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Tianjin Customs Handed Over 5 Smuggled Endangered Wild Animal Products



News Release Date: 1 May 2022
Transferal Date: 29 April 2022
Transferal Authority: Tianjin Customs
Recipient Authority: Tianjin City Commission of Agriculture and Rural Affairs
Transferal Content: Three giant clams (*Tridacnidae*) and two hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) products, total weight 31 kg. Giant clams are Class I of National Protected Species/CITES II, hawksbill turtles are Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I

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Yiwu Customs Seized a Batch of Ivory Scroll Heads



News Release Date: 2 May 2022
Law Enforcement Authority: Yiwu Customs
Location: Yiwu Customs, Yiwu City, Zhejiang Province
Species: 65 ivory scroll heads, 1.266 kg, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound parcel
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Chengdu Shuangliu Airport Customs Seized Ivory Products



News Release Date: 11 May 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Chengdu Shuangliu Airport Customs

Location: Chengdu Shuangliu Airport, Chengdu City, Sichuan Province

Detection Method: Advanced machine inspection, AI photo examination

Species: Eight ivory products, gross weight 350 g, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound passengers' check-in luggage (wrapped in tin foil and electrical tape and hidden on the inside of the milk powder can, inside the sunblock sleeves and at the bottom of the tea can)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: One

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Shenzhen Postal Customs Seized Ivory Products



News Release Date: 16 May 2022

Seizure Date: 16 May 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Shenzhen Postal Customs

Location: Shenzhen Post Office, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (machine inspection)

Species: 35 ivory products, each weighs 1.73 g, total weight 60.55 g, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound express (put in 35 red velvet boxes)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Menglian Customs Seized Ivory Products



News Release Date: 17 May 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Menglian Customs

Location: Menglian Port Inbound Travelers Inspection Channel, Pu'er City, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: One ivory product, 45.2 g, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound passengers' carry-on item

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: One

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Suzhou Customs Seized Two Coral Bracelets



News Release Date: 18 May 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Suzhou Postal Customs

Location: Suzhou Customs, Suzhou City, Jiangsu Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (machine inspection)

Species: Two red coral (*Corallium* spp.) beaded bracelets, net weight 38.5 g, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES III

Transport Method: Inbound parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Haizhu Customs Seized Endangered Wooden Instruments



News Release Date: 22 May 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Haizhu Customs

Location: Haizhu Customs, Guangdong City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Inspection

Species: One Indian rosewood (*Dalbergia latifolia*) piano, CITES II

Transport Method: Imported goods (declared as "old grand piano")

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Zhakou Customs Seized Five Four-toed Tortoise at Gongbei Port



News Release Date: 23 May 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhakou Customs

Location: Gongbei Port, Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Inspection

Species: Five Four-toed tortoises (*Testudo horsfieldii*), Class I of National Protected Species/CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound passenger's carry-on item (hidden in a plastic box)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: One

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Xinshengwei Customs Seized 55.43 g of Ivory Products



News Release Date: 24 May 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Xinshengwei Customs

Location: Xinshengwei Customs Inbound Luggage Channel, Nanjing City, Jiangsu Province

Species: One ivory bracelet, about 55.43 g, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Further process in accordance with law

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Shenzhen Bay Customs Seized Combs Made of Endangered Timber



News Release Date: 24 May 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Shenzhen Bay Customs

Location: Shenzhen Bay Customs Freight Export Channel, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Species: 485 *Bulnesia sarmientoi* combs, CITES II

Transport Method: Export goods

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Customs Seized 210 Erhu made of Python Skin



News Release Date: 28 May 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Customs

Detection Method: Inspection

Species: 210 erhu made of Burmese python skin (*Python bivittatus*), Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II

Transport Method: Export goods (a company in Shenzhen declared export)

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Beilun Customs Seized a Batch of Illegally Exported Goods Containing Endangered Plants Ingredients



News Release Date: 29 May 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Beilun Customs

Location: Beilun Customs Export Freight Channel, Ningbo City, Zhejiang Province

Species: 1000 boxes of goods containing Chained Dendrobium (*Dendrobium catenatum*), Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II

Transport Method: Export goods

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Items have been handed over for further process.

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Wuhan Tianhe Airport Customs Seized Giant Clam Beaded Bracelets and Dried Seahorses



News Release Date: 31 May 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Wuhan Tianhe Airport Customs

Location: Wuhan Tianhe Airport, Wuhan City, Hubei Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: Eight giant clam bracelets (Tridacnidae), net weight 716 g, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES II; 41 dried seahorses (*Hippocampus* spp.), net weight 113 g, Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound passengers' luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: One

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Longnan Forest Police Seized 249 Wild Orchids



News Release Date: 5 May 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Police Brigade of Wudu District Police Bureau in Longnan City, Gansu Province

Location: Liangshui Town, Wuma Town and the flower and flower-bird markets in Chengguan Town, Wudu District, Longnan City, Gansu Province

Detection Method: Special operation

Species: 44 bushes, 249 orchids (*Cymbidium* spp.), National Protected Species I/II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest, illegal trade

Number of Offenders: Three

Case Progress: Items were detained according to law. Three cases are under further process.

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A Major Case of Harming Endangered Wild Animals is Cracked in Qinghai



News Release Date: 16 May 2022

Seizure Date: 28 February 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Chengzhong Police Sub-Bureau of Xining City Qinghai Province

Location: Bus Transportation Station in Nanchuan West Road, Xining City, Qinghai Province

Detection Method: Intelligence, investigation

Species: Class I of National Protected Species/CITES II: 14 musk sacs, including nine alpine musk deer (*Moschus chrysogaster*), four dwarf musk deer (*M. berezovskii*) and one white-bellied musk deer (*M. leucogaster*), and three alpine musk deer tails; four elk antlers (*Cervus canadensis*), Class II of National Protected Species; 44 wolf teeth (*Canis lupus*), Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II; and six bear gallbladder (Ursidae), Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I.

Transport Method: Passenger bus

Reason for Seizure: Poaching, illegal purchase/transport/sale

Estimated Value: 336,000 CNY

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: Suspect was arrested according to the approval of Chengzhong District People's Procuratorate of Xining City. Chengzhong Police is conducting further investigation.

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Xupu County Police Bureau Seized a Poaching Case Using High-Tech Equipment



News Release Date: 17 May 2022

Seizure Date: 14 May 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Longtan Police Station of Xupu County Police Bureau in Huaihua City, Hunan Province

Location: Wantang Village, Huangmaoyuan, Xupu County, Huaihua City, Hunan Province

Detection Method: Patrol

Species: One tufted deer (*Elaphodus cephalophus*), 10.85 kg, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Poaching

Number of Offenders: Three

Case Progress: Suspects were under criminal compulsory measures according to law. The case is under further investigation.

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Case of Harming Endangered Wild Animals in Yakeshiqi Inner Mongolia



News Release Date: 18 May 2022

Seizure Date: 1 January 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Police in Yakeshi City, Inner Mongolia

Location: Yakeshi City, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Tip off, intelligence

Species: Moose (*Alces alces*), Siberian roe deer (*Capreolus pygargus*), wild boars (*Sus scrofa*) and other wild animals; Moose are Class I of National Protected Species, Siberian roe deer are Animal of important economic and scientific values

Reason for Seizure: Poaching, illegal sale

Number of Offenders: One

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Chengguan Police Station Seized endangered plants

日前，清流县城关派出所接到群众举报，称城区一店面内种植了国家重点保护植物，经调查核实及专业鉴定，该店内所种植的植物为国家二级保护植物金毛狗蕨和福建观音座莲。

4月11日，清流县检察院与县公安局、县林业局联合对查获的国家二级保护植物金毛狗蕨、福建观音座莲移栽至该县莲花山省级自然保护区，进行异地种植管护。

News Release Date: 20 May 2022

Seizure Date: 11 April 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Qingliu County Chengguan Police Station

Location: A shop in Qingliu County, Sanming City, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Tip off

Species: Golden chicken fern (*Cibotium barometz*) and *Angiopteris fokiensis*, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest/trade

Case Progress: Confiscated plants were handed over to Lianhuashan Provincial Nature Reserve for off-site plant protection and management.

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Shexian Seized Illegally Harvested Orchids



News Release Date: 21 May 2022

Location: She County, Huangshan City, Anhui Province

Species: Two bushes of noble orchids (*Cymbidium goeringii*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest

Number of Offenders: Two

Case Progress: The case has been filed for investigation.

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A Man in Hangzhou was Criminally Detained due to Illegal Orchids Harvest

News Release Date: 21 May 2022

Location: The mountain near suspect's home in Chun'an County, Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: N/A

Species: Wild orchids (*Cymbidium* spp.), Class I/II National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest/trade

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: The suspect is under criminal detention.

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The Case of Harming Endangered Wild Animals in Qinshui City Shanxi Province

News Release Date: 23 May 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Qinshui County Police Bureau of Shanxi Province

Location: Qinshui County, Shanxi Province

Species: Two owls (*Strigiformes*), Class II of National Protected Species/CITES I/II; four Leopard cats (*Prionailurus bengalensis*), Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II; 400 Hog badgers (*Arctonyx collaris*), Siberian weasels (*Mustela sibirica*) and other dead bodies of Animal of important economic and scientific values, more than 1200 wild animals were involved in the case

Reason for Seizure: Illegal purchase/transport/sale

Number of Offenders: 19

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The Case of Harming Endangered Wild Animals in Qingdao City

News Release Date: 23 May 2022

Seizure Date: 1 October 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Police Brigade of Qingdao City Police Bureau and Jiaozhou City Police Bureau, Shandong Province

Location: Shandong Province

Detection Method: Intelligence

Species: More than 600 chestnut-flanked white-eye (*Zosterops erythropleurus*) and other Class II of National Protected birds

Reason for Seizure: Illegal purchase, poaching, illegal sale

Number of Offenders: 32

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The Case of "6·21" Harming Endangered Wild Animals in Taohe

News Release Date: 23 May 2022

Seizure Date: 1 June 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Police Bureau Taohe Sub-Bureau of Gansu Province Police

Location: Taohe National Nature Reserve, Gansu Province

Detection Method: Tip off, intelligence

Species: More than 340 Alpine stream salamanders (*Batrachuperus tibetanus*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Poaching

Number of Offenders: Four

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The Case of "3·15" Illegal Logging, Purchase and Transport of Timbers in Shangrao

News Release Date: 23 May 2022

Seizure Date: 1 May 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Police Sub-Bureau of Shangrao City Police Bureau, Jiangxi Province

Location: Dixing City, Hengfeng County in Shangrao City and Other Places in Jiangxi Province (crime scene)

Detection Method: Intelligence

Species: More than 800 tons of timber were seized at the scene, a total of 10,000 tons of timber were involved in the case.

Reason for Seizure: deforestation, illegal logging/purchase/transportation

Number of Offenders: Nine

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Case of Illegal Logging in Hailin City Heilongjiang Province



News Release Date: 23 May 2022

Seizure Date: 1 January 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Hailing City Police Bureau of Heilongjiang Province

Location: Several places in Mudanjiang City, Heilongjiang Province

Detection Method: Intelligence

Species: The total amount of timber involved in the case is more than 980 cubic meters

Reason for Seizure: Deforestation

Number of Offenders: One

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Leshan Police of Sichuan Province Successfully Cracked down a Major Case of Harming National Protected Plants



News Release Date: 25 May 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Police Brigade of Shanwan District Police Sub-Bureau Leshan City

Location: Shawan District, Leshan City, Sichuan Province

Detection Method: Special operation

Species: More than 100000, more than 20000 bushes of wild orchids (*Cymbidium* spp.), National Protected Plants, Class I/II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest

Estimated Value: More than 2 million CNY

Number of Offenders: 12

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Lu County Police Cracked down a Case of Harming Endangered Wild Animals



News Release Date: 31 May 2022

Seizure Date: 25 May 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Lu County Police of Luzhou City, Sichuan Province

Location: Haichao Town, Lu County, Luzhou City, Sichuan Province

Detection Method: Tip off

Species: One glossy ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*), Class I of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Poaching

Number of Offenders: Seven

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

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Xuancheng Intermediated People's Court Pronounced a Verdict on the Case of Illegal Orchids Harvest



News Release Date: 21 May 2022

Crime Committed Date: 2 December 2021

Judicial authority: Xuancheng Intermediate Court

Location: A forest farm in Tingxi Town, Jing County, Xuancheng City, Anhui Province

Species: 11 noble orchids (*Cymbidium goeringii*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: The suspect was sentenced to five months under control and fined 1,000 CNY, 11 noble orchids were confiscated.

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Suspect Gong's Civil Public Interest Litigation Case of Poaching Endangered Wild Animals

News Release Date: 23 May 2022

Seizure Date: 28 January 2021

Law enforcement authority: Police

Judicial authority: Wanzhou District People's Court of Chongqing City

Location: Suspect's residence in Dangyang Town, Wushan County, Chongqing City

Species: Five Temminck's tragopans (*Tragopan temminckii*), Class II of National Protected Species; one Chinese goral (*Naemorhedus griseus*), Class II of National Protected Species/CITES I

Reason for Seizure: Poaching

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: The suspect was sentenced to six years in prison and fined 20,000 CNY, with compensation of 75,000CNY for the damage of wildlife resources and ecological and environmental functions, payment for 2,000 CNY for appraisal fees and public apology on the media.

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Suspect Wu's Case of Harming Endangered Wild Animals and Illegal Fishing

News Release Date: 23 May 2022

Judicial authority: Jiangjin District People's Court of Chongqing City

Location: Jiangxin Island in Yangtze River, Yabadong, Nan'an District, Chongqing City (crime scene)

Species: Three Chinese sturgeons (*Acipenser sinensis*), two big-head carps (*Aristichys nobilis*) and other catch, including one Yangtze sturgeon (*Acipenser dabryanus Dumeril*), Class I of National Protected Species, common carps (*Cyprinus carpio*), grass carps (*Ctenopharyngodon idella*), amur catfish (*Silurus asotus*) and other catch

Reason for Seizure: Illegal fishing

Estimated Value: The value of one Yangtze sturgeon is 75,000 CNY. The sale profit is 23960 CNY.

Number of Offenders: Six (three were handled as a different case)

Case Progress: Three suspects were sentenced to imprisonment ranging from one year and five months to two years and seven months in the first trial. In the second trial, suspect one upheld the original sentence; suspect two was sentenced to one year and four months in prison and fined 10,000 CNY; suspect three was sentenced to one year and three months in prison and fined 10,000 CNY.

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Suspect Luo's Case of Harming Endangered Wild Animals

News Release Date: 23 May 2022

Arrest Date: 1 December 2020

Law enforcement authority: Police

Judicial authority: Jiangjin District People's Court of Chongqing City

Location: The shop rent by suspect in a Chinese herbal medicine market in Caiyuanba, Yuzhong District, Chongqing City

Species: 451.24 g of Malayan pangolin (*Manis javanica*) scales, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES I; 4.43 g of Tree pangolin (*Manis tricuspis*) scales, CITES I

Reason for Seizure: Illegal purchase/sale

Estimated Value: The purchase value was 40,416 CNY

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: The suspect was sentenced to one year and four months in prison and two years' probation, fined 10,000 CNY. 455.67 g of pangolin scales was confiscated.

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Suspect Dai's Case of Harming National Protected Plants

News Release Date: 23 May 2022

Law enforcement authority: Police

Judicial authority: Fuling District People's Court of Chongqing City

Location: The forest at Dongbao, Liziping, Luhong Village, Fengshan Street, Wulong District, Chongqing City (crime scene)

Species: Three Chinese yew (*Taxus wallichiana* var. *mairei*), Class I of National Protected Species/CITES II; one Dawn redwood (*Metasequoia glyptostroboides*), Class I of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal logging

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: The suspect was sentenced to one year and six months in prison, two years' probation and fined 5,000 CNY.

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