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## CHINA'S WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT NEWS DIGEST

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## Fuzhou Customs Seized Two Horned Helmets



**News Release Date:** 2 July 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Fuzhou Changle Airport Customs

**Location:** Fuzhou Changle Airport, Fujian Province

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

**Species:** Two horned helmets (*Cassis cornuta*), Class II of National Protected Species

**Transport Method:** Inbound passenger' luggage, wrapped in clothing and paper)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** Items have been temporarily detained for further processing according to law.

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## Wuhan Post Office Customs Seized Red Coral Products



**News Release Date:** 2 July 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Wuhan Postal Customs

**Location:** Wuhan Post Office, Hubei Province

**Detection Method:** Routine examination

**Species:** Red coral (*Corallium* spp.) products, 42.7g, Class I of National protected species, CITES III

**Transport Method:** Mail

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Chengdu Shuangliu Airport Customs Seized Ivory Products



**News Release Date:** 2 July 2022

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

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

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

**Species:** 23 pieces of ivory bead bracelets, pendants and other handicrafts, total weight of 1025.91g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound passengers' checked-in luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 4

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## Ivory Bracelets Seized at Changsha Huanghua Airport



**News Release Date:** 2 July 2022

**Seizure Date:** 2 July 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Changsha Huanghua Airport Customs

**Location:** Huanghua Airport, Changsha City, Hunan Province

**Detection Method:** Routine examination

**Species:** Two pieces of ivory bead bracelets, 64g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound passenger' luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** Items have been detained and handed over to the relevant departments for further processing.

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## Customs Seized Ivory Products at Shenzhen Bao'an Airport



**News Release Date:** 2 July 2022

**Seizure Date:** 30 June 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shenzhen Bao'an Airport Customs

**Location:** Bao'an Airport, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine examination

**Species:** A pair of ivory painting scroll heads, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Outbound traveler inspection channel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** Items have been detained and handed over to the relevant departments for further processing.

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## Changsha Huanghua Airport Customs Seized 101 Hawksbill Turtle Bangles



**News Release Date:** 4 July 2022

**Seizure Date:** 4 July 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Changsha Huanghua Airport Customs

**Location:** Huanghua Airport, Changsha City, Hunan Province

**Detection Method:** Routine examination

**Species:** Hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) bangle 101 pieces, total weight about 1.34kg, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

**Transport Method:** Inbound passenger' luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** Items have been detained by Customs for further processing.

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## 24 Pieces of Ivory Tableware Seized by Qianjiang Customs



**News Release Date:** 5 July 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Qianjiang Customs

**Location:** Qianjiang City, Zhejiang Province Post Office

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

**Species:** 24 pieces of ivory tableware, gross weight of 1060 grams (including the metal part of the tableware), class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound mail (item name not declared)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Guangzhou Customs Airport Seized Illegal Agarwood Products



**News Release Date:** 7 July 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Customs

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

**Detection Method:** Inspection

**Species:** Six Agarwood (*Aquilaria* spp.) bead bracelets, net weight 95g, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound mail

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** Items have been further processed.

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## Jinhua Customs Seized an Erhu Made of Python Skin



**News Release Date:** 10 July 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Jinhua Customs

**Location:** Jinhua City, Zhejiang Province

**Detection Method:** Routine examination

**Species:** One Burmese python (*python bivittatus*) skin Erhu, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Hidden in the export goods

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** Item has been handed over to the relevant department for processing.

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## Suzhou Customs Post Office Seized *Delbergia* Tea Table



**News Release Date:** 10 July 2022

**Seizure Date:** 10 July 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Suzhou Postal Customs

**Location:** Suzhou Post Office, Jiangsu Province

**Detection Method:** Routine examination

**Species:** *Delbergia* spp. tea table handicraft, 4.54 kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound mail

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** Items were processed in accordance with law.

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## Jinan Airport Customs Seized 12 Ivory Products



**News Release Date:** 10 July 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Jinan Airport Customs

**Location:** Jinan Airport, Shandong Province

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

**Species:** 12 ivory bangles and bead bracelets, total weight 748g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound passengers' luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Chengdu Shuangliu Airport Customs Seized 3 Ivory Products



**News Release Date:** 10 July 2022

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

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

**Detection Method:** X-ray and manual inspection

**Species:** Three ivory beads bracelet and bangles, total weight 155g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound passengers' luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 3

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## Longhu Customs Seized Rhinoceros Skin and Saiga Horn Shred



**News Release Date:** 14 July 2022

**Seizure Date:** 14 July 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Longhu Customs  
**Location:** Longhu District Post Office, Shantou City, Fujian Province

**Detection Method:** Routine examination

**Species:** Rhino (*Rhinocerotidae*) skin slice, 740g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; Saiga horn (*Saiga tatarica*) shred, 300g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound mail

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** The package was further processed.

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## Beijing Post Office Customs Seized Endangered Butterfly Specimens in Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 15 July 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Beijing Postal Customs

**Location:** Beijing Post Office

**Detection Method:** Risk analysis

**Species:** 44 Blue Birdwing butterfly (*Ornithoptera urvillianus*) specimens, including 21 males and 23 females, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound postal parcels

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Customs Seized Two Horse Hoof Clams



**News Release Date:** 16 July 2022

**Seizure Date:** 11 July 2022 (date of identification)

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Customs

**Location:** Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province

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

**Species:** Two Horse Hoof clams (*Hippopus hippopus*), class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Passenger baggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## 15 Giant Clam Products Seized by Fuzhou Customs



**News Release Date:** 16 July 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Fuzhou Changle Airport Customs

**Location:** Fuzhou Changle Airport, Fujian Province

**Detection Method:** Routine examination

**Species:** 15 giant clams (Tridacnidae) products, Class I/II of national protected speices, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound passengers' luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Chongqing Jiangbei Airport Customs Seized 2 Ivory Products



**News Release Date:** 16 July 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Chongqing Jiangbei Airport Customs

**Location:** Chongqing Jiangbei Airport

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

**Species:** One ivory bead bracelet and one ivory bangle, total weight 120.27g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound passengers' carry-on luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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## Guangzhou Customs Seized Ivory Bead Bracelet



**News Release Date:** 16 July 2022

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

**Location:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport

**Detection Method:** Routine examination

**Species:** One ivory bead bracelet product, weight 70g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Wearing on the wrist

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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## Jinan Airport Customs Seized Erhu Made of Python Skin



**News Release Date:** 16 July 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Jinan Airport Customs

**Location:** Jinan Airport, Shandong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine examination

**Species:** A Burmese python (*Python bivittatus*) skin made Erhu, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** E-commerce exported goods (declared as Erhu)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Wuhan Post Office Customs Seized Ivory Products



**News Release Date:** 16 July 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Wuhan Postal Customs

**Location:** Wuhan Post Office, Hubei Province

**Detection Method:** Routine examination

**Species:** Ivory carving folding fan, weight about 20g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound mail (declared as "toys")

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Shantou Longhu Customs Seized Smuggled Endangered Tropical Pitcher Plant in Inbound Mail



**News Release Date:** 18 July 2022

**Seizure Date:** 8 July 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Longhu Customs

**Location:** Longhu District Post Office, Shantou City, Fujian Province

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

**Species:** Tropical pitcher plant (*Nepenthes* spp.), CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound mail

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Ningbo Beilun Customs Seized Endangered Indian rosewood Logs



**News Release Date:** 20 July 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Beilun Customs

**Location:** Beilun District, Ningbo City, Zhejiang Province

**Detection Method:** Routine examination

**Species:** Indian rosewood (*Dalbergia latifolia*) logs about 29.5 tonnes in total, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Container (Declared as "Imported Wooden Furniture")

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** Items have been handed over to the relevant department for further processing.

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## Nansan Customs Seized 14 Giant salamanders



**News Release Date:** 28 July 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Nansan customs

**Location:** Nansan Port Border Trade Export Inspection Area, Zhenkang County, Lincang City, Yunnan Province

**Detection Method:** Routine examination

**Species:** 14 giant salamanders (*Andrias davidianus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I

**Transport Method:** Vehicles shipping exported goods

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Changsha Huanghua Airport Seized 22 Giant Clams Products



**News Release Date:** 29 July 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Changsha Huanghua Airport Customs

**Location:** Huanghua Airport, Changsha City, Hunan Province

**Detection Method:** Routine examination

**Species:** 22 giant clams (Tridacnidae) beads, bracelets, necklaces, carvings and other products, total weight 2.29 kg, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound passengers' luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Chengdu Shuangliu Airport Customs Seized Ivory Products Carried by Several Passengers



**News Release Date:** 30 July 2022

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

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

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

**Species:** 10 ivory bangle, bead bracelet, pendant, seal name and other handicrafts, net weight 486g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound passengers' luggage (wrapped in tin foil or film) or carried on passengers

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** Several

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## Chongqing Jiangbei Airport Customs Seized 5 Ivory Products



**News Release Date:** 30 July 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Chongqing Jiangbei Airport Customs

**Location:** Chongqing Jiangbei Airport

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

**Species:** Four ivory bracelets and one suspected ivory pendant, with a total net weight of 193 grams, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound passenger' luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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## 90 smuggled python skins were seized at the border of Honghe, Yunnan



**News Release Date:** 15 July 2022

**Seizure Date:** 17 June 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Yunnan Honghe Border Management Detachment and Hekou Public Security

**Location:** Exit of Beishan highway, Xinjie Border Inspection Station, Hekou County, Yunnan Province

**Detection Method:** Routine examination

**Species:** 90 pieces of Burmese python (*python bivittatus*) skin, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Truck (packed in woven bag)

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal transport

**Estimated Value:** 1.08 million yuan

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** Suspect was arrested.

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## Case of Harming Endangered Wildlife in Ya'An



**News Release Date:** 1 July 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Ya'An Shimian County Public Security Bureau

**Location:** Ya'An City, Sichuan Province

**Detection Method:** Intelligence

**Species:** 369 Red Panda (*Ailurus fulgens*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal acquisition and sale (laundered by legal farming)

**Estimated Value:** 14.76 million yuan

**Number of Offenders:** 15

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## Case of Harming Endangered Wildlife in Neijiang

**News Release Date:** 1 July 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Longchang Public Security Bureau, Neijiang City

**Location:** Neijiang City, Sichuan Province

**Detection Method:** Intelligence

**Species:** Pangolin (*Manis* spp.) scale products, more than 30 tons, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal sale

**Estimated Value:** More than 300 million yuan

**Number of Offenders:** 19

**Case Progress:** Five suspects have been prosecuted, and the case is under further investigation.

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## Case of Harming Endangered Wildlife in Ganzi



**News Release Date:** 1 July 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Public Security Bureau of Luding County, Ganzi Prefecture

**Location:** Ganzi Prefecture, Sichuan Province

**Detection Method:** Fixed-point inspection

**Species:** 39 Macaques (*Macaca mulatta*) seized at the scene, total 94 Macaques were involved in the whole case, Class II of National Protected Species

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal hunting (luring with feed, luring, setting traps), illegal sale (transporting to other provinces for sale)

**Estimated Value:** 940,000 yuan

**Number of Offenders:** 13

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## Case of Harming Endangered Wildlife in Aba

**News Release Date:** 1 July 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Aba Songpan County Public Security Bureau

**Location:** Aba Prefecture, Sichuan Province

**Species:** 10 musk sacs of Chinese Forest Musk Deer (*Moschus berezovskii*) seized, 15 sacs involved in the whole case, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal acquisition and sale (online transaction and logistic delivery)

**Estimated Value:** 450,000 yuan.

**Number of Offenders:** 3

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### Case of Harming National Protected Wild Plant in Ya'An



**News Release Date:** 1 July 2022

**Seizure Date:** 1 May 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Mingshan District Branch of Ya'an Public Security Bureau

**Location:** Ya'An City, Sichuan Province

**Species:** 5 Chinese yew (*Taxus chinensis*), Class I of National Protected Species, /CITES II; 19 Zhennan (*Phoebe zhennan*), Class II of National Protected Species

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal logging

**Number of Offenders:** 18

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### Case of Harming National Protected Wild Plant in Leshan

**News Release Date:** 12 July 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shawan District Branch of Leshan Public Security Bureau

**Location:** Leshan, Sichuan Province

**Detection Method:** Intelligence

**Species:** 100,000 batch wild orchid (*Cymbidium* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal harvest, acquisition, transportation and sale (WeChat, Tik Tok)

**Estimated Value:** More than 2 million yuan

**Number of Offenders:** 12

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## Hubei Enshi Public Security Cracked a Major Case Involving Wild Orchids



**News Release Date:** 12 July 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Enshi Public Security Bureau, Hubei Province

**Location:** Enshi, Hubei Province

**Detection Method:** Intelligence

**Species:** More than 210,000 wild orchid (*Cymbidium* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal harvest, acquisition and sale (short video, WeChat, Tele-marketing)

**Number of Offenders:** 13

**Case Progress:** The confiscated orchids were handed over to the wildlife protection department of Enshi Forestry Bureau for transplantation and protection by professionals.

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## Shaanxi Nanzheng Forest Police Cracked the Case of Illegal Hunting and Possession of Firearms



**News Release Date:** 29 July 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Nanzheng Forest Police Brigade, Hanzhong City, Shaanxi Province

**Location:** Suspect's Residence in Guangjiadian Village, Beiba Town, Hanzhong City, Shaanxi Province

**Detection Method:** Tip off

**Species:** Four pieces of suspected Tufted deer (*Elaphodus cephalophus*) meat product, Class II of National Protected Species; five pieces of suspected wild boar (*Sus scrofa*) products

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal hunting and illegal possession of firearms (2 animal traps and 1 home-made shotgun were seized)

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The case is still under investigation.

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### Forest Branch of Longnan Public Security Bureau Cracked an Illegal Harvest Case of Wild Orchid



**News Release Date:** 29 July 2022

**Seizure Date:** 10 June 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Changba Police Station of Forest Branch of Longnan Public Security Bureau

**Location:** Longnan City, Gansu Province

**Detection Method:** Intelligence

**Species:** 8 wild orchids (*Cymbidium* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal harvest and trade (sold on Tik Tok)

**Number of Offenders:** 2

**Case Progress:** The case is under further investigation and trial.

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### Forest Branch of Longnan Public Security Bureau Cracked a Case of Illegally Logging Chinese Yew



**News Release Date:** 29 July 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Kangnan Brigade of Forest Branch of Longnan Public Security Bureau

**Location:** Chenzhuang Community, Qishugou Village, Dabao Town, Kang County, Longnan City, Gansu Province

**Detection Method:** Investigation

**Species:** Five Chinese yew (*Taxus chinensis*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II; one wild orchid (*Cymbidium* ssp.), Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal harvest and trade

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** Case is filed for investigation.

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## Zhangzhou Cracked a Case of Illegal Sale of Protected Cycads



**News Release Date:** 20 July 2022

**Seizure Date:** April 2022 (reporting date)

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Longhai Branch, Zhangzhou Public Security Bureau, Fujian Province

**Location:** Suspect's Flower Shop in Zhangzhou City, Fujian Province

**Detection Method:** Tip off

**Species:** 99 pots of Dwarf Cycad (*Cycas sexseminifera*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal sales through WeChat Moments

**Case Progress:** The case has been reported to Guangxi police as Shishan cycads are from Guangxi.

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## A man was sentenced for illegally raising wild golden pheasants in Wuding County, Chuxiong Prefecture, Yunnan Province



**News Release Date:** 4 July 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Forest Police Brigade of Public Security Bureau of Wuding County, Chuxiong Prefecture, Yunnan Province

**Judicial Authority:** People's Court of Wuding County, Chuxiong Prefecture, Yunnan Province

**Location:** A villager's home in Huanzhou Township, Wuding County, Chuxiong Prefecture, Yunnan Province

**Species:** Lady Amherst's pheasant (*Chrysolophus amherstiae*), Class II of National Protected Species

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal hunting

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Process:** Sentenced to six months in prison with one year probation and a fine of 3000 CNY.

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## A Man was Prosecuted by Sanjiangyuan District Procuratorate due to Illegal Purchase of Musk



**News Release Date:** 6 July 2022  
**Sentence Date:** February 2022 (date of arrest)  
**Judicial Authority:** Sanjiangyuan District Procuratorate, Xining City, Qinghai Province  
**Species:** 14 Musk sacs (*Moschus* spp.), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II  
**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal acquisition  
**Estimated Value:** 336,000 CNY  
**Number of Offenders:** 1  
**Case Process:** The defendant voluntarily pleaded guilty and signed a statement of guilty plea and punishment.

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## Two Men in Qinghai Province Sentenced for Illegal Hunting of Musk Deer



**News Release Date:** 8 July 2022  
**Sentence Date:** 21 March 2022  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Jianzha County Public Security Bureau, Qinghai Province  
**Judicial Authority:** Tongren People's Court and Procuratorate, Qinghai Province  
**Location:** Huanghe Qiaotou, Jianzha County, Huangnan Prefecture, Qinghai Province  
**Species:** Three Himalayan Musk Deer (*Moschus chrysogaster*), Class I of National protected species, CITES II  
**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal hunting  
**Estimated Value:** 90,000 CNY  
**Number of Offenders:** 2  
**Case Process:** Defendant Lin was sentenced to 5 years in prison and a fine of 3,000 CNY; defendant Dong, was sentenced to 4 years in prison and a fine of 3,000 CNY.

Within 15 days after the judgment came into effect, the two defendants compensated 90,000 CNY for the loss of national wildlife resources to the state treasury, and apologized publicly in the media at the provincial level or above.

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## A man was Sentenced for Illegally Hunting Five Swan Chicks in Xilin Gol, Inner Mongolia



**News Release Date:** 11 July 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Public Security Bureau of Wulagai Administrative Area, Xilingol League, Inner Mongolia

**Judicial Authority:** People's Procuratorate and People's Court of Wulagai Administrative Area, Xilingol League, Inner Mongolia

**Location:** Wulagai Administrative Area, Xilingol League, Inner Mongolia

**Detection Method:** Tip off

**Species:** Five live common swan chicks (*Cygnus Cygnus*), Class II of National Protected Species.

**Transport Method:** Car

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal hunting

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Process:** Sentenced to eight month in in prison with one year probation and a fine of 20,000 CNY.

Pay 6,294 CNY for the rescue of chicks and 6,294 CNY for public welfare compensation for ecological restoration.

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## One Person was Sentenced for Illegally Transporting Three Chinese Hwameis



**News Release Date:** 20 July 2022

**Judicial Authority:** People's Court of Wanzai County, Jiangxi Province

**Location:** Wanzai County, Jiangxi Province

**Species:** 3 Chinese Hwameis (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species

**Transport Method:** Put the bird cage on the back seat of the car.

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal transportation (to Guizhou Province)

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Process:** Sentenced to 10 months' imprisonment with one year probation and a fine of 10,000 CNY.

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## Hong Kong SAR

### **AFCD seized 284 pieces of suspected ivory products**



On 27 July, the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) seized a total of 284 pieces of suspected elephant ivory products from a shop in Yau Tsim Mong District.

AFCD staff conducted inspections in Yau Tsim Mong District earlier and found a shop suspected of possessing scheduled elephant ivory for commercial purposes. The shop was warned on the spot. As no change was observed in the situation afterwards, the AFCD mounted an operation yesterday and seized a total of 284 pieces of suspected ivory items for further investigation.

A spokesman for the AFCD said, "The Government is committed to the protection of endangered species, including elephants. The Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants (Amendment) Ordinance 2018 has been fully implemented since December 31, 2021, such that the import, re-export and commercial possession of elephant ivory (except for 'antique elephant ivory') have been banned. The AFCD has stepped up inspection efforts, and will remain in close contact with the Customs and Excise Department and relevant government departments to combat smuggling and illegal trade of ivory."

The spokesman added, "'Commercial purposes' as defined under the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance (Cap. 586) is not limited to sale. Enticing customers with free ivory or displaying ivory labelled as not for sale in a shop may also contravene the Ordinance. To avoid inadvertent breaching of the law, ivory shall not be displayed in commercial premises."

According to the Ordinance, "commercial purposes" means:

- (1) a purpose relating to trade or business; or
- (2) a purpose of obtaining profit or other economic benefit (whether in cash or in kind) and directed towards sale, resale, exchange, provision of a service or other form of economic use or benefit, whether direct or indirect.



According to the Ordinance, "antique elephant ivory" means:

(1) a piece of elephant ivory that was, before July 1, 1925:

(i) removed from the wild;

(ii) significantly altered from its natural state for jewellery, adornment, art, utility or musical instruments; and

(iii) acquired by a person after the alteration in such altered state that required no further carving, crafting or processing to effect its purpose; and

(2) does not include an elephant hunting trophy.

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### India

- [The Jorhat police held one smuggler with a rhino horn in Jorhat district of Assam on Wednesday](#)
- [Three held for elephant poaching in Ganjam](#)
- [Indo-China pangolin smuggling racket: Madhya Pradesh forest department makes 189th arrest from Odisha](#)

### Malaysia

- [Customs seizes six tonnes of raw ivory, biggest bust so far in its history](#)

### Thailand

- [More than 100 tortoises found in Ukrainian woman's luggage at Thai airport](#)

### Viet Nam

- [The People's Court of Hanoi: sentenced 4 people to a total 18 years for illegal pangolin scales trade](#)

### Cambodia

- [Three men accused of allegedly trafficking ivory and rare wildlife bones stood trial at the Phnom Penh Municipal Court recently](#)

### Germany

- [Germany: Convicted German timber trader raided for dealing in illegal Myanmar teak](#)
- [Customs Dog Sniffs Out Hundreds of Endangered Seahorses at Airport](#)

### Portugal

- [Two rhino horns seized in Lisbon](#)

### Europe

- [49 individuals across Europe arrested in major blow to eels trafficking](#)

### Malawi

- [A man being found guilty of possessing a live pangolin without license in Malawi](#)

### Tanzania

[Husband and Wife Charged with Trafficking 413 Ivory Pieces from 2019 Seizure](#)

## Namibia

- Two men were arrested after being found in possession of protected plant species at Okahandja, Namibia
- Namibia has increased prison sentences for rhino poaching to 25 years and recently opened a series of trials
- Two men have been arrested in Namibia for illegal possession of live pangolins

## Zimbabwe

- 2 police officers nabbed after trying to sell pangolin for US\$6,000

## South Africa

- 2 rhino horns seized with 2 rhino horns poached at a farm in the Gravelotte area - Phalabora, 1 suspect arrested
- Police Official and co-accused in the dock for illegal dealing in Pangolin
- A man in South Africa's Eastern Cape province jumped out of a car after being chased by police for catching abalone
- Three alleged poachers caught in the act and rhino horns recovered
- Queenstown Magistrates Court in South Africa will hear a case of illegal possession of abalone
- Suspect bust en route to Gauteng with over R22 million abalone
- A man in South Africa's Western Cape province has been arrested by police for illegal possession of abalone
- 2 Temminck's pangolins seized in Cosmo City, 3 arrested
- Man caught trying to illegally sell a dead monitor lizard makes a run for it
- German nationals convicted for illegal trade and possession of reptiles in Northern Cape have been re-arrested in similar case in Gauteng

## Central and West Africa

- Interpol make arrests, seizures in African clampdown on firearms trafficking

## United States of America

- Two plead guilty to ivory, rhinoceros horn trafficking in Washington state
- Caviar kingpins of Contra Costa? Major law enforcement operation exposes black market for California delicacy