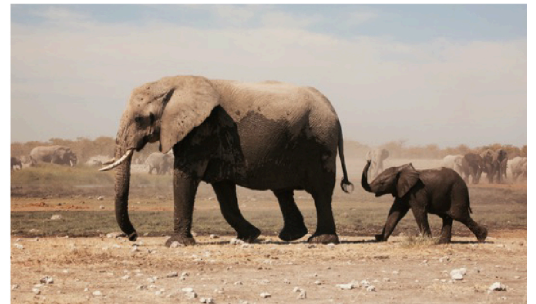


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Suzhou Customs Seized Two Canned Whale Meat from Inbound International Mail



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

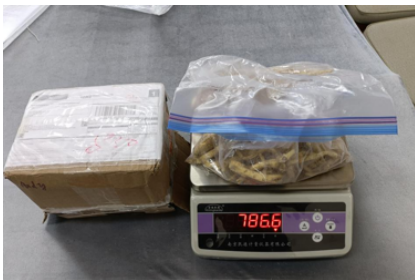
Transport Method: Import used goods

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

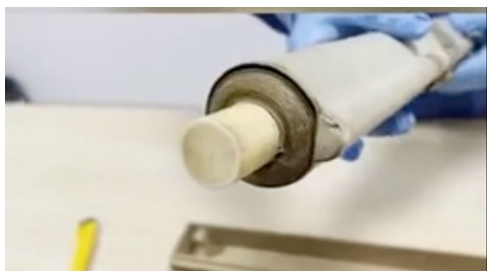
Transport Method: Inbound passenger's luggage (hidden in milk powder cans and lunch boxes)

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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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.

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