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Urumqi Customs Seized Red Coral Beads Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 2 August 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Dulata Customs

Location: Dulata Port, Aixinsheri Town, Qapqal Xibe Autonomous County, Ili Kazakh Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

Species: Red Coral (*Coralliidae* spp.) beads, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES III (four species distributed in China only)

Transport Method: Inbound passenger luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Shenzhen Huanggang Customs Seized Three Ball Pythons and Eleven House Snakes Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 4 August 2023

Forensic Result Date: 24 July 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs
Location: Futian Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: 3 live Ball Pythons (*Python regius*), CITES II; 11 live House snakes (*Boaedon* spp.)

Transport Method: Inbound passenger luggage (wrapped in cotton socks and stockings and hidden in trouser pockets)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1 (male)

Case Progress: Snakes have been handed over to the relevant department for processing.

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Zhengzhou Xinzheng International Airport Customs Found a Common Kestrel Hidden Inside the Outer Packaging of the Inbound Freight



News Release Date: 5 August 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhengzhou Xinzheng International Airport Customs

Location: Zhengzhou Xinzheng International Airport, Henan Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: One Common Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Freight (hidden inside the outer packaging of the goods)

Case Progress: Kestrel has been inspected as required and handed over to the local forestry department.

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Khorgos International Border Cooperation Center Customs Seized Four Saiga Horns Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 7 August 2023

Seizure Date: 29 July 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Khorgos

International Border Cooperation Center Customs

Location: Khorgos Port, Ili Kazakh Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: Four Saiga horns (*Saiga tatarica*), weight 920g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II (zero quote for commercial international trade)

Transport Method: Inbound passenger (on body)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1 (male)

Case Progress: Seized items have been transferred to the Anti-Smuggling Department for further processing.

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Gongbei Zhakou Customs Seized 119 Loggerhead Juvenile Musk Turtles and 100 Juvenile Flattened Musk Turtles Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 7 August 2023

Seizure Date: 13 July 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhakou Customs

Location: Gongbei Port, Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: 119 Live juvenile Loggerhead Musk Turtles (*Sternotherus minor*), CITES II; 100 Live juvenile Flattened Musk Turtles (*Sternotherus depressus*), CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound passenger luggage (wrapped in two black mesh bags and hidden in a shopping bag inside a crossbody bag)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1 (male)

Nationality: China (Macau SAR)

Case Progress: The case has been further dealt with in accordance with regulations.

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Shenyang Postal Customs Seized 2.84 kg of Red Coral Jewelries in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 8 August 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Shenyang Postal Customs

Location: Shenyang City, Jilin Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

Species: Red Coral (Coralliidae spp.) jewelry (bead necklaces, bead bracelets, etc.) 2840g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES III (limited to four species distributed in China)

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (declared as "painting craft")

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: The case has been further dealt with in accordance with regulations.

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Dongxing Customs Seized Four Juvenile Reticulated Pythons Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 8 August 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Dongxing Customs

Location: Dongxing Port, Dongxing City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: Four Live Juvenile Reticulated Pythons (*Malayopython reticulatus*), CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound passenger luggage (Wrapped in four brown cotton socks tightly tied with rubber bands, hidden in two backpacks)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: It has been transferred to the Department of Natural Resources for further processing.

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Shenzhen Postal Customs Seized 8,306 Dried Reticulated Python Gallbladders in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 8 August 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Shenzhen Postal Customs

Location: Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

Species: 8,306 dried Reticulated Python (*Malayopython reticulatus*) gallbladders, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound parcel (declared as "towel", packed in clear plastic bags)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: The case is under investigation by the local anti-smuggling bureau.

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Tianjin Postal Customs Seized a Knife and a Fork with Ivory Handles in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 9 August 2023

Seizure Date: 2 August 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Tianjin Postal Customs

Location: Tianjin City

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: One knife with ivory handle, 1 fork with ivory handle, total gross weight 274.6g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (declared as "teapot")

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: The seizure has been handed over for further disposal.

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Shenzhen Wenjindu Customs Seized 48 Star Cactus, 24 *Cereus* spp., 78 *Mammillaria gracilis* var. *fragilis* and 233 *Anacampseros rufescens* in Outbound Freight



News Release Date: 10 August 2023

Forensic Result Date: 1 August 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Wenjindu Customs

Location: Wenjindu Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: 48 Star Cactus (*Astrophytum asterias*), CITES I; 24 *Cereus* spp., CITES II; 78 *Mammillaria gracilis* var. *fragilis*, CITES II; 233 *Anacampseros rufescens*, CITES II

Transport Method: Outbound Freight

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: The case has been transferred to the disposal department for further processing.

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Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport Customs Seized 9,591 Dried Seahorse Carried by Three Inbound Passengers



News Release Date: 11 August 2023
Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport Customs
Location: Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Risk Control Directive, Machine Inspection
Species: 9,591 dried seahorse (*Hippocampus* spp.), weight 16.73kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound passenger luggage
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 3

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Chongqing Postal Customs Seized an Ivory Folding Fan in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 11 August 2023
Law Enforcement Authority: Chongqing Postal Customs
Location: Chongqing City
Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)
Species: One ivory folding fan, 72.2g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound Parcel
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Case Progress: Items have been confiscated and will be further processed.

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Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport Customs Seized a Horned Helmet Shell Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 13 August 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport Customs

Location: Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

Species: One Horned Helmet (*Cassis cornuta*) shell, weight 1.61kg, Class II of National Protected Species

Transport Method: Inbound passenger luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Items has been confiscated and would be further processed.

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Fuzhou Changle International Airport Customs Seized 37 Agarwood Rectangular Blocks Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 14 August 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Fuzhou Changle International Airport Customs

Location: Fuzhou Changle International Airport, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

Species: 37 Agarwood (*Aquilaria* spp.) rectangular blocks, total weight 5.82kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound passenger luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The seized items have been transferred to the disposal department for further processing.

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Gongbei Zhakou Customs Seized 50 Red-and-green Macaw Eggs Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 18 August 2023

Seizure Date: 30 July 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhakou Customs

Location: Gongbei Port, Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: 50 eggs of Red-and-green Macaw (*Ara chloropterus*), CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound passenger luggage (Wrapped in cotton cloth, hidden in a black satchel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: At present, the case has been further disposed of in accordance with regulations.

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Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Customs Seized Three Live Red-footed Tortoises in an Inbound Vehicle



News Release Date: 20 August 2023

Seizure Date: 28 July 2023

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

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

Detection Method: Routine Examination (Video Monitoring Inspection)

Species: Three live Red-footed Tortoises (*Chelonoidis carbonaria*), CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Vehicle (license plates from Macau; packed in a black plastic bag and hidden under the second row of seats)

Country of Export: Macao SAR, China (Export Location)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Seizures would be handed over to the local agricultural and rural department according to laws.

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Gongbei Zhakou Customs Seized Seven Ivory Products and a Hawksbill Turtle Shell Product Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 21 August 2023

Seizure Date: 20 July 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhakou Customs

Location: Gongbei Port, Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: Six African Forest Elephant (*Loxodonta cyclotis*) ivory products, CITES I/II; one African Savanna Elephant (*L. africana*) ivory products, CITES I/II; one Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) shell products, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound passenger luggage (Packed in a plastic bag and hidden in a black crossbody bag)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The confiscations would be handed over to the forestry department for disposal according to laws.

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Wuhan Tianhe International Airport Customs Seized Four Giant Clams Shells Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 22 August 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Wuhan Tianhe International Airport Customs

Location: Wuhan Tianhe International Airport in Hubei Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: Four Giant Clams (*Tridacnidae* spp.) shells, weight about 0.446kg, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound passenger luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Gongbei Zhakou Customs Seized 176 African Grey Parrot Eggs, 30 Monk Parakeet Eggs and 14 Galah Eggs Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 25 August 2023

Seizure Date: 9 August 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhakou Customs

Location: Gongbei Port, Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: 176 eggs of African Grey Parrot (*Psittacus erithacus*), CITES I; 30 eggs of Monk Parakeet (*Myiopsitta monachus*), CITES II; 14 eggs of Galah (*Eolophus roseicapilla*), CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound passenger luggage (Wrapped in cotton and packed in 3 cardboard boxes and hidden in the backpack and handbag)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The seizures would be transferred to the relevant local authorities for further processing in accordance with the law.

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Tengchong Customs Seized Malayan Pangolin Scales in an Inbound Truck



News Release Date: 27 August 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Tengchong Customs

Location: Diantan Port, Tengchong City, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: Malayan pangolin (*Manis javanica*) scales, 37.58g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound truck (Hidden in a white plastic bag inside a cardboard box in the vehicle's cabin)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Chengdu Postal Customs Seized Eight Ivory Painting Scroll Heads (gross weight 1008.31 g) in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 27 August 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Chengdu Postal Customs

Location: Chengdu City, Sichuan Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

Species: Eight ivory painting scroll heads (4 pairs), gross weight 1008.31 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: The shipment has been subsequently disposed of in accordance with regulations.

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Suzhou Customs Seized Six Ivory Painting Scroll Heads and an Ivory Incense Burner Lid in Two Inbound Parcels



News Release Date: 27 August 2023

Forensic Result Date: 18 August 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Suzhou Customs

Location: Suzhou City, Jiangsu Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: Six ivory painting scroll heads (three pairs), one Ivory incense burner lid, total weight 209.2g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Wuhan Postal Customs Seized Two Ivory Painting Scroll Heads in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 27 August 2023

Forensic Result Date: 22 August 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Wuhan Postal Customs

Location: Wuhan City, Hubei Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: Two ivory painting scroll heads (one pair), weight about 50 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Dao County Police Bureau, Hunan Province, Cracked down a Case of Illegal Harvest, Acquisition and Sale of 201,000 Chain Fern Rhizome, and Arrested 10 Suspects



News Release Date: 10 June 2023

Seizure Date: 1 February 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Dao County Police Bureau

Location: Dao County, Yongzhou City, Hunan Province

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: 201,000 Chain Fern Rhizomes (*Cibotium barometz*) (19,868 on-site seizures, weight over 13,000 kg), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Truck

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest, acquisition, and sale

Number of Offenders: 10

Case Progress: 10 suspects has been arrested. Four production and processing dens and warehouses have been destroyed, and 21 harvest sites have been identified. The case is currently under further investigation.

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Sanchazi Forest Police Bureau, Jilin Province, Cracked down a Case of Poaching Wildlife, and Arrested 14 Suspects

News Release Date: 26 July 2023

Seizure Date: 3 March 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Sanchazi Forest Police Bureau and Narhong Police Station

Location: Narhong Town, Jingyu County, Baishan City, Jilin Province

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: One Wild Elk (*Cervus canadensis*), Class II of National Protected Species (wild population only); one Leopard Cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; fourteen Eastern Roe Deer (*Capreolus pygargus*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value; one European Badger (*Meles meles*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value. The confiscations include one elk head, sixteen pieces of eastern roe deer body parts and a bottle of European badger oil (over 5 kg)

Reason for Seizure: Poaching (by using slingshots, hunting traps, electric fish ware, and flooding, etc.)

Number of Offenders: 14

Case Progress: The Jiangyuanlin District People's Procuratorate has concluded the case, and the court hearing will be held in the near future.

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Yantai Police Bureau Cracked down a Case of Illegally Selling Over 300 Giant Clams Carvings and Coral Carvings, and Arrested Eight Suspects



News Release Date: 2 August 2023

Seizure Date: 11 April 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Police Detachment of Yantai Police Bureau

Location: A handicraft store in Haiyang County-level City, Yantai City, Shandong Province; Qionghai City, Hainan Province

Detection Method: Case clue

Species: Giant Clams (*Tridacnidae* spp.) carvings, Class I/II of National Protected Species/CITESII; Coral (*Anthozoa* spp.) carvings, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II/III; over 300 pieces were seized

Reason for Seizure: Illegal sale

Estimated Value: Over CNY 3 million

Number of Offenders: 8

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Xiashan Branch of Zhanjiang Police Bureau Seized Over 3,600 Wild Dried Seahorses and Arrested 9 Suspects



News Release Date: 5 August 2023

Seizure Date: 27 July 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Xiashan Branch of Zhanjiang Police Bureau, Xiashan District Market Supervision Administration

Location: Zonghe Market and Dongfeng Market in Xiashan District, Zhanjiang City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Special Task Force Operation

Species: Over 3,600 dried seahorses (*Hippocampus* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal sale (without the Aquatic Wildlife Operation and Utilization License)

Number of Offenders: 9

Case Progress: Seven suspects have been taken criminal compulsory measures by police in accordance with the law, and other 2 suspects have been transferred to the District Market Supervision Bureau for administrative punishment in accordance with the law. The case is under further processing.

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Wuxi Police Bureau Cracked down a Case of Illegal Hunting, Transportation, Sale and Purchase of Asian Black Bear, and Arrested Six Suspects



News Release Date: 9 August 2023

Seizure Date: 16 July 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Wuxi Police Bureau

Location: Wuhan, Hubei Province (Hunting location: A mountain forest in Xintian Village, Tianyuan Towns, Wuxi County, Chongqing City)

Detection Method: Special Task Force Operation

Species: One Asian black bear (*Ursus thibetanus*) (dismembered), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I

Reason for Seizure: Poaching (seized over 100 hunting tools, including hunting snares, leg-hold traps, medical syringes, daggers, and small axes), transportation, sale and purchase

Estimated Value: CNY 11,000 (sale price)

Number of Offenders: 6

Case Progress: Suspects have been taken criminal compulsory measures by the police in accordance with the law, and the case is under further investigation.

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Siming Police Bureau Seized Ten Ball Pythons and Arrested Two Suspects



News Release Date: 10 August 2023

Seizure Date: 20 July 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Xiamen Siming Police Brigade, Siming District Binbei Police Station

Location: In a rental house in Tong'an District, Xiamen City, Fujian Province; A community in Jimei District, Xiamen City, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Special Task Force Operation

Species: Ten Ball Pythons (*Python regius*), CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal purchase and sale (online)

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Ten seized ball pythons have been sent to the relevant departments for protection. The suspects were criminally detained in accordance with the law. The case is now under further investigation.

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Fuqing Police Bureau Seized Two Hawksbill Turtle Specimens and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 11 August 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Longshan Police Station and Forest Police Brigade of Fuqing Police Bureau

Location: Longshan District and Yinxi District of Fuqing City, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Special Task Force Operation

Species: Two Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) specimens, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Reason for Seizure: Illegal purchase (online)

Estimated Value: CNY 320,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The suspect has been taken criminal compulsory measures by the Fuqing police on suspicion of harming endangering wild animals. The case is being further processed.

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Gaize Police Bureau, Tibet Autonomous Region, Seized 221 pieces of Tibetan Antelope Skin and Arrested 4 Suspects

News Release Date: 12 August 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Gaize Police Bureau

Location: Gaize County, Ali Prefecture (, Tibet Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Special Task Force Operation

Species: 221 Tibetan antelope (*Pantholops hodgsonii*) furs, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Reason for Seizure: Illegal purchase

Number of Offenders: 4

Case Progress: Four suspects have been taken criminal compulsory measures by police on suspicion of harming endangered wild animals and their products, forced trading, abetting others to commit crimes. The case is under further investigation.

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Chengguan Border Police Station of Honghe Border Management Detachment, Yunnan Province Seized 1,447 Crocodile Skins and 964 Crocodile Leather Belts



News Release Date: 13 August 2023

Seizure Date: 11 August 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Chengguan Border Police Station of Honghe Border Management Detachment

Location: Found on the grassland along the border of Hekou Yao Autonomous County, Honghe Hani and Yi Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Special Task Force Operation

Species: 1,447 Crocodile (*Crocodylia* spp.) skins, about 0.75-1.4m long, 964 Crocodile leather belts, about 1.1-1.4m long, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Reason for Seizure: Suspected smuggling into China

Case Progress: The case has been transferred to the local forest police.

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Gaoxin Police Bureau, Lianyungang City, Seized Large Quantities of Hawksbill Turtles, Giant Clams, and Coral products, and Arrested Two Suspects



News Release Date: 17 August 2023

Seizure Date: 1 July 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: High-tech Development Zone Police Bureau

Location: High-tech Development Zone, Lianyungang City, Jiangsu Province

Detection Method: Case clue

Species: Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) specimen, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; Giant Clams (*Tridacnidae* spp.) products, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Coral (*Anthozoa* spp.) products, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II/III

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling and illegal purchase and sale

Estimated Value: Over CNY 1 million

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Two suspects have been criminally detained in accordance with the law on suspicion of harming endangered wild animals. The case is in trial.

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Qilianshan Linqu Court Pronounced Three Cases of Illegal Caterpillar Fungus Trade (Case 1)



News Release Date: 2 August 2023

Sentencing Date: 30 July 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Qilianshan Police Bureau

Judicial Authority: Qilianshan Linqu Court

Location: Guangming Group of Gucheng Village, Haxi Town, Tianzhu Tibetan Autonomous County, Wuwei City, Gansu Province

Species: Over 12,000 Caterpillar Fungus (*Ophiocordyceps sinensis*) (2,618 seizures), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal acquisition and sale

Estimated Value: CNY 120,840 (purchase price); CNY 124,640 (sale price)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Zhang was sentenced to one year and six months in prison, suspended for two years, fined CNY 6,000 and recovered illegal proceeds CNY3,800; 2,618 caterpillar fungus were confiscated.

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Qilianshan Linqu Court Pronounced Three Cases of Illegal Caterpillar Fungus Trade (Case 2)



News Release Date: 2 August 2023

Sentencing Date: 30 July 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Qilianshan Police Bureau

Judicial Authority: Qilianshan Linqu Court

Acquisition Location: Guangming Group, Gucheng Village, Haxi Town, Tianzhu Tibetan Autonomous County, Wuwei City, Gansu Province

Species: Over 10000 Caterpillar Fungus (*Ophiocordyceps sinensis*) (98 seizures), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal purchase and sale

Estimated Value: CNY 107,140 (acquisition price); CNY 111,836 (sale price)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Chen was sentenced to one year and three months in prison, suspended for two years, fined CNY 5,000 and recovered Illegal proceeds CNY 469,698 caterpillar fungus were confiscated.

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Qilianshan Linqu Court Pronounced Three Cases of Illegal Caterpillar Fungus Trade (Case 3)



News Release Date: 2 August 2023

Sentencing Date: 30 July 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Qilianshan Police Bureau

Judicial Authority: Qilianshan Linqu Court

Location: Zhangye City, Gansu Province (Court Case Location)

Species: 2,421 Caterpillar Fungus (*Ophiocordyceps sinensis*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal purchase

Estimated Value: Over CNY 18,330 (acquisition price)

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Zhao was sentenced to eight months in prison, suspended for one year and six months, and fined CNY 3,000; sentenced defendant Chen to five months' detention, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 2,000; Defendants Zhao and Chen were prohibited from engaging in wild plant operation and utilization activities during the probation period; 2,421 caterpillar fungus were confiscated.

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Two People Prosecuted by the Yuzhou District People's Procuratorate for Illegal Purchase and Sale of Pangolins

News Release Date: 3 August 2023

Sentencing Date: 15 July 2019

Judicial Authority: Yuzhou District People's Procuratorate

Location: A recycling company on Dabei Road, Yuzhou District, Yulin City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: 14 Live Pangolins (*Manidae* spp.) (10 were seizure onsite), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Reason for Seizure: Illegal purchase and sale

Estimated Value: CNY 560,000

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: The Yuzhou District People's Procuratorate sued the defendants Luo and Chen on suspicion of harming endangered wild animals.

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Huizhou Intermediate People's Court Heard a Case of Illegal Sale of 17 Parrots, One Defendant Was Prosecuted



News Release Date: 21 August 2023

Hearing Date: 15 August 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Criminal Investigation Brigade of Xiangtan Forest Police Bureau, Hunan Province

Judicial Authority: Huizhou Intermediate People's Court

Location: "Authoritative Bird DNA Laboratory" in Zhongkai High-tech Development Zone, Huizhou City, Guangdong Province

Species: Ten Monk Parakeets (*Myiopsitta monachus*), CITES II; one Green-cheeked Conure (*Pyrrhura molinae*), CITES II; one Moluccan Eclectus (*Eclectus roratus*), CITES II; three African Grey Parrots (*Psittacus erithacus*), CITES I; one White-bellied parrot (*Pionites leucogaster*), CITES II; one Sun Parakeets (*Aratinga solstitialis*), CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal sale

Estimated Value: About CNY 100,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The case is trial, and the verdict will be pronounced at a later date.

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