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Suzhou Postal Customs Seized 19 Red Coral and Black Coral Products in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 2 October 2023

Forensic Result Date: 26 September 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Suzhou Postal Customs

Location: Suzhou City, Jiangsu Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 17 Red Coral (*Coralliidae* spp.) jewelries, including bead necklaces and hairpins, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES III (only the four species in China); two Black Coral (*Antipatharia* spp.) products, including one beads necklace and one handbag, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; total 837.9 g

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: The case has been further processed.

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Guangzhou Postal Customs Seized 98 Red Coral Jewelries in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 3 October 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Postal Customs

Location: Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 98 Red Coral (*Coralliidae* spp.) jewelries, including earrings, pendants, bead bracelets, bead necklaces, etc., net weight 73 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES III (only the four species in China)

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (Packed in a transparent sealed bag)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: The case has been further processed.

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Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport Customs Seized 250 Pirarucu Fry in an Inbound Freight



News Release Date: 6 October 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport Customs

Location: Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 250 Pirarucu (*Arapaima gigas*) fry, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Freight (declared as "snakeheads (Channidae spp.)")

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: The case has been further processed.

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Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport Customs Seized 65 Ivory Products, 11 Giant Pangolin Scales and 7 bottles of Tree Pangolin Tissue Fragments Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 6 October 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport Customs

Location: Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (X-ray)

Species: 62 Ivory beads, two Ivory bangles, one Ivory name seal, total 878g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; 11 Giant Pangolin (*Manis gigantea*) scales, total 140 g, CITES I; seven bottles of Tree Pangolin (*M. tricuspis*) tissue fragments, total 3.131 kg, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1 (male)

Case Progress: The case has been further processed.

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Nanning Postal Customs Seized Three Ivory Products and One Hawksbill Turtle Bead Necklaces in Two Inbound Parcels



News Release Date: 7 October 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Nanning Postal Customs

Location: Nanning City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Three Ivory carvings, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; one Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) beads necklace, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: The two seized parcels have been handed over to the relevant department for disposal per request.

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Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport Customs Seized Two Bags of Dried Manta Rays Gills Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 8 October 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport Customs

Location: Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Two bags of dried Manta Rays (*Mobula* spp.) gills, total 1.562 kg, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The case has been transferred to the relevant customs department for processing.

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Quanzhou Jinjiang International Airport Customs Seized One Bag of Pangolin Scales Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 9 October 2023

Forensic Result Date: 9 October 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Quanzhou Jinjiang International Airport Customs

Location: Quanzhou Jinjiang International Airport, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (X-ray)

Species: Pangolin (*Manis* spp.) scales, net weight 210 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Check-in Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport Customs Seized Nine Giant Clam Shells Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 9 October 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport Customs

Location: Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Nine Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.) shells, total 785 g, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage (Nothing-to-declare Channel; Wrapped in a plastic bag)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The case has been further processed.

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Dalian Customs Seized Two Ivory Products, Seven Red Coral Products and Eight Hawksbill Turtle Products in Five Inbound Parcels



News Release Date: 11 October 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Dalian Postal Customs

Location: Dalian City, Jilin Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Two ivory products, net weight 51 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; seven Red Coral (*Coralliidae* spp.) products, net weight 115 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES III (only the four species in China); 8 Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) products, net weight 30 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Jiangyin Customs Seized One Bottle of Medicinal Liquor with Seahorse and Tokay Gecko Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 15 October 2023

Forensic Result Date: 7 October 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Jiangyin Customs

Location: Jiangyin, Wuxi City, Jiangsu Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: One bottle of medicinal liquor with Seahorse (*Hippocampus* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species (only for wild populations), CITES II and Tokay gecko (*Gekko gecko*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The case has been handed over to the relevant departments for disposal.

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Suzhou Postal Customs Seized Three Ivory Folding Fans in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 19 October 2023

Forensic Result Date: 11 October 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Suzhou Postal Customs

Location: Suzhou City, Jiangsu Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Three Ivory folding fans, 174.9 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: The seized parcel has been further disposed in accordance with relevant laws and regulations.

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Beijing Daxing International Airport Customs Seized Seven Ivory Products and Six Pieces of Butterfly Wings Specimen Paintings Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 20 October 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Beijing Daxing International Airport Customs

Location: Beijing Daxing International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Two ivory bangles, two ivory combs, two ivory peace buckles, one ivory pendant, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; Six pieces of butterfly wing specimen paintings

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The on-site customs officer has disposed of the seized items in accordance with the law.

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Wuxi Sunan Shuofang International Airport Customs Seized One Ivory Mahjong Set Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 21 October 2023

Seizure Date: 7 October 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Wuxi Sunan Shuofang International Airport Customs

Location: Sunan Shuofang International Airport, Wuxi City, Jiangsu Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (X-ray)

Species: One ivory mahjong set, gross weight 2.32 kg, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Check-in Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The Customs will further dispose seized items in accordance with the law.

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Shenzhen Huanggang Customs Seized Three Nautilus Shells Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 24 October 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs

Location: Huanggang Port, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Three Nautilus (*Nautiloidea* spp.) shells, total 500 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The case has been transferred to the relevant customs department for processing.

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Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport Customs Seized 57 Ivory Products Carried by Two Inbound Passengers



News Release Date: 30 October 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport Customs

Location: Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 57 Ivory products, including beads, bangles and statues, total 1,015 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage (Wrapped in tin foil and candy, purposely painted in black)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: The case has been further processed.

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Qichechang Police Station of Changchun City, Jilin Province Seized Over 220 Wild Birds and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 10 October 2023

Seizure Date: 7 October 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Qichechang Police Station

Location: Changchun Automobile Economic and Technological Development Zone, Jilin Province

Detection Method: Deployment and Control

Species: Over 220 wild birds seized, including 10 Chestnut-flanked white-eye (*Zosterops erythropleurus*), Class II of National Protected Species; 14 Class II of National Protected birds and over 1,000 other non-protected wild birds were illegally sold

Transport Method: Express mail

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting (Set up bird traps net) and Sale (online)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The suspect Gong has been taken criminal compulsory measures in accordance with the law, and the case is under further investigation.

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Hebei Branch of Tianjin Public Security Bureau Cracked a Case of Illegal Hunting and Trade, Seized Over 300 Wild Birds and Arrested Three Suspects



News Release Date: 10 October 2023

Seizure Date: Early September 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Hebei Branch of Tianjin Public Security Bureau

Location: Hebei District, Tianjin City

Detection Method: Routine Patrol and Investigation

Species: Over 320 wild birds, including over 270 Class II of National Protected birds, such as Chestnut-flanked white-eye (*Zosterops erythropleurus*), Class II of National Protected Species; Siberian Rubythroat (*Calliope calliope*), Class II of National Protected Species; Bluethroat (*Luscinia svecica*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES III; and other species like Coal Tit (*Periparus ater*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting (Set up sticky nets), acquisition and sale

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: The suspect Ji has been taken criminal compulsory measures on suspicion of illegal hunting, suspects Wang and Liu are under review on suspicion of harming precious and endangered wild animals, and all the seized birds have been released, and the case is being further processed.

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Leizhou Public Security Bureau, Guangdong Province, Seized Seven Died Large Indian Civets and Small Indian Civets, and Other 37 Wild Animals and Arrested Six Suspects



News Release Date: 11 October 2023

Seizure Date: 2 October 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: The Forest Police Brigade, Criminal Police Brigade, Patrol Brigade, Special Police Squadron of Leizhou Public Security Bureau, jointly with Leizhou Municipal Bureau of Natural Resources

Location: In a residential area in Xincheng Street, Leizhou City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Investigation

Species: Total Seven dead Large Indian Civets (*Viverra zibetha*) and dead Small Indian Civets (*Viverricula indica*), both species are classified as Class I of National Protected Species, CITES III (India population); 23 died and 14 live dabbling ducks (*Anas* spp.), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal sale

Number of Offenders: 6

Case Progress: Xue and other 6 suspects have been criminally detained in accordance with the law, and the case is under further investigation.

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Henan Police Station of Hunchun Municipal Public Security Bureau, Jilin Province, Cracked Two Cases of Illegal Hunting and Arrested Three Suspects



News Release Date: 12 October 2023

Seizure Date: 20 August 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Henan Police Station of Hunchun Municipal Public Security Bureau

Location: Hunchun City, Jilin Province

Detection Method: Investigation

Species: Seven Mongolian lark (*Melanocorypha mongolica*), Class II of National Protected Species; 95 Black-tailed Hawfinch (*Eophona migratoria*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value; two Oriental reed-warbler (*Acrocephalus orientalis*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value

Transport Method: Passenger car (hidden in a cardboard box)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting (Sticky nets, bird traps, and cages traps) and sale

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: The three suspects have been taken criminal coercive measures in accordance with the law, and the seized birds have also been released in accordance with the law, and the case is under further investigation.

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Xiqing Branch of the Tianjin Public Security Bureau Seized 51 Wild Birds and Arrested One Suspect

News Release Date: 13 October 2023

Seizure Date: September 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: The Eighth Brigade of the Crime Investigation Detachment of the Xiqing Branch of the Tianjin Public Security Bureau, and the Food, Environmental and Drug Investigation Brigade of the Tianjin Municipal Public Security Bureau

Location: Vacant land in a demolition area of Xiyongmen Street, Xiqing District, Tianjin City

Detection Method: Routine Patrol

Species: 18 Chestnut-flanked white-eye (*Zosterops erythropleurus*) and three Siberian Rubythroat (*Calliope calliope*), Class II of National Protected Species; 13 Common Rosefinch (*Carpodacus erythrinus*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value, CITES III; three Grosbeak (*Mycerobas* spp.), three Yellow-browed Warbler (*Phylloscopus inornatus*), four Yellow-bellied Tit (*Pardaliparus venustulus*), two Coal Tit (*Periparus ater*), and three Eurasian Siskin (*Spinus spinus*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value; one Atlantic Canary (*Serinus canaria*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting (Set up bird traps and attract birds by pre-recorded bird calls) and acquisition

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The suspect Hua has been criminally detained in accordance with the law, and the seized birds have been handed over to the Tianjin Wildlife Rescue Center for rescue.

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Forest Police Branch of Lanzhou Public Security Bureau, Gansu Province, Cracked a Series of Cases of Illegal Hunting and Trade, Seized 45 Live Przevalski's Partridge and Arrested 6 Suspects



News Release Date: 19 October 2023
Seizure Date: 5 July 2023
Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Police Branch of Lanzhou Public Security Bureau
Location: Yongdeng County, Lanzhou City, Gansu Province
Detection Method: Routine Patrol (cyber patrol)
Species: 45 Live Przevalski's partridge (*Alectoris magna*), Class II of National Protected Species
Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting, breeding and trade (Online short video platform)
Estimated Value: CNY 225,000
Number of Offenders: 6
Case Progress: 6 suspects have been arrested, and all the seized Przevalski's partridge have been handed over to the Lanzhou Wildlife Rescue Station for processing.

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Shengli Police Station of Siping City, Jilin Province Cracked a Case of Illegal Hunting and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 26 October 2023
Seizure Date: 25 October 2023
Law Enforcement Authority: Shengli Police Station, Forest Police Brigade
Location: Nanlaobao Village, Shengli Township, Lishu County, Siping City, Jilin Province
Detection Method: Routine Patrol
Species: Ten Pallas's rosefinch (*Carpodacus roseus*), Class II of National Protected Species; one Eurasian siskin (*Spinus spinus*), two Eurasian tree sparrow (*Passer montanus*), two Doves (*Streptopelia* spp.) and two Hawfinch (*Coccothraustes coccothraustes*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value; three Common Redpoll (*Acanthis flammea*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value, CITES III
Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting, (sticky nets and cages traps)
Number of Offenders: 1
Case Progress: The suspect Guo, who is suspected of illegal hunting, has taken criminal coercive measures, and the case is being further investigated.

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Xiqing Branch of Tianjin Public Security Seized One Golden Eagle Specimen and Arrested Two Suspects



News Release Date: 27 October 2023

Seizure Date: 24 October 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: The Eighth Brigade of the Crime Investigation Detachment and Zhangjiawo Police Station of the Xiqing Branch of Tianjin Public Security

Location: A community in Zhangjiawo Town, Xiqing District, Tianjin City

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: One specimen of Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal sale (online)

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: The two suspects have been taken criminal compulsory measures in accordance with the law on suspicion of harming precious and endangered wild animals, and the case is being further investigated.

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Xiqing Branch of Tianjin Public Security, Gansu Province, Seized One Mongolian Gazelle Horn and Two Goitered Gazelle Horns and Arrested Two Suspects



News Release Date: 30 October 2023

Seizure Date: 24 October 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Xihua Police Station and Forest Police Brigade of Huating Public Security Bureau

Location: Huating City, Gansu Province

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: One Mongolian Gazelle (*Procapra gutturosa*) horn, Class I of National Protected Species; two Goitered Gazelle (*Gazella subgutturosa*) horns, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal sale and acquisition

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: The two suspects have been taken criminal compulsory measures in accordance with the law, and the case is under further investigation.

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The Beijing Miyun People's Court Concluded a Case of Poaching Leopard Cat and One Defendant Was Sentenced



News Release Date: 23 October 2023

Hunting Date: 3 January 2023

Judicial Authority: The Beijing Miyun People's Court

Hunting Sites: Orchard next to Liangshan Road, Wayaogou, Xiahe Village, Miyun District, Beijing

Species: One Leopard Cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (leg-hold traps)

Estimated Value: CNY 7,500

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The defendant Guo has paid CNY 22,500 in compensation for ecological and environmental damage to the Miyun District Landscaping Bureau, the compensation rights holder. The defendant Guo was sentenced to six-month detention with a one-year suspended sentence.

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Hong Kong SAR

Hong Kong Customs detects six smuggling cases exploiting ocean-going vessels and river trade vessels



Hong Kong Customs mounted a special operation codenamed "Wave Breaker" from August to September and detected four suspected smuggling cases involving ocean-going vessels and two suspected smuggling cases involving river trade vessels. A large batch of suspected smuggled goods with a total estimated market value of about \$100 million was seized.

Through intelligence analysis and risk assessment, Customs suspected that criminals were using ocean-going vessels and river trade vessels to smuggle goods and thus formulated strategies to combat related activities. During the operation period, three ocean-going vessels scheduled to depart from Hong Kong to Malaysia, one ocean-going vessel scheduled to depart from Hong Kong to Shanghai, as well as two river trade vessels bound for Nansha and Macao respectively, were selected for inspection. Upon examinations, Customs officers onboard the six vessels found large batches of suspected smuggled goods, including over 500,000 electronic products, about 2,000 bottles of table wines, about 240 pallets of electronic wastes, about seven tonnes of suspected scheduled shark fins, and about three tonnes of frozen meat. In the operation, Customs officers arrested three men, aged between 40 and 54 years old, suspected to be connected with the cases.

Investigations of the six cases are ongoing. The three arrested persons have been released on bail pending further investigation and the likelihood of further arrests is not ruled out.

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