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## CHINA'S WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT NEWS DIGEST

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## Guangzhou Port of Huangpu Customs Seized a total of 54 Pieces of Siamese Rosewood and Tamalan Products



**News Release Date:** 3 September 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Port of Huangpu Customs

**Location:** Huangpu District, Guangzhou, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** Siamese Rosewood (*Dalbergia cochinchinensis*) and Tamalan (*D. oliveri*) products, 6 old wooden benches, 22 old armchairs and 11 old wooden tea tables; Siamese Rosewood products, 7 old wooden tables and 8 old wooden Drum shaped Stools; total 54, 1379kg, both species listed in CITES II

**Transport Method:** Sea Freight Import Channel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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

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## Changsha Huanghua Airport Customs Seized 14 Pieces of Crocodile Skins and Its Products



**News Release Date:** 3 September 2022

**Seizure Date:** 29 August 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Huanghua Airport Customs

**Location:** Changsha Huanghua Airport e-commerce channel, Hunan Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** Crocodile (*Crocodylia* spp.), 3 crocodile skins, 8 crocodile leather bags, 3 crocodile belts, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Freight (E-commerce)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Shanghai Waigaoqiao Port Area Customs Seized Ivory Piano Patches



**News Release Date:** 4 September 2022  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shanghai Waigaoqiao Port Area Customs  
**Location:** Waigaoqiao Port Area, Shanghai  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination  
**Species:** Ivory piano patch, 190g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II  
**Transport Method:** Import freight (Second-hand upright piano)  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Qingdao Jiaodong Airport Customs Seized One Red Coral Necklace Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 4 September 2022  
**Seizure Date:** 25 August 2022  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Qingdao Jiaodong Airport Customs  
**Location:** Qingdao Jiaodong Airport, Shandong Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination  
**Species:** One red coral necklace, 565g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES III  
**Transport Method:** Inbound passenger carry-on luggage  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling  
**Number of Offenders:** 1

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## Tianjin Postal Customs Seized Two Pieces of Ivory Products in Inbound Mail



**News Release Date:** 4 September 2022  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Tianjin Postal Customs  
**Location:** Tianjin  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination  
**Species:** One ivory necklace, one ivory bangle, total net weight 51.28g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound mail (declared as "clothes")  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Hangzhou Qianjiang Customs Seized Five Pieces of Ivory Products in an Inbound Mail



**News Release Date:** 04 September 2022  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Qianjiang Customs  
**Location:** Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination  
**Species:** Five ivory products, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound mail  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling  
**Case Progress:** The relevant items have been temporarily detained and are waiting for further disposal.

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### Hefei Luzhou Customs Seized Three Pairs of Ivory Painting Scroll Heads in the Inbound Mail



**News Release Date:** 4 September 2022

**Seizure Date:** 30 August 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Postal Office of Hefei Luzhou Customs

**Location:** Hefei, Anhui Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (CT scan)

**Species:** Three pairs 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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### Guangzhou Customs Seized 12 Pieces of Ivory Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 5 September 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Customs

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

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** 12 Ivory beads, 80g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound passenger carry-on luggage (no declaration channel)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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

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### Qingdao Jiaodong Airport Customs Seized a bracelet made of Giant Clam Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 8 September 2022  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Jiaodong Airport Customs  
**Location:** Qingdao Jiaodong Airport, Shandong Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination  
**Species:** One Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.) bracelet, net weight 57g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound passenger's carry-on luggage  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling  
**Number of Offenders:** 1

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### Tianjin Customs Seized 23 Ivory Products Through the Inbound Traveler Inspection Channels



**News Release Date:** 8 September 2022  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Tianjin Customs  
**Location:** Tianjin  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)  
**Species:** 23 ivory products, including bangle, Buddha pendant, fang shaped pendant, etc., gross weight 1412.7g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound passenger's check-in luggage  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling  
**Number of Offenders:** 5  
**Case Progress:** The relevant items have been temporarily detained and are awaiting further disposal.

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**Guangdong Qingmao Customs Seized Shark Fin Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger (1)**



**News Release Date:** 9 September 2022  
**Seizure Date:** 3 August 2022  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Qingmao Customs  
**Location:** Guangdong-Macao-New Corridor, Xiangzhou District, Zhuhai, Guangzhou Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination  
**Species:** Granulated Sharpnose Guitarfish (*Glaucostegus granulatus*) and Scalloped Hammerhead (*Sphyrna lewini*), Shark fin products, total 7.8kg, CITES II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound passenger's carry-on bag (no declaration channel)  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling  
**Number of Offenders:** 1

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**Guangdong Qingmao Customs Seized Shark Fin Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger (2)**



**News Release Date:** 9 September 2022  
**Seizure Date:** 9 August 2022  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Qingmao Customs  
**Location:** Guangdong-Macao-New Corridor, Xiangzhou District, Zhuhai, Guangzhou Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine examination (machine inspection)  
**Species:** Granulated Guitarfish (*Glaucostegus granulatus*) and Scalloped Hammerhead (*Sphyrna lewini*), Shark fin products, total 4.9kg, CITES II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound passenger carry-on bag and backpack (no declaration channel)  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling  
**Number of Offenders:** 1

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## Guangzhou Postal Customs Seized Three Pieces of Chinese Rosewood and Saunderswood Products in the Inbound Mail



**News Release Date:** 9 September 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Postal Customs

**Location:** Guangzhou, Guangdong Province

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

**Species:** Chinese rosewood (*Dalbergia odorifera*), 1 Cylindrical woodcarving, 1 bracelet, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II;

Saunderswood (*Pterocarpus santalinus*), 1 bracelet, CITES I; total gross weight 2159.7g

**Transport Method:** Inbound mail (declared as “pen barrel” )

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Guangzhou Customs Seized a Mahogany Folding Chair in the Inbound Package



**News Release Date:** 14 September 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Customs

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

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

**Species:** One Mahogany (*Swietenia* spp.) folding chair, net weight 8kg, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound mail (declared as “stool” )

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Nanjing Jinling Customs Seized Giant Clam Go Stones in the Inbound Mail



**News Release Date:** 14 September 2022

**Identification Date:** 13 September 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Jinling Customs

**Location:** Nanjing, Jiangsu Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.) Go Stones, total 1.193kg, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound mail

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Guangzhou Customs Seized an Illegally Mailed-in Chinese Rosewood Wooden Chair



**News Release Date:** 16 September 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Customs

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

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** One Chinese rosewood (*Dalbergia odorifera*) wooden chair, 1.8m long, 67kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound mail

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Mengla Customs, Yunnan Province Seized an Ivory Product Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 17 September 2022  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Mengla Customs  
**Location:** Mohan Highway Port in Mengla County, Xishuangbanna Prefecture, Yunnan Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (CT scan)  
**Species:** One ivory bangle, 25.29g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound passenger carry-on luggage  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling  
**Number of Offenders:** 1

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## Shanghai Pudong Airport Customs Seized Four Pieces of Smuggled Ivory Products



**News Release Date:** 17 September 2022  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Pudong Airport Customs  
**Location:** Shanghai Pudong Airport  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)  
**Species:** Two ivory bangles, two ivory bracelets, total 310g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound passenger carry-on luggage  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling  
**Number of Offenders:** 1

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**Chengdu Shuangliu Airport Customs Seized an Ivory Bracelet Carried by a Passenger**



**News Release Date:** 17 September 2022  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shuangliu Airport Customs  
**Location:** Chengdu Shuangliu Airport, Sichuan Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)  
**Species:** One ivory bracelet, 45g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II  
**Transport Method:** Passenger carry-on luggage  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling  
**Number of Offenders:** 1

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**Changsha Huanghua Airport Customs Seized a Giant Clam product Carried by Inbound Passengers**



**News Release Date:** 25 September 2022  
**Seizure Date:** 18 September 2022  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Huanghua Airport Customs  
**Location:** Changsha Huanghua Airport, Hunan Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination  
**Species:** Giant Clam (Tridacnidae spp.) donut shape pendant, 128g, Class I 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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**Guangzhou Customs seized a Rosewood Table in the Inbound mail**



**News Release Date:** 25 September 2022  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Customs  
**Location:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Airport Shore Express Channel, Guangdong Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination  
**Species:** Rosewood table (*Dalbergia* spp.), 31.55kg, CITES II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound mail (declared as “Second-hand table”, Declared material as “elm tree/solid wood”)  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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**Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport Customs Seized 13 Pieces of Ivory Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger**



**News Release Date:** 25 September 2022  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Xiaoshan Airport Customs  
**Location:** Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport, Zhejiang Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination  
**Species:** 13 ivory products including brand, bangle, bracelet, name seal, ring and pendant, total 276.7g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound passenger carry-on luggage  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Wuhan Tianhe Airport customs Seized an Ivory Bangle Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 25 September 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Tianhe Airport customs

**Location:** Wuhan Tianhe Airport, Hubei Province

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

**Species:** One ivory bangle, net weight 32g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound passenger carry-on luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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### Fuzhou Changle Airport Seized 28 Pieces of Ivory Products Transported Through the Inbound Travel Inspection channel



**News Release Date:** 25 September 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Changle Airport Customs

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

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

**Species:** Ivory bangle, ivory beads, etc., total 28 pieces, net weight 729g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound passenger check-in luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 5

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## Qingdao Chengyang Police Seized a Case of Illegal Trade in National Protected Species



**News Release Date:** 15 September 2022

**Seizure Date:** 12 January 2022 (Intelligence Received Date)

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Forest Police Patrol of Chengyang Security branch

**Location:** A flower market in Xiazhuang Street, Chengyang District, Qingdao, Shandong Province

**Detection Method:** Intelligence, Investigation

**Species:** 22 Golden chicken fern (*Cibotium barometz*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 1 Fork-Leafed Cycad (*Cycas micholitzii*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II; 1 Eurasian eagle-owl (*Bubo bubo*) specimen, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal sale

**Number of Offenders:** 2

**Case Progress:** On 8 September, the case was transferred to the Chengyang District People's Procuratorate, and the seized protected plants have been entrusted to the professional institutions of the Qingdao World Garden Association.

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## The Police of Xiapu County, Fujian Province Cracked a Poaching Case of Illegal Hunting of Wild Animals



**News Release Date:** 14 September 2022

**Seizure Date:** 8 September 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Forest Police Patrol of Xiapu County, Changchun Police Station

**Location:** Fengxiyang forest farm, Changxi Village, Changchun Town, Xiapu County, Ningde, Fujian Province

**Detection Method:** Tip off, Investigation

**Species:** 8 live Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal hunting (mist net)

**Number of Offenders:** 3

**Case Progress:** The suspects were taken into criminal compulsory measures, and the 8 seized Chinese Hwamei have been released.

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### The Forest Police Patrol of Baokang County Public Bureau in Hubei Province Cracked the Poaching Case



**News Release Date:** 13 September 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Forest Police Patrol of Baokang County Public Bureau

**Location:** Tianziping Village, Siping Town, Baokang County, Xiangyang, Hubei Province

**Detection Method:** Tip off

**Species:** One Tufted deer (*Elaphodus cephalophus*) corpse, Class II of National Protected Species

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal hunting (steel-jaw leghold trap, wire snares)

**Number of Offenders:** 2

**Case Progress:** The investigation is completed, and case is under prosecution process.

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### The Police of Tengchong City, Yunnan Province, Cracked the Case of Endangering Rare Wild Animals



**News Release Date:** 8 September 2022

**Seizure Date:** 31 August 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Tengchong Police Station

**Location:** Xinglong Community, Tengchong, Yunnan Province

**Detection Method:** Special Law Enforcement Operation

**Species:** Silver pheasant (*Lophura nycthemera*), Class II of National Protected Species; Leopard Cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*) Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; total 8 pieces of corpses, skins and feathers

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal hunting (Bow and arrow, slingshot, steel ball)

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The suspect was taken into criminal compulsory measures and the case is under further investigation.

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## The Baoshan Police Station of the Huangdao Branch of the Qingdao Public Bureau Cracked Two Poaching Cases



**News Release Date:** 6 September 2022

**Seizure Date:** 16 August 2022 (Intelligence Received Date)

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Baoshan Police Station

**Location:** A village in Baoshan Town, Huangdao District, Qingdao, Shandong Province

**Detection Method:** Tip off

**Species:** Pheasant (*Phasianidae* spp.) Chinese hare (*Lepus sinensis*); Turtle dove (*Streptopelia* spp.); owl (*Strigiformes*) and other wild animals, more than 20 in total, most of them are Class II of National Protected Species and owl also listed in CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal hunting (steel-jaw leghold traps, electric fence, slingshots)

**Number of Offenders:** 12

**Case Progress:** The suspects were taken into criminal compulsory measures and the case is under further process.

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## The Public Security Bureaus of Chongqing, Guizhou and Guangxi Jointly Cracked Down Wildlife Trade Criminal Gangs

**News Release Date:** 2 September 2022

**Press Conference Date:** 1 September 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** The public Bureaus of Chongqing, Guizhou and Guangxi

**Location:** Chongqing, Guizhou Province and Guangxi Province

**Detection Method:** Joint operation

**Species:** Spotted longbarbel catfish (*Mystus guttatus*), more than 6kg, Class II of National Protected Species; with more than 700 kg other illegal catch

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal fishing

**Number of Offenders:** 72 (53 persons taken into compulsory measures)

**Case Progress:** Successfully dismantled the underground industrial chain of illegal fishing supply chain across Chongqing, Guizhou and Guangxi.

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### The Environment, Food and Drug Investigation Branch of the Altay Public Bureau in Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region Cracked the Case of Harming Rare and Endangered Wildlife



**News Release Date:** 5 September 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** The Environment, food and drug investigation Branch of the Altay Public Bureau

**Location:** The Burjin River, Altay, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

**Detection Method:** Tip off

**Species:** 253 Arctic grayling (*Thymallus arcticus*), 27kg, Class II of National Protected Species

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal fishing and sales

**Selling Price:** 300 CNY/kg

**Number of Offenders:** 6

**Case Progress:** The suspects were taken into criminal compulsory measures and the case is under further investigation.

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### The Forest Police Patrol of the Langao County Public Bureau, Shaanxi Province, Investigated and Dealt with an Illegal Fishing cases



**News Release Date:** 14 September 2022

**Seizure Date:** 26 August 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** The Forest Police Patrol of the Langao County Public Bureau and various police stations

**Location:** The Han River Basin of Niping Village, Taohe Town, Langao County, Shaanxi Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Patrol

**Species:** *Onychostoma macrolepis* along with other species, total 50 fish, Class II of National Protected Species

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal fishing

**Number of Offenders:** 3

**Case Progress:** The suspects were taken into criminal compulsory measures and the case is under further process.

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### The Public Bureau of Qimen County, Huangshan City, Anhui Province, Seized the Case of Illegal Wild Orchids Harvesting



**News Release Date:** 15 September 2022

**Seizure Date:** 3 September 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Qimen County Security Bureau

**Location:** Near Jiulongchi, Anling Town, Qimen County, Huangshan City, Anhui Province

**Harvesting Location:** A mountain farm in Nancheng County, Fuzhou City, Jiangxi Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Patrol

**Species:** 14 Noble Orchid (*Cymbidium goeringii*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Automobile

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal harvest

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The suspect was taken into criminal compulsory measures and the case is under further investigation.

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### Beijing Mentougou Police Detained a Person Who Illegally Harvested *Clematis acerifolia*



**News Release Date:** 23 September 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Beijing Mentougou police

**Location:** Beijing

**Detection Method:** Internet monitoring

**Species:** *Clematis acerifolia*, Class II of National Protected Species

**Transport Method:** Automobile

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal harvest

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The suspect has been placed under criminal detention.

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### Jianshi County Public Bureau, Hubei Province, Smashed the Illegal Cross-provincial Supply Chain of Chinese Yew



**News Release Date:** 26 September 2022

**Seizure Date:** 12 July 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Jianshi County Public Security Bureau

**Location:** Swan Village Road, Tiansheng District, Changliang Town, Jianshi County, Enshi Tujia and Miao Autonomous Prefecture

**Detection Method:** Routine Patrol

**Species:** 22 Chinese yew (*Taxus chinensis*) (16 logs, the diameter of largest log is only 60 cm; 7 its wood products, the weight of largest piece is about 300kg), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Pickup Truck

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal logging, sale and transportation

**Number of Offenders:** 18

**Case Progress:** The case has been transferred for prosecution.

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### Dongshan County People's Procuratorate, Fujian Province, Approved the Arrest of Two People Who Illegally Caught, Sold and Fished for Sale of Great White Sharks



**News Release Date:** 20 September 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Dongshan County Public Bureau

**Judicial Authority:** Dongshan County People's Procuratorate

**Location:** Nanchong, Sichuan Province

**Detection Method:** Tip off (short video platform), Intelligence

**Species:** Great white shark (*Carcharodon carcharias*), 75kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal fishing and sales

**Estimated Value:** 7,700 CNY

**Number of Offenders:** 2

**Case Progress:** The Dongshan County People's Procuratorate approved the arrest, and the suspect pleaded guilty and accepted punishment.

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### The Gaotang County People's Court of Shandong Province Publicly Sentenced a Case of Harming Precious and Endangered Wild Animals



**News Release Date:** 7 September 2022

**Judicial Authority:** The Gaotang County People's Court

**Location:** A reed field on the north side of Hanyin Road, Gaotang County, Liaocheng City, Shandong Province

**Species:** 12 Siberian rubythroat (*Calliope calliope*), 5 bluethroat (*Luscinia svecica*), Class II of National Protected Species; 3 Yellow-browed Willow Warbler (*Phylloscopus inornatus*), 4 Japanese White-eye (*Zosterops japonicus*), 2 Vinous-throated Parrotbill (*Paradoxornis webbianus*), wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal hunting

**Estimated Value:** 25,500 CNY

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The defendant was sentenced to three months' detention, suspended for six months, and fined accordingly.

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### The Rao River Basin Environmental Resources Court of the Poyang County People's Court in Jiangxi Province pronounced a verdict on the Illegal hunting case



**News Release Date:** 1 September 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Water Police Patrol of Poyang County Public Bureau

**Judicial Authority:** Poyang County People's Procuratorate, Poyang County People's Court

**Location:** Near the Xiaozi Lake, Raofeng Town, Poyang County, Shangrao City, Jiangxi Province

**Species:** 1 Swan (*Cygnus*), Class II of National Protected Species; 1 Bean goose (*Anser fabalis*), wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value; 34 Eastern Spot-billed Duck (*Anas zonorhyncha*), wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal hunting

**Number of Offenders:** 4

**Case Progress:** Defendant Shi was sentenced to seven months in prison, defendants Zheng and Zhu were sentenced to four months in prison, and Chen was sentenced to three months in prison. The four paid 113,000 CNY for ecological environment restoration and apologized to the public in the media.

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## The Anhui Court Ruled on the Illegal Wild Orchid Harvest Case



**News Release Date:** 15 September 2022

**Sentencing Date:** 14 June 2022

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Huangshan Qimen County Public Bureau

**Judicial Authority:** Jing County People's Court, Huangshan, Anhui Province

**Species:** 11 Noble Orchid (*Cymbidium goeringii*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal harvest

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The defendant was sentenced to five months of personal liberty restrictions and fined 1,000 CNY.

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## Hong Kong SAR

### **Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected scheduled red sandalwood**



Hong Kong Customs yesterday (September 5) seized about 6 500 kilograms of suspected scheduled red sandalwood, with an estimated market value of about \$4.1 million, at Kwai Chung Container Terminals.

Through risk assessment, Customs officers yesterday selected for inspection a seaborne transshipment container arriving from United Arab Emirates en route to Taiwan via Hong Kong. Upon inspection, Customs officers found the batch of suspected scheduled red sandalwood inside the container.

The case was handed over to the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department for follow-up investigation.

Under the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance, any person found guilty of importing or exporting an endangered species without a licence is liable to a maximum fine of \$10 million and imprisonment for 10 years.

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### **AFCD seizes live endangered animals and endangered species specimen suspected of being illegally possessed**





The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) seized three live endangered animals and an endangered animal specimen suspected to be illegally possessed in an exhibition today (September 23), involving a live green iguana (*Iguana iguana*), a live Spencer's monitor (*Varanus spenceri*), a live golden coin turtle (*Cuora trifasciata*) and an African grey parrot (*Psittacus erithacus*) specimen.

The AFCD received complaints recently regarding the display of live endangered animals and endangered species specimens suspected of being illegally possessed in an exhibition, and hence conducted onsite inspection. AFCD staff found live endangered animals and a specimen of endangered species on display at a booth in the exhibition. As the person responsible for the booth had failed to present a valid license or relevant documentary proof, AFCD staff therefore seized the concerned animals and specimen for further investigation.

A spokesman for the AFCD said, "Under the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance (Cap. 586), the possession of specimens of Appendix I to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora for commercial purposes is generally prohibited and the possession of live animals of Appendix II requires a valid Licence to Possess or documentary proof to show that the specimen is not of wild origin."

A spokesman for the AFCD said that illegal possession of endangered species is a serious offence. Any person contravening 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.

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