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Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized Two Giant Clam Bracelets through Inbound Traveller Inspection Channel



News Release Date: 1 January 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs

Location: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Inbound Traveller Inspection Channel, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-Ray)

Species: Two Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.) beads bracelets, 410 g, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Tianjin Xingang Customs Seized Two Ivory Painting Scroll Heads in an Inbound Freight



News Release Date: 1 January 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Tianjin Xingang Customs

Location: Tianjin

Detection Method: Routine Examination

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

Transport Method: Inbound Freight (14 Pieces Declared as "Old stone crafts" and Part undeclared)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized Four Giant Clam Products and Two Red Coral Necklaces Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 1 January 2023
Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs
Location: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-Ray)
Species: Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.), two bracelets and two necklaces, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II; two Red Coral necklaces, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES III
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage (knapsack)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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Ningbo Beilun Customs Seized 25 tons of Kosso and Rosewood in a Shipment of Freight



News Release Date: 1 January 2023
Law Enforcement Authority: Beilun Customs
Location: Ningbo, Zhejiang Province
Detection Method: Routine Examination
Species: Kosso (*Pterocarpus erinaceus*) and Rosewood (*Dalbergia* spp.), total 25 tons, CITES II
Transport Method: Container (Declared as timbers of *Erythrophleum fordii*)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized Three Giant Clam Products Carried by Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 1 January 2023
Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs
Location: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-Ray)
Species: Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.), two bracelets and one necklace, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage (Hidden in Iron moon cake box)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized Two Incense Tree Beads Necklaces in an Outbound Freight



News Release Date: 1 January 2023
Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs
Location: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Risk Control Order
Species: Two Incense Tree (*Aquilaria sinensis*) beads necklaces, around 54 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II
Transport Method: Outbound Freight (Declared as "glass bead", 16.5 kg)
Country of Export: China
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Shanghai Wusong Customs Seized 212 g of Ivory Piano Patches from an Inbound Second-hand Upright Grand Piano



News Release Date: 1 January 2023
Law Enforcement Authority: Shanghai Wusong Customs
Location: Shanghai
Detection Method: Routine Examination
Species: Ivory piano patches, 212 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound Freight (second-hand upright grand piano)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Shenzhenwan Customs Seized 24.3 kg Desert-broomrape Carried by Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 7 January 2023
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Law Enforcement Authority: Shenzhenwan Customs
Location: Shenzhen, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Examination
Species: Three Shipment of Desert-broomrape (*Cistanche deserticola*), 24.3 kg, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 3
Case Progress: The case is under further investigation.

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Harbin Taiping Airport Customs Seized an Ivory Folding Fan in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 9 January 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Harbin Taiping Airport Customs

Location: Harbin Taiping Airport, Heilongjiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

Species: One Ivory folding fan, net weight about 180 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: The articles have been detained in accordance with the law until further disposal.

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Wuhan Tianhe Airport Customs Seized Five Giant Clam Bracelets and Three Saunderswood Bracelets Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 12 January 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Wuhan Tianhe Airport Customs

Location: Wuhan Tianhe Airport, Hubei Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-Ray)

Species: Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.), five beads bracelets, 477 g, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II; three Saunderswood (*Pterocarpus santalinus*) beads bracelets, 153 g, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Shanghai Waigaoqiao Port Area Customs Seized 274 g Ivory Piano Patches from Inbound Second-hand Upright Piano



News Release Date: 14 January 2023
Law Enforcement Authority: Shanghai Waigaoqiao Port Area Customs
Location: Shanghai
Detection Method: Routine Examination
Species: Ivory piano patches, 274 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound Freight (second-hand upright piano)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Guangzhou Nansha Customs Seized 227 Live Birds in Cross-border e-commerce Outbound Retail Channel



News Release Date: 16 January 2023
Law Enforcement Authority: Nansha Customs
Location: Guangzhou, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Examination
Species: 227 live birds, including 32 Chinese Hwameis (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 43 Eurasian skylark (*Alauda arvensis*), Class II of National Protected Species; 109 Japanese White-eye (*Zosterops japonicus*), 40 Yellow-throated bunting (*Emberiza elegans*) and 3 White-rumped Shama (*Kittacincla malabarica*). The latter three species are the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value
Transport Method: Outbound Freight (Cross-border e-commerce retail, container, declared as "filters")
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Shenzhen Postal Customs Seized 16 Orchids in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 30 January 2023

Seizure Date: 17 January 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Shenzhen Postal Customs

Location: Shenzhen, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

Species: 16 Orchids (Orchidaceae), including wind orchids (*Neofinetia falcata*), *Neofinetia xichangensis*, and *Neofinetia richardsiana*, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (Declared as "Toys")

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Dapuchaihe Police Station Investigated an Illegal Logging Case of Amur Cork Trees



News Release Date: 28 January 2023

Seizure Date: 10 January 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Dapuchaihe Police Station of Dunhua Forest Police Branch

Location: Dunhua Forestry Bureau of Jilin Province Xigou forest frog breeding house

Detection Method: Routine Patrol

Species: Three Amur Cork Trees (*Phellodendron amurense*). Two were 10 cm in diameter and the other was 12 cm, Class I of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Logging (The trunk is used for firewood and the remaining section is used as a support for the livestock nest)

Number of Offenders: 1

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

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The Forest Police Seized Two Pieces of Fresh Wild Animal Fur and 1.6 kg Wild Animal Products



News Release Date: 29 January 2023

Seizure Date: 11 January 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: The Forest Police Brigade Patrol of Ningshan County Police Bureau

Location: Within the jurisdiction of Chengguan Town, Tuangchewan Town and Xinchang Town, Ningshan County, Ankang City, Shaanxi Province

Detection Method: Special Taskforce

Species: Two pieces of fresh wild animal fur, preliminary identification as Class II of National Protected Species, and 1.6 kg wild animal products

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting, Selling and Transporting (25 steel-jaw leghold traps, 14 snares, and 1 vehicle)

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: The case is under further investigation.

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The Forest Police Seized 13 Live Wild Birds

News Release Date: 31 January 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: The Forest Police Patrol of Mille Municipal Police Bureau, Yunnan Province and Dongfeng Police Station

Location: Mile City, Honghe Hani and Yi Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: Ten Chinese Hwameis (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; one Black-throated Laughingthrush (*Garrulax chinensis*), Class II of National Protected Species; one Crested myna (*Acridotheres cristatellus*) and one Common myna (*Acridotheres tristis*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value

Transport Method: Minivan

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Acquisition

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: The case is under further investigation.

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Luonan County People's Court in Shaanxi Province Had a Hearing on Illegal Wild Orchid Harvest Case



News Release Date: 1 January 2023

Sentencing Date: 30 December 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: The Forest Police Patrol of Luonan County Police Bureau

Judicial Authority: Luonan County People's Procuratorate and Luonan County People's Court

Location: Behind the defendant's house forest slope in Beisi village and Jingyanggou Forest slope in Sanyao Street Community, Sanyao Town, Luonan County, Shangluo City, Shannxi Province

Detection Method: Patrol

Species: 289 *Cymbidium faberi*, 289, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The defendant truthfully confessed to his criminal facts, voluntarily pleaded guilty and accepted punishment. The defendant actively apologized, transplanted orchids back to the original growing place, and volunteered to serve for public campaign.

According to the facts and circumstances of the defendant's crime, the degree of harm to society and the performance of repentance, he may be given a light punishment and be subject to probation. And sentencing the case in court, the defendant said in court to plead guilty to the law, do not appeal

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Danfeng County People's Court in Shaanxi Province Has a Hearing on Wild Orchid Harvest Case



马某某危害国家重点保护植物罪刑事一审刑事判决书

案号 (2022) 陕1022刑初33号

News Release Date: 9 January 2023

Sentencing Date: 1 November 2022

Judicial Authority: Danfeng County people's Procuratorate and Danfeng County People's Court

Location: Liyuan Village, Wuguan Town, Henan Province

Digging Site: Guanpo Town, Lushi County, Henan Province, and Liziping Village, Wuguan Town, Danfeng County, Shangluo City, Shannxi Province)

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: Seven *Cymbidium faberi*, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Motor vehicle

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest (1 Small pickaxe and 1 Flat head screwdriver)

Number of Offenders: 2 (separated in two cases)

Case Progress: The defendant Ma was sentenced to criminal detention for one month and a fine of CNY 3,000.

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