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Luzhou Postal Customs Seized Smuggled Reticulated Python Gallbladder in Inbound Mail



News Release Date: 1 August 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Luzhou Customs in Post office

Location: Hefei, Anhui Province

Detection Method: Routine examination (CT scan)

Species: Reticulated python (*Python reticulatus*) gallbladders, gross weight about 5.4kg, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound mail

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: The package has been temporarily detained.

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Guangxi Youyi Customs Seized Incense Tree in Truck



News Release Date: 6 August 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Nanning Youyi Customs

Location: Friendship Pass, Pingxiang, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Monitor instruction

Species: Incense Tree (*Aquilaria sinensis*) wooden strips, total weight 10kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

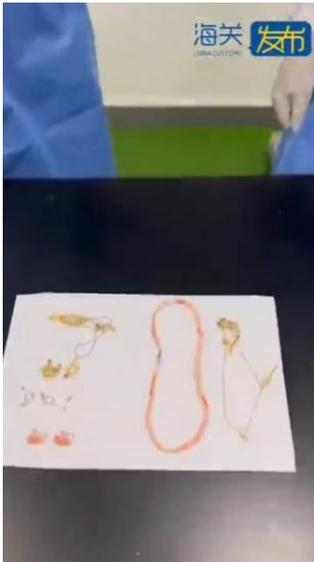
Transport Method: Inbound truck (concealed in the on-board toolbox)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Items have been further processed.

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Guangzhou Postal Customs Seized 13 Pieces of Red Coral Products



News Release Date: 6 August 2022
Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Postal Customs
Location: Guangzhou, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine examination
Species: Red coral earrings, necklaces, etc., totaled 13 pieces, net weight 14g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES III
Transport Method: Inbound mail
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Wuhan Tianhe Airport Customs Seized the Desert-broomrape



News Release Date: 8 August 2022
Law Enforcement Authority: Wuhan Tianhe Airport Customs
Location: Tianhe Airport, Wuhan, Hubei Province
Detection Method: Routine examination (X-ray)
Species: Desert-broomrape (*Cistanche deserticola*), 2.786 kg, Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound passenger luggage
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Qianjiang Customs Seized Ivory Products in Inbound Mail



News Release Date: 12 August 2022
Law Enforcement Authority: Qianjiang Customs
Location: Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province
Detection Method: Routine examination (machine inspection)
Species: 1 ivory necklace, 1 pair of ivory earrings, and 1 ivory brooch, gross weight 30.36g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound mail (declared as "accessories")
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Tianjin Customs Seized 13 Ivory Products



News Release Date: 12 August 2022
Law Enforcement Authority: Tianjin Customs
Location: Tianjin
Detection Method: Routine examination
Species: Total 13 ivory products, 4 bangles and 9 beads, total weight 263.6g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound passenger carry-on luggage
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Mengla Customs Seized 3 Ivory Products



News Release Date: 12 August 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Mengla Customs

Location: Passenger inspection and entry channel at Mohan Port, Xishuangbanna Prefecture, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Routine examination

Species: Ivory bangle and other products, total weight 72.3g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound passenger carry-on luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Suzhou Customs seized Hawksbill Turtle folding fan in inbound mail



News Release Date: 13 August 2022

Forensic Date: 10 August 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Suzhou Customs

Location: Suzhou, Jiangsu Province

Species: 2 Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) folding fans, total weight 98.9g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound mail

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Tianjin Postal Customs Seized Nautilus in Inbound Mail



News Release Date: 15 August 2022
Law Enforcement Authority: Tianjin Postal customs
Location: Tianjin
Detection Method: Routine examination (machine inspection)
Species: Nautilus (Nautilidae spp.), weight 214g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound mail (declared as "home decoration")
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Tianjin Postal Customs Seized 7 Pieces of Hawksbill Turtle Products



News Release Date: 18 August 2022
Law Enforcement Authority: Tianjin Postal customs
Location: Tianjin
Detection Method: Routine examination (machine inspection)
Species: 1 Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) cigarette pack and 6 other Hawksbill turtle shell products, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I
Transport Method: Inbound mail
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Case Progress: Items have been further processed.

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Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized 2 Sisso Rosewood Products



News Release Date: 21 August 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs

Location: Baiyun Airport, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine examination

Species: 2 pieces of Sisso Rosewood (*Dalbergia sissoo*) art crafts, net weight 3.37 kg, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound passenger carry-on luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Zhengzhou Customs Seized One Pair of Ivory Painting Scroll Heads



News Release Date: 21 August 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhengzhou Customs

Location: Zhengzhou Post Office, Hebei Province

Detection Method: Routine examination

Species: 1 pair of Ivory painting scroll heads, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound mail

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Guiyang Customs Seized Two Tableware with Ivory Parts



News Release Date: 21 August 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Guiyang Customs

Location: Guiyang City, Guizhou Province

Detection Method: Routine examination (machine inspection)

Species: 2 Ivory tableware, ivory part weights about 37g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound mail (declared as "other items")

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Xinshengwei Customs Seized One Hawksbill Turtle Specimen



News Release Date: 23 August 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Xinsheng Wei Customs

Location: Baggage distribution channel at Xinsheng Wei Customs in Nanjing, Jiangsu Province

Detection Method: Routine examination

Species: One Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) specimen, about 60 cm long, 1.36 kg, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound passenger shipping luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Jinan Airport Customs Seized One Pair of Sika Deer Antlers



News Release Date: 25 August 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Jinan Airport Customs

Location: Jinan, Shandong Province

Detection Method: Routine examination (X-ray)

Species: One pair of Sika Deer antlers (*Cervus nippon*), 0.375kg, Class I of National Protected Species

Transport Method: Inbound passenger carry-on luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Jinan Airport Customs Seized One Giant Clam Bangle



News Release Date: 29 August 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Jinan Airport Customs

Location: Inbound passenger channels of Jinan Airport in Jinan City, Shandong Province

Detection Method: Routine examination

Species: One Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.) bangle, 0.039kg, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound passenger carry-on luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Jilin Dunhua Forest Police Cracked One Case of Illegal Logging of Amur Corktree



News Release Date: 4 August 2022

Seizure Date: 30 July 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Forestry Police Patrol of Jilin Dunhua Forest Public Sub-bureau

Location: Dunhua, Jilin Province

Detection Method: Patrol

Species: Amur Corktree (*Phellodendron amurense*), about 10 cm in diameter, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal logging

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The suspect has been taken criminal coercive measures.

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Police in Nagqu, Tibet Autonomous Region Have Uncovered One Case of Harming Endangered Wildlife



News Release Date: 17 August 2022

Seizure Date: 10 July 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Biru County Public Bureau Zhala Township Station, Nagqu, Tibet Autonomous Region

Location: Zhala Township, Biru County, Nagqu City, Tibet Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Security patrols

Species: One Snow leopard (*Panthera uncia*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; seven Alpine Musk Deer (*Moschus chrysogaster*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (Wire Traps)

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: The suspect has been taken coercive measures.

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Jiangnan Branch of the Nanning Public Security Bureau Seized Six Packs of Dried Pipefish and Seahorse Products



News Release Date: 18 August 2022

Seizure Date: 24 July 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Jiangnan Branch of the Nanning Public Bureau, Guangxi Province

Location: National Highway No.210 in Yonghong Village, Wuxu Town, Jiangnan District, Nanning City, Guangxi Province

Detection Method: Routine examination

Species: Six packs of dried Pipefish (*Syngnathus* spp.) and seahorse (*Hippocampus* spp.), total weight 50kg, seahorse is Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Private vehicle

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling, Illegal acquisition and sale

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: The Nanning Forest Police Bureau is jointly investigating the case with the Nahong police station.

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The Forest Police Patrol of the Huoshan Public Security Bureau in Anhui Province Cracked a Series of Cases Harming Endangered Wildlife



News Release Date: 23 August 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: The forest police patrol of the Huoshan Public Security Bureau in Anhui Province

Location: Xuzhou in Jiangsu Province, Jinan in Shandong, Shangqiu and Anyang in Henan Province, as well as the surrounding counties and districts of Liu'An in Anhui Province

Detection Method: Intelligence

Species: 759 Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting, acquisition and sale

Estimated Value: 3.795 million CNY

Number of Offenders: 16

Case Progress: The suspect has been successfully apprehended

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The Environment, Food and Drug Investigation Brigade Weixin Public Security Bureau Cracked a Case of Destructing Spinulose Tree Fern

News Release Date: 23 August 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: The Environment, food and drug investigation brigade of Weixin Public Security Bureau in Zhaotong, Yunnan Province

Location: Weixin County, Zhaotong City, Yunnan Province

Species: 161 spinulose tree fern (*Alsophila spinulosa*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Destruction of National Protected Species

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The suspect has been successfully apprehended.

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Guangxi Long'An Police Cracked 15 Cases of Illegal Trade in Chinese Hwamei



News Release Date: 24 August 2022

Seizure Date: 2-3 July 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Long'An County Public Security Bureau Forest Police Patrol

Location: Xingyang Community, Chengxiang Town, Long'an County, Nanning City, Guangxi Province

Detection Method: Tip off

Species: 114 live Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal acquisition and sale

Number of Offenders: 15

Case Progress: The suspects have been successfully apprehended, and Chinese Hwamei have been handed over to the county forestry bureau for release.

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Dunhua Forest Police in Jinlin Province Cracked One Case of Illegal Logging of Manchurian Ash



News Release Date: 25 August 2022

Seizure Date: 23 August 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Dunhua Forest Police in Jinlin Province

Location: A forest farm in Xigou, Dunhua Forestry Bureau, Jilin Province

Detection Method: Patrol

Species: Two Manchurian ash (*Fraxinus mandshurica*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal logging

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The suspect has been taken criminal coercive measures.

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The Taohe Branch of the Gansu Forest Public Bureau Detected a Case of Harming Alpine Stream Salamander

News Release Date: 25 August 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: The Taohe Branch of the Gansu Forest Public Bureau

Location: Gannan Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Gansu Province

Species: 2,114 Alpine stream salamander (*Batrachuperus tibetanus*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 4

Case Progress: The suspects have been successfully apprehended.

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Baiyin City Police in Gansu Province Cracked a Case of Harming Rusty-necklaced Partridge



News Release Date: 25 August 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Baiyin City Police, Gansu Province

Location: Baiyin City, Gansu Province

Species: 77 Rusty-necklaced Partridge (*Alectoris magna*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 31

Case Progress: All suspects have been apprehended and a gambling ring engaging in harming national protected has been dismantled.

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Leishan County Forest Police in Guizhou Cracked a Case of Illegal Logging of Zhennan



News Release Date: 29 August 2022

Seizure Date: 8 August 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: The Forest Police Bureau of the Leishan County in Guizhou

Location: Dale Village, Dadi Township, Leishan County, Qiandongnan Prefecture, Guizhou Province

Detection Method: Interview

Species: Zhennan (*Phoebe zhennan*), 34 pieces of suspected Zhennan slabs and stumps, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal acquisition and sale

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The suspect confessed to the crime, and the detained suspected Nanmu has been sent for forensic test.

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The Xiantan Police Bureau, Hunan Province, Reported the "9.29" Major Case of Wildlife Resource Destruction



News Release Date: 31 August 2022

Report Date: 29 September 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Xiantan Forest Police Bureau

Location: Total 10 provinces/autonomous regions/cities including Sichuan, Guizhou, Anhui and other locations

Detection Method: Tip off

Species: Wild snakes, over 10 tons seized

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting, acquisition and sale

Estimated Value: More than 10 million CNY

Number of Offenders: 74

Case Progress: A wildlife crime chain has been disrupted. 39 people were taken criminal compulsory measures. 31 criminal suspects were prosecuted, and 4 defendants were sentenced in the first trial.

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The Chengxi District People's Court of Xining City Publicly Tried and Pronounced Judgments on Cases of Harming Endangered Wildlife



News Release Date: 25 August 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Public security bureau

Judicial Authority: Sanjiangyuan District People's Procuratorate

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 Progress: The defendant was sentenced to 1 year in prison and fined 30,000 CNY. The judgment has been accepted and no appeal will be made.

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The Jingde County People's Court in Xuancheng City, Anhui Province, Pronounced a Verdict on Wild Sika Deer Poaching



News Release Date: 26 August 2022

Judicial Authority: Jingde County People's Court, Xuancheng City, Anhui Province

Location: On the hill near Caijiaqiao Town, Jingde County (poaching site)

Species: Sika Deer (*Cervus nippon*), one antler, one deer leg, Class I of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting

Number of Offenders: 4 (only 1 defendant)

Case Progress: The defendant was sentenced to two years' imprisonment, suspended for three years, and fined 10,000 CNY.

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National Forestry and Grassland Administration and Other 10 Departments Jointly Launched the "2022 Qingfeng Action", Investigating and Processing Nearly 12,000 Wild Animal and Plant Cases

News Release Date: 2 August 2022

Action Period: 15 February to 15 May 2022

Participating Departments: National Forestry and Grassland Administration, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, the Central Political and Legal Affairs Commission, the Cyberspace Administration of China, the Ministry of Public Security, the Ministry of Transport, the General Administration of Customs, the State Administration for Market Regulation, the National Railway Administration, the Civil Aviation Administration of China, and the State Post Bureau

Location: Nationwide

Action Result: Nearly 12,000 wild animal and plant cases were investigated and handled, including more than 4,300 administrative cases and more than 7,500 criminal cases; 719 criminal gangs were destroyed, and more than 14,000 criminals were arrested with confiscation of more than 130,000 individuals of wild animals and plants, over 140,000 pieces of wild animal and plant products, weighting nearly 200,000 kilograms, about 97 tons of wood, and more than 46,000 pieces of illegal hunting gear and fishing gear, more than 56 million CNY of illegal income, and more than 1 billion fines. Among them, there were more than 270 cases related to key protected species such as elephants, rhinos, tigers, leopards, and pangolins, with more than 13,000 pieces of ivory, rhino horns, tigers, pangolins, antelope horns and products, equaling to 1,100 kilograms. There are nearly 500 cases involving key protected wild plants such as orchids, cycads, and golden chicken fern ferns, more than 700 cases involving migratory birds, more than 1,000 cases involving totoaba and other aquatic species, and more than 3,600 cases involving illegal fishing in the Yangtze River.

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Bengal

- [One leopard skin and two red panda skins were seized from three wildlife traffickers at New Jalpaiguri in north Bengal](#)

India

- [Three persons apprehended for rhino horn smuggling near Kaziranga National Park \(Assam\)](#)
- [Jonait Keiba seizes ivory worth lakhs of rupees, two handlers arrested](#)
- [An impressive seizure of 55 red sanders logs in Andhra Pradesh; 7 people apprehended](#)
- [On World Elephant Day, 4 held smuggling tusks worth over Rs 1 cr in UP's Jalaun](#)
- [8.5 kg of ivory seized at Kattappana](#)
- [1 held for keeping ivory at home](#)
- [Ivory jewellery sale on Facebook busted, 2 held in Hyderabad](#)
- [African hornbill, more rare birds and lizards seized from the possession of 45-year-old Debi Chandra at Batrashi area under Dharmanagar sub-division](#)
- [De Brazza monkey, 15 king snakes, five ball pythons and two Aldabra tortoises seized from the baggage of a passenger at Chennai airport](#)

Indonesia

- [Indonesian authorities seized ten pieces from a trafficker on 6 August 2022 in North Sumatra](#)

Kenya

- [Wildlife trafficking suspect seized after \\$1m reward](#)

Mozambique

- [63 containers of wood seized in Cabo Delgado – O País](#)

Philippines

- [P700K worth shark fins seized from General Santos trader](#)

South Africa

- [An update on this case where former Kruger ranger and state vet were arrested in 2016 for rhino poaching; sentencing set for this week](#)
- [N10 road near cookhouse, Eastern Cape Province\]Abalone bust near cookhouse](#)
- [Robbery suspects linked to other crimes](#)



Thailand

- [Desert fox, raccoon, iguanas, white pythons, monitor lizards and marmoset monkeys were seized at Bangkok's Suvarnabhumi airport](#)

Uganda

- [URA Hands over 7421 kgs of Ivory & Other Items to UWA](#)

United States of America

- [Coast Guard stops Mexican vessel illegally shark-fishing in U.S. territorial waters](#)
- [US court jails rhino horn and elephant ivory trafficker](#)
- [Conway Man Sentenced for Importation and Possession of Illegally Taken Wildlife](#)

Zimbabwe

- [Four nabbed in possession of raw ivory, 15 lion claws](#)
- [Man Arrested For Unauthorised Possession Of Raw Ivory](#)
- [Trio intercepted with four pieces of ivory](#)