sale

**Estimated Value:** Illegal profits of more than 100 million CNY

**Number of Offenders:** 73

**Nationality:** Three were Chinese, others not specified

**Case Progress:** Five main suspects were under arrest, the other 68 were under compulsory measure. Plants were transplanted for ecological protection. Case is under further process.

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## Enshi Police Successfully Cracked down the Largest Case of Destroying Orchid Resources



**News Release Date:** 22 April 2022

**Seizure Date:** 2 April 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Enshi Railway Police, Enshi Prefecture Police Bureau, Hubei Province

**Location:** Suspect's room in Enshi Prefecture, Hubei Province

**Detection Method:** Investigation

**Species:** 427 wild orchids (Orchidaceae), Class I/II of National Protected Wild Plants/CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal harvest

**Number of Offenders:** One

**Case Progress:** Orchids have been handed over to local forestry department. Case is under further process.

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## A Man from Shandong Who was Sentenced to 3 Years in Prison in the First Instance Due to Purchasing Tortoise Online is Stenenced to to Residential Surveillance

山东省禹城市人民法院

刑事判决书

(2021)鲁1482刑初56号

公诉机关山东省禹城市人民检察院。  
被告人王超，男，1979年10月1日出生于山东省德州市陵城区，汉族，小学文化，群众，户籍地山东省德州市陵城区，现居山东省禹城市。因涉嫌非法收购、出售珍贵、濒危野生动物罪，于2021年4月2日被禹城市公安局刑事拘留，同年4月22日被逮捕。现押在禹城市看守所羁押。被告人王超在案期间认罪认罚，自愿接受处罚。辩护人王超，男，1979年10月1日出生于山东省德州市陵城区，汉族，小学文化，群众，户籍地山东省德州市陵城区，现居山东省禹城市。在山东省德州市陵城区因涉嫌非法收购、出售珍贵、濒危野生动物罪，于2021年4月2日被禹城市公安局刑事拘留，同年4月22日被逮捕。现押在禹城市看守所羁押。被告人王超在案期间认罪认罚，自愿接受处罚。

**News Release Date:** 10 April 2022

**Sentence Date:** 8 April 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Yucheng City Forest Police Brigade

**Judicial Authority:** Yucheng City Court

**Location:** Suspect's home in Yucheng City, Shandong Province

**Detection Method:** Investigation

**Species:** 14 Hermann's tortoise (*Testudo hermanni*), CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal purchase

**Estimated Value:** Purchased with 5100 CNY

**Number of Offenders:** One

**Case Progress:** Suspect has been sentenced to three years in prison and fined 40000 CNY. After the promulgation of the new law, the sentence was changed to residential surveillance.

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## Hong Kong SAR

### **AFCD seizes two critically endangered Bali mynas suspected of being illegally traded**



The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) seized two critically endangered birds suspected of being illegally traded during a test buy today (April 14).

AFCD staff found two critically endangered Bali mynas (*Leucopsar rothschildi*), which were suspected of being illegally traded via an online social media platform, while conducting illegal wildlife trade monitoring. The

Bali myna is a listed species in Appendix I to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) with less than 50 mature birds in the wild globally. Local trading of the species is regulated under the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance (Cap. 586). AFCD officers mounted an enforcement action today and seized the above birds for further investigation.

A spokesman for the AFCD said, "Under the Ordinance, the possession of specimens of CITES Appendix I species for commercial purposes is generally prohibited. Any person importing, re-exporting, or possessing endangered species not in accordance with the Ordinance will be liable to a maximum fine of \$10 million and imprisonment for 10 years upon conviction. The specimens will also be forfeited."

The spokesman said the Government is committed to protecting endangered species by combatting the illegal trading of wild animals. The AFCD will remain vigilant and continue monitoring various online platforms and social media, and proactively conducting enforcement operations to combat the illegal trade in endangered species.

The AFCD urges members of the public to report any suspected illegal trading of endangered species via [espint@afcd.gov.hk](mailto:espint@afcd.gov.hk).

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## Netherland

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## Panama

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## South Africa

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## Spain

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## Thailand

- [Three suspected senior wildlife traffickers arrested in Royal Thai Police and Wildlife Justice Commission joint operation](#)

## UK

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