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## Shanghai Wusong Customs Seized 156 South American Grey Fox Tail Keychains in the Inbound Freight



**News Release Date:** 1 September 2023  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Wusong Customs  
**Location:** Wusong Port, Shanghai  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination  
**Species:** 156 South American Grey Fox (*Lycalopex griseus*) tail keychains, 6.5 kg, CITES II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound Freight (declared as a "handmade natural color wolf tail keychains")  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling  
**Case Progress:** The freight has been handed over to Customs disposal department for further processing.

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## Shanghai Pudong International Airport Customs Seized Seven Ivory Bangles Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 5 September 2023  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shanghai Pudong International Airport Customs  
**Location:** Shanghai Pudong International Airport  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)  
**Species:** Seven ivory bangles, total 155 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Check-in Luggage (destructured the lock used by customs on suspicious baggage without authorization; left customs area through "no-declaration channel"; the ivory bangles are hidden in a coffee can)  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling (additionally carried with 5 kg chilled lobster and 3.65 kg tropical fruit)  
**Number of Offenders:** 1 (female)  
**Case Progress:** The case has been handed over to the relevant department of Customs for further processing.

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### Gongbei Qingmao Customs Seized Four Live Yellow Pond Turtles and One Live Chinese Box Turtle Carried by an Outbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 11 September 2023  
**Seizure Date:** 10 August 2023  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Qingmao Customs  
**Location:** Qingmao Port, Xiangzhou District, Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination  
**Species:** Four live Yellow Pond Turtles (*Mauremys mutica*), Class II of National Protected Species (only for wild populations), CITES II; one live Chinese Box Turtle (*Cuora flavomarginata*), Class II of National Protected Species (only for wild populations), CITES II  
**Transport Method:** Hidden in the Inner Pocket of a Vest Worn by an Outbound Passenger (wrapped in a red plastic bag)  
**Country of Export:** China  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling  
**Number of Offenders:** 1  
**Case Progress:** On the afternoon of 6 September, the five live turtles involved in the case were handed over to the local agricultural and rural department.

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### Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport Customs Seized Two Ivory Products and Five Giant Clams Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 13 September 2023  
**Seizure Date:** 2 September 2023  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport Customs  
**Location:** Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, Guangdong Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (X-ray)  
**Species:** One ivory Buddha statue, 1.7 kg, one Ivory beads necklace, 0.4 kg, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; five Giant Clams (Tridacnidae spp.) jewelry, including four bead necklaces and 1 beads bracelet, total 0.3 kg, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage (Packed in a gift box)  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling  
**Number of Offenders:** 1 (male)  
**Case Progress:** The case has been further processed.

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### Guangzhou Postal Customs Seized Two Ivory Jewelry and Seven Red Coral Jewelry in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 23 September 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Postal Customs

**Location:** Guangzhou, Guangdong Province

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

**Species:** One ivory beads necklace and one ivory pendant, total net weight 34 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; 7 Red Coral (*Coralliidae* spp.) jewelry, including six beads necklaces and one pendant, total net weight 84.8 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES III

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Wuhan Postal Customs Seized Five Red Coral Jewelry, One Agarwood Bead Bracelet and Five Giant Clam Jewelries in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 23 September 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Wuhan Postal Customs

**Location:** Wuhan, Hubei Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** Five red coral (*Coralliidae* spp.) jewelries, including one bead necklace and four bead bracelets, total about 308 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES III; one Agarwood (*Aquilaria* spp.) bead bracelet, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; five giant clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.) jewelries, including two bangles, one bead bracelet, and two bead necklaces, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Agarwood and Giant Clams products total about weight 430 g

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** Further disposal has been carried out per regulation.

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### Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport Customs Seized Seven Stony Corals Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 23 September 2023  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport Customs  
**Location:** Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, Guangdong Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)  
**Species:** Seven stony corals (*Scleractinia* spp.), total 1,275 g, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage (wrapped in a plastic bag, hidden in a carry-on baggage)  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling  
**Number of Offenders:** 1  
**Case Progress:** The case has been further processed.

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### Kunming Postal Customs Seized 13 Red Coral Jewelries in Three Inbound Parcels



**News Release Date:** 13 September 2023  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Kunming Postal Customs  
**Location:** Kunming, Yunnan Province  
**Detection Method:** Risk Control Directive (Machine Inspection)  
**Species:** 13 Red Coral (*Coralliidae* spp.) jewelries, including bead bracelets and bead necklaces, etc., total net weight 205.6 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES III  
**Transport Method:** Parcel (total three parcels)  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Wuhan Tianhe International Airport Customs Seized Three Giant Clam Shells Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 23 September 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Wuhan Tianhe International Airport Customs

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

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** Three giant clams (*Tridacnidae* spp.) shells, total about 1.67 kg, 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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### Wuhan Xingang Customs Seized 140 Tones of African Rosewood Logs in the Inbound Freight



**News Release Date:** 23 September 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Xingang Customs

**Location:** Xingang Port, Wuhan, Hubei Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** African Rosewood (*Pterocarpus erinaceus*) logs, 140 tonnes, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Freight (the color and texture of inspected species do not match with the declared one)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** The seizures have been handed over for further processing.

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### Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport Customs Seized Fourteen Giant Clam Jewelries in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 23 September 2023  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport Customs  
**Location:** Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, Guangdong Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)  
**Species:** Fourteen giant clams (*Tridacnidae* spp.) jewelry, including beads necklaces and beads bracelets, total 470 g, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel (declared as "plastic bracelet and necklace")  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling  
**Case Progress:** The case has been further processed.

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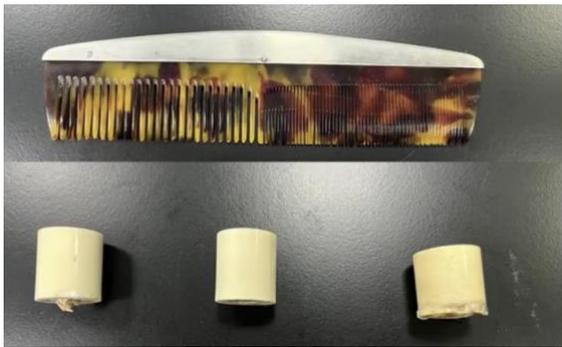
### Shanghai Pudong International Airport Customs Seized 497 g of Tree Pangolin Scales in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 23 September 2023  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shanghai Pudong International Airport Customs  
**Location:** Shanghai Pudong International Airport  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)  
**Species:** Tree Pangolin (*Manis tricuspis*) scales, 497 g, CITES I  
**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel (declared as "adhesive powder")  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling  
**Case Progress:** The case has been handed over to the relevant departments for further processing.

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### Guangzhou Customs Seized Three Ivory Painting Scroll Heads and One Hawksbill Sea Turtle Shell Comb in Two Inbound Parcels



**News Release Date:** 23 September 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Customs

**Location:** Guangzhou, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** Three ivory painting scroll heads, total net weight 55.4 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; one Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) shell comb, 7 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport Customs Seized Four Horned Helmet Shells Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 21 September 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport Customs

**Location:** Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport, Fujian Province

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

**Species:** Four horned helmet (*Cassis cornuta*) shells, total net weight 5.6 kg, Class II of National Protected Species

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage (wrapped in newspaper and sponge layer)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1 (female)

**Case Progress:** Customs has seized and disposed of the items involved in the case in accordance with the law.

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### Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport Customs Seized about 469 g of Malayan Pangolin Scales Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 26 September 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport Customs

**Location:** Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport, Sichuan Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (Machine Inspection, Intelligent Image Inspection)

**Species:** Malayan Pangolin (*Manis javanica*) scales, 469 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Check-in Luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** The case has been handed over to the relevant departments for further processing.

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### Guangzhou Postal Customs Seized 100 Red Coral Jewelries and One Seized Item Containing Three Ivory Beads in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 26 September 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Postal Customs

**Location:** Guangzhou, Guangdong Province

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

**Species:** 100 Red Coral (*Coralliidae* spp.) jewelries, including necklaces, rings, earrings, and bracelets, total net weight 519.8 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES III; 3 Ivory beads, net weight 4 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** The case has been further processed.

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### Changzhou Benniu International Airport Customs Seized One Cabbage Ornament Made from Giant Clam Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 30 September 2023  
**Seizure Date:** 18 September 2023  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Changzhou Benniu International Airport Customs  
**Location:** Changzhou Benniu International Airport, Jiangsu Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination  
**Species:** One giant clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.) cabbage ornament, about 1.09 kg, Class I/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 further processed.

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### Tengchong Border Control Checkpoint Seized 2 Cases of Smuggling Pangolin Scales (Case 1)- with 740 g Seizures and Arrested 1 Suspect



**News Release Date:** 1 September 2023  
**Seizure Date:** 27 August 2023  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Diantan sub-station of Tengchong entry and exit border checkpoint  
**Location:** Diantan Port, Tengchong, Yunnan Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination  
**Species:** Pangolin (*Manidae* spp.) scales, net weight 740 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I  
**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage (wrapped in 3 black plastic bags)  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling  
**Number of Offenders:** 1 (female)  
**Case Progress:** The case has been handed over to the relevant departments for further processing.

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### Tengchong Border Control Checkpoint Seized 2 Cases of Smuggling Pangolin Scales (Case 2)- with 600 g Seizures and Arrested 1 Suspect



**News Release Date:** 1 September 2023

**Seizure Date:** 27 August 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Diantan sub-station of Tengchong entry and exit border checkpoint

**Location:** Diantan Port, Tengchong, Yunnan Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** Pangolin (*Manidae* spp.) scales, net weight 600 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage (wrapped in a plastic bag, hidden in both pockets of clothing and inside of shoes)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1 (female)

**Case Progress:** The case has been handed over to the relevant departments for further processing.

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### Xuwen County Police Bureau, Guangdong Province, Seized Seven Live Chinese Hwamei and Arrested One Suspect



**News Release Date:** 11 September 2023

**Seizure Date:** 5 September 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Forest Police Patrol and Beigang Port Police Station of Xuwen County Police Bureau

**Location:** Beigang Port, Xuwen County, Zhanjiang, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** Seven Live Chinese hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Passenger Vehicle

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal trapping and possession

**Number of Offenders:** 1 (male, 53 years old, from Anhui Province)

**Nationality:** Chinese

**Case Progress:** The suspect Yue has been criminally detained by police in accordance with the law on suspicion of harming endangered wild animals, and the seven seized hwamei have been handed over to the relevant departments for handling.

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## Yiyang Forest Police Bureau, Huanan Province, Cracked down a Case of Illegal Hunting, Acquisition, Transportation and Sale of Wild Animals and Arrested 19 Suspects



**News Release Date:** 12 September 2023

**Seizure Date:** 31 July 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Yiyang Forest Police Bureau

**Location:** The ferry port between Xinqiaohe Town and Huaguoshan Township, Taojiang County, Ziyang District, Yiyang City, Hunan Province

**Detection Method:** Tip-off

**Species:** Over 1,000 kg and three bags of wild snakes; one Muntjac (*Muntiacus* spp.), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value; one Small Indian Civet (*Viverricula indica*), Class II of National Protected Species; thousands of wild animals including mammals, birds and rodents, total over 2,000 kg

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal hunting, acquisition, transportation and sale

**Estimated Value:** Over CNY 5 million

**Number of Offenders:** Over 30 people (19 key suspects have been arrested)

**Case Progress:** 19 key suspects have been arrested and the case is being further investigated.

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## Yingjiang County Forest Police Bureau, Yunnan Province, Seized 6,951 g of Pangolin Scales and Arrested One Suspect



**News Release Date:** 14 September 2023

**Seizure Date:** 11 September 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Lianghe Border Checkpoint and Food, Environmental and Drug Investigation Brigade of Yingjiang County Forest Police Bureau

**Location:** The intersection of the Nangsong Expressway in Yingjiang County, Dehong Dai and Jingpo Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** Pangolin (*Manidae* spp.) scales, net weight 6,951 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

**Transport Method:** Vehicle (packed in a white woven bag, hidden in the trunk)

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal acquisition and transportation

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The suspect Dong has been criminally detained by the police according to law, and the case is being further investigated.

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## Gaozhou Police Bureau, Guangdong Province Seized 324 Lesser Whistling Ducks and Arrested Two Suspects



**News Release Date:** 19 September 2023

**Seizure Date:** 12 September 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Forest Police Brigade and Shigu Police Station of Gaozhou Police Bureau

**Location:** Shigu exit of Shanzhan Expressway, Gaozhou City, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** 324 Lesser Whistling Ducks (*Dendrocygna javanica*), Class II of National Protected Species

**Transport Method:** Vehicle (packed in 24 plastic cages and 3 net bags, transported from Qinnan District, Qinzhou City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, transported to Maoming City, ready for sale to a hotel)

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal acquisition, transportation, sale (failure to provide copies of captive breeding licenses, approval documents or special label for the acquisition and transportation of lesser whistling ducks)

**Estimated Value:** CNY 810,000

**Number of Offenders:** 2

**Case Progress:** 324 seized lesser whistling ducks have been handed over to the Maoming Wildlife Rescue Center. Suspects Teng and Yan have been criminally detained according to law, and the case is being further investigated.

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## Changsha Yuelu District People's Court Publicly Tried a Case of Illegal Hunting of Six Chinese Hwamei, Two Red-billed Leiothrix, Four Doves, and One Bamboo Partridge and One Person was Sentenced



**News Release Date:** 15 September 2023

**Sentencing Date:** 14 September 2023

**Judicial Authority:** Changsha Yuelu District People's Court and Changsha Yuelu District People's Procuratorate

**Location:** Wangcheng District and High-tech Zone, Changsha City, Hunan Province

**Detection Method:** Tip-off

**Species:** Nine Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; two Red-billed Leiothrix (*Leiothrix lutea*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; four Doves (*Streptopelia* spp.), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value; one Bamboo Partridge (*Bambusicola* spp.), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal hunting (cage traps, homemade traps)

**Estimated Value:** CNY 57,200

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The court sentenced defendant Gong to one year in prison, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 10,000 for the crime of harming endangered wild animals. In addition, because Gong used prohibited hunting tools during non-hunting season in the game reserve, resulting in destroying wildlife resources, harming the local ecological environment, and jeopardizing the public interest, the court ordered the defendant Gong to bear the cost of restoring the ecological environment damage of CNY 5,720 and the expert appraisal and assessment fee of CNY 3,000, and publicly apologized in the media at or above the municipal level within 60 days after the judgment took effect. After the verdict was pronounced, Gong pleaded guilty and accepted the verdict in court. No further appeal is made.

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