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## CHINA'S WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT NEWS DIGEST

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## Guangzhou Postal Customs Seized One Nautilus Shell in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 2 January 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Postal Customs

**Location:** Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

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

**Species:** One Nautilus (*Nautilidae* spp.) shell, net weight 182.7 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel (declared as "home decoration ornaments")

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Xiamen Cruise Port Customs Seized 21 Black-capped Parakeet Eggs Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 3 January 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Xiamen Cruise Port Customs

**Location:** Wutong Port, Xiamen City, Fujian Province

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

**Species:** 21 eggs of Black-capped Parakeet (*Pyrrhura rupicola*), CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel; Wrap the eggs in paper towel, place in round capsules and pack in a crisper box)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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## Shenzhen Wenjindu Customs Seized Seven Red Sandalwood Logs in an Inbound Freight



**News Release Date:** 5 January 2024  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Wenjindu Customs  
**Location:** Wenjindu Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)  
**Species:** Seven logs of Red Sandalwood (*Pterocarpus santalinus*), 218 kg, CITES II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound Freight (Hidden in a toolbox at the bottom of the truck frame, covered with plastic film)  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Shenzhen Wenjindu Customs Seized Five African Padauk Logs in an Inbound Freight



**News Release Date:** 5 January 2024  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Wenjindu Customs  
**Location:** Wenjindu Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province  
**Detection Method:** Risk Control  
**Species:** Five logs of African Padauk (*Pterocarpus tinctorius*), total 149 kg, CITES II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound Freight (Hidden on the truck frame and covered with plastic film)  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Manzhouli Shibali Customs Seized Seventeen Pieces of Walrus Ivory Carried by Two Inbound Passengers



**News Release Date:** 5 January 2024  
**Seizure Date:** 25 December 2023  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Manzhouli Shibali Customs  
**Location:** Manzhouli Highway Port, Hulunbuir City, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region  
**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection  
**Species:** Seventeen pieces of Walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus*) ivory, 11.915 g, CITES III (Canada)  
**Transport Method:** Concealed on Inbound Passenger (Taped and wrapped around the waist, arm, and ankles, hidden in coat pockets)  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling  
**Number of Offenders:** 2

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### Shanghai Pudong International Airport Customs Seized Fourteen Knives and Forks with Ivory Handles in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 5 January 2024  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shanghai Pudong International Airport Customs  
**Location:** Shanghai Pudong International Airport  
**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection  
**Species:** Fourteen knives and forks with ivory handles, total 43.41 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Chengdu Shuangliu Airport Customs Seized Six Ivory Beads Bracelets Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 8 January 2024  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Chengdu Shuangliu Airport Customs  
**Location:** Chengdu Tianfu International Airport, Sichuan Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection  
**Species:** Six ivory beads bracelets, gross weight 218 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage (Packed in snack noodles packaging bag)  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling  
**Number of Offenders:** 1

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### Gongbei Customs Seized Seven Live Mexican Musk Turtles Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 8 January 2024  
**Seizure Date:** 16 December 2023  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Gongbei Customs  
**Location:** Gongbei Port, Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection  
**Species:** Seven live Mexican Musk Turtles (*Staurotypus triporcatus*), CITES II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger's Carry-on Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel; Hidden in two white mesh bags inside a yellow plastic bag)  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling  
**Number of Offenders:** 1 (male, Surname FENG)  
**Case Progress:** Seven seized live turtles have been handed over to the agricultural department according to law

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## Ningbo Airport Customs Seized One Pair of Saiga Antelope Horn Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 9 January 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Ningbo Airport Customs

**Location:** Ningbo Lishe International Airport, Zhejiang Province

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

**Species:** One pair of Saiga Antelope (*Saiga tatarica*) horn, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II (zero export quota)

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

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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## Tianjin Dongjiang Customs Seized African Blackwood Logs Carried by an International Ship Crew



**News Release Date:** 11 January 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Tianjin Dongjiang Customs

**Location:** Tianjin Dongjiang Port

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

**Species:** African Blackwood (*Dalbergia melanoxylon*) logs, 12.14 kg, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Crew Luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1 (An international ship crew)

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## Erenhot Customs Seized Seven Wolf Corpses in a Van



**News Release Date:** 11 January 2024

**Seizure Date:** 9 January 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Erenhot Customs  
**Location:** Erenhot Highway Border Gate, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection (H986 Inspection Machine)

**Species:** Seven corpses of Wolf (*Canis lupus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II (China)

**Transport Method:** Freight (Hidden in the rear seats and inside of the tires)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** The case has been handed over to the anti-smuggling department for further processing

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## Suzhou Customs Seized Two African Elephants Ivory Figurines in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 12 January 2024

**Forensic Result Date:** 9 January 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Suzhou Customs  
**Location:** Suzhou City, Suzhou Province

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

**Species:** Two African elephant (*Loxodonta* spp.) Ivory Figurines, total 807 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** The on-site customs officers have confiscated the smuggled items in accordance with the regulations.

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## Chongqing Jiangbei Airport Customs Seized Giant Pangolin Scales Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 14 January 2024  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Chongqing Jiangbei Airport Customs  
**Location:** Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport  
**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)  
**Species:** Giant Pangolin (*Manis gigantea*) scales, total 120 g, CITES I  
**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Check-in Luggage (Hidden in the corner of the suitcase, wrapped in white paper)  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling  
**Number of Offenders:** 1

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## Dalian Dayaowan Customs Seized 2.5 Tonnes of Blue Shark Fin in an Inbound Freight



**News Release Date:** 15 January 2024  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Dayaowan Customs  
**Location:** Dalian City, Shenyang Province  
**Detection Method :** Routine Inspection  
**Species:** Blue Shark (*Prionace glauca*), shark fin, total 2.5 tonnes, CITES II  
**Transport Method :** Inbound Freight (The enterprise did not provide Customs with the Certificate of Allowed Import and Export of Endangered Species when declaring)  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Changsha Postal Customs Seized 2,255 Seeds from 63 Cactus Species in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 17 January 2024

**Seizure Date:** 15 January 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Changsha Postal Customs

**Location:** Changsha City, Hunan Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

**Species:** 2,255 Cactus (Cactaceae spp.) seeds, from 63 species (12 genus), such as *Dolichothele* spp., *Neolloydia* spp. and *Parodia* spp., all are listed in CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel (declared as "handicraft")

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** The seized items were confiscated by the on-site customs officers in accordance with the regulations.

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## Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized 281 Dried Seahorse Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 17 January 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs

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

**Detection Method:** Risk Control, Sniffer Dog

**Species:** 281 Dried Seahorse (*Hippocampus* spp.), total 1.05 kg, Class II of National Protected Species (wild population only), CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage (Concealed in luggage, wrapped in white plastic bag)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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

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## Taicang Customs Seized Seventeen Pieces of Wooden Furniture Made from the Genus *Dalbergia* and *Gonystylus* in an Inbound Freight



**News Release Date:** 17 January 2024

**Seizure Date:** 15 January 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Taicang Customs

**Location:** Taicang City, Jiangsu Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

**Species:** *Dalbergia* spp., Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; and Ramin (*Gonystylus* spp.), CITES II; 17 wooden furniture, total 58.9 kg

**Transport Method:** Inbound Freight

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Beijing Daxing International Airport Customs Seized Twenty-three Suspected Ivory Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 18 January 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Beijing Daxing International Airport Customs

**Location:** Beijing Daxing International Airport

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

**Species:** Twenty-three suspected ivory products, including five bangles, four rings and fourteen fang-shaped pendants, total 235 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Carry-on Luggage (Hidden in a luggage compartment storage bag and a metal tin box)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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

**Case Progress:** The seized items were confiscated in accordance with the regulations.

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**Jinan Postal Customs Seized One Fluted Giant Clam Shell and One Maxima Clam Shell in an Inbound Parcel**



**News Release Date:** 18 January 2024  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Jinan Postal Customs  
**Location:** Jinan City, Shandong Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection  
**Species:** 1 Fluted Giant Clam (*Tridacna squamosa*) shell, 3.286 kg, and 1 Maxima clam (*Tridacna maxima*) shells, 0.292 kg, both are listed as Class II of National Protected Species (wild population only), CITES II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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**Tianjin Xingang Customs Seized Nine Ivory Painting Scroll Heads in Two Inbound Freights**



**News Release Date:** 18 January 2024  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Tianjin Xingang Customs  
**Location:** Xingang Port, Binhai District, Tianjin  
**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection  
**Species:** Nine ivory Painting Scroll Heads, total 272.07 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound Freight (declared as "old handicrafts")  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Tianjin Binhai Airport Customs Seized Two Ivory Snuff Bottles in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 19 January 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Tianjin Binhai Airport Customs

**Location:** Tianjin Binhai International Airport

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

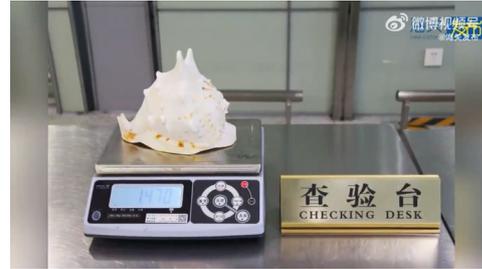
**Species:** Two ivory Snuff Bottles, total 72.84 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel (declared as "cruet", Packed in a wooden box)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Hefei Xinqiao Airport Customs Seized One Horned Helmet Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 25 January 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Hefei Xinqiao Airport Customs

**Location:** Hefei Xinqiao International Airport, Anhui Province

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

**Species:** One Horned Helmet (*Cassis cornuta*), 1,470 g, Class II of National Protected Species

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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**Tianjin Xingang Customs Seized One Horned Helmet Carried by an Inbound Passenger**



**News Release Date:** 26 January 2024  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Tianjin Xingang Customs  
**Location:** Xingang Port, Binhai District, Tianjin  
**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection  
**Species:** 1 Horned Helmet (*Cassia cornuta*), 1.28 kg, Class II of National Protected Species  
**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Unaccompanied Baggage  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling  
**Number of Offenders:** 1

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**Quanzhou Customs Seized Agarwood Chips and Akar Laka Chips Carried by an Inbound Passenger**



**News Release Date:** 27 January 2024  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Quanzhou Customs  
**Location:** Quanzhou Jinjiang International Airport, Fujian Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)  
**Species:** Agarwood Chips (*Aquilaria* spp.), 150 kg, Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II; Akar Laka chips (*Dalbergia parviflora*), 30 kg, CITES II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling  
**Number of Offenders:** 1

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## Fuzhou Changle Airport Customs Seized Eleven Horned Helmet Shells Carried by Six Inbound Passengers



**News Release Date:** 29 January 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Fuzhou Changle Airport Customs

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

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

**Species:** Eleven Horned Helmet (*Cassis cornuta*) shells, total 15.47 kg, Class II of National Protected Species

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage (Wrapped in clothes)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 6

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## Guangzhou Nansha Customs Seized Three Rosewood Furniture in an Export Freight



**News Release Date:** 29 January 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Nansha Customs

**Location:** Nansha District, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Risk Control

**Species:** One Chinese rosewood (*Dalbergia odorifera*) antique Chinese food box, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; one Siamese rosewood (*Dalbergia cochinchinensis*) tea table, CITES II; one Indian rosewood (*Dalbergia latifolia*) carved chair, CITES II; total 62.51 kg

**Transport Method:** Export Freight (containers)

**Country of Export:** China

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Hekou Customs Seized Sunda Pangolin Scales Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 30 January 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Hekou Customs

**Location:** Nanxi River passenger inspection scene at the Hekou Port of Honghe Hani and Yi Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

**Species:** Sunda pangolin (*Manis javanica*) scales, 139 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

**Transport Method:** Concealed on Inbound Passenger (pants pocket)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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## Gongbei Zhakou Customs Seized Twenty-one Live Turtles Carried by the Same Inbound Passengers for Three Consecutive Days



**News Release Date:** 31 January 2024

**Seizure Date:** 9-11 January 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Zhakou Customs

**Location:** Gongbei Port, Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

**Species:** Twelve Mexican mud turtles (*Kinosternon integrum*), CITES II; eight Tabasco mud turtles (*Kinosternon acutum*), CITES II; one Mexican Musk Turtle (*Staurotypus triporcatus*), CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage (No declaration channel; After being packed in a mesh bag, hidden in a plastic bag)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** at least 2 people (Surname ZHOU and companions)

**Case Progress:** Seized live tortoises has been handed over to the agricultural department according to law.

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## Gongbei Jiuzhou Customs Seized 57 Sperm Whale teeth in Two Inbound Parcels



**News Release Date:** 31 January 2024

**Seizure Date:** 1 and 11 December 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Jiuzhou Customs

**Location:** Gongbei Port, Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province

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

**Species:** 57 Sperm whale (*Physeter macrocephalus*) teeth, total 438.7 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel (Declared as "instant noodles" and "architectural samples"; hidden at the bottom of the instant noodle box and in the plastic pipe elbow)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Luhuo County Public Security Bureau Seized Dozens of Chinese Forest Musk Deer Corpses, Several Musks, One Eurasian Lynx Corpse and One Pelt and Arrested Eight Suspects



**News Release Date:** 4 January 2024

**Seizure Date:** 2 January 2024

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

**Location:** Luhuo County, Ganzi Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan Province

**Detection Method:** Case Clue

**Species:** Dozens of Chinese forest musk deer (*Moschus berezovskii*) corpse, several musks (20 of them has been illegally sold), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II; one corpse and one pelt of Eurasian lynx (*Lynx lynx*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting and Sale

**Estimated Value:** Over CNY 2 million

**Number of Offenders:** 8

**Case Progress:** The case is under further investigation.

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## Yongjing County Public Security Bureau Seized Eleven Przevalski's Partridges and Arrested Two Suspects



**News Release Date:** 12 January 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Forest Police Brigade of Yongjing County Public Security Bureau

**Location:** In the residences of the suspects in Shuwan Village of Hongquan Town and Xinjian Village of Sanyuan Town, Yongjing County, Linxia Hui Autonomous Prefecture, Gansu Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

**Species:** Eleven Przevalski's partridges (*Alectoris magna*), Class II of National Protected Species

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting and Possession

**Number of Offenders:** 2 (Surname KUI and ZHAO)

**Case Progress:** The case is under further investigation.

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## Xinjiang Tuokexun County Public Security Bureau Cracked Eight Consecutive Cases of Harming Endangered Wild Animals and Arrested Fourteen Suspects



**News Release Date:** 15 January 2024

**Seizure Date:** 25 December 2023 to 6 January 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** The Food, Drug and Environment Crime Investigation Brigade and the Criminal Investigation Brigade of the Tuokexun County Public Security Bureau

**Location:** Tuokexun County, Turpan, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

**Detection Method:** Investigation

**Species:** Six Goitered Gazelle (*Gazella subgutturosa*), Class II of National Protected Species; four Siberian ibex (*Capra sibirica*), Class II of National Protected Species; seized three heads, two pelts and eight hooves of Iberian ibex, five heads, three pelts, and nine hooves of Goitered Gazelle, and about 20 kg of suspected Siberian ibex meat

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting

**Number of Offenders:** 14

**Case Progress:** The case is under further investigation.

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## Liziping Police Cracked a Case of Illegal Hunting of Two Tufted Deer and Arrested One Suspect



**News Release Date:** 16 January 2024  
**Hunting Date:** July 2023 and June 2019  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Liziping Police Station, Muli County Public Security Bureau  
**Location:** In the suspect's house in Baidiao Township, Muli Tibetan Autonomous County, Liangshan Yi Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan Province  
**Detection Method:** Investigation  
**Species:** Two Tufted deer (*Elaphodus cephalophus*), Class II of National Protected Species  
**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting (steel trapes)  
**Estimated Value:** CNY 30000  
**Number of Offenders:** 1 (Surname TAO)  
**Case Progress:** At present, the criminal suspect Tao has been taken criminal coercive measures by the Liangshan police on suspicion of harming endangered wild animals. The case is being further processed.

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## Dengta Municipal Public Security Bureau Seized 32 Pallas's Rosefinch and Over 360 Protected Birds, Arrested One Suspect



**News Release Date:** 18 January 2024  
**Seizure Date:** 1 December 2023  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Dengta Municipal Public Security Bureau  
**Location:** Huazi Town, Dengta City, Liaoning Province  
**Detection Method:** Tip-off  
**Species:** 32 Pallas's rosefinch (*Carpodacus roseus*), Class II of National Protected Species; over 360 wildlife with important ecological, scientific, and social value, such as Brambling (*Fringilla montifringilla*) and Chinese Grosbeak (*Eophona migratoria*)  
**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting (Mist-nets)  
**Number of Offenders:** 1  
**Case Progress:** Criminal compulsory measures have been taken against criminal suspects in accordance with the law.

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## Hengshan County Public Security Bureau Cracked a Cases of Harming Endangered Wild Animals and Arrested One Suspect



**News Release Date:** 18 January 2024

**Seizure Date:** 16 January 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Forest Police of Hengshan County Public Security Bureau

**Location:** A residential building in Daqiao Community, Hengshan County, Hengyang City, Hunan Province

**Detection Method:** Case Clue

**Species:** One Eastern Grass Owl (*Tyto longimembris*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; one Chinese ferret-badger (*Melogale moschata*), with important ecological, scientific, and social value; three bamboo rats (*Rhizomyidae* spp.), with important ecological, scientific, and social value; seven wild Rabbits (*Leporidae* spp.)

**Transport Method:** Vehicle with License plate issued by Hunan Province

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Transportation and Trade

**Number of Offenders:** 1 (Surname TAN)

**Case Progress:** At present, the criminal suspect Tan has been taken criminal compulsory measures by the public security authority in accordance with the law, and the case is under further investigation.

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## Maqin County Public Security Bureau Cracked a Case of Illegal Hunting, Purchasing, Transporting and Selling Wild Animals and Arrested Five Suspects

**News Release Date:** 20 January 2024

**Seizure Date:** 10 December 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Forest Police Brigade of Maqin County Public Security Bureau, Guoluo Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture

**Location:** Xueshan Township, Maqin County, Guoluo Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Qinghai Province

**Detection Method:** Case Clue

**Species:** Six Alpine Musk Deer (*Moschus chrysogaster*) (seized one corpse and five corpses have been illegally sold), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II (China)

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting (Homemade traps), acquisition, Transportation, and sale

**Estimated Value:** CNY 54,500 of Illegal profit

**Number of Offenders:** 5

**Case Progress:** At present, five criminal suspects have been taken criminal compulsory measures by the Maqin County Public Security Bureau in accordance with the law on suspicion of harming endangered wild animals, and the case is being further investigated.

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## Public Security Bureau of the Kizilsu Kyrgyz Autonomous Prefecture Seized Siberian Ibex Meat and Ovine meat and Arrested Two Suspects



**News Release Date:** 23 January 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Food, Drug and Environment Brigade of the Public Security Bureau of the Kizilsu Kyrgyz Autonomous Prefecture

**Location:** In the suspect's residence in the Kizilsu Kyrgyz Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

**Detection Method:** Routine Patrol

**Species:** Siberian ibex (*Capra sibirica*) meat, Class II of National Protected Species; Ovine (*Ovis* spp.) meat, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting (for food consumption)

**Number of Offenders:** 2 (herdsmen)

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## Funing County Public Security Bureau Seized 55 Chinese Hwamei and Arrested One Suspect



**News Release Date:** 24 January 2024

**Seizure Date:** 16 January 2024

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

**Location:** Funing County, Wenshan Zhuang and Miao Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

**Species:** 55 Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Beijing Foton Mini Van with License plate issued by Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal acquisition (buying from unspecified people when working in Chongzuo, Guangxi), Transportation (returning to Qiubei County, Yunnan Province from Chongzuo, Guangxi, unable to provide any legal documents and supporting materials for the 55 Chinese Hwamei)

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** Suspect Zou has been criminally detained by the Funing County Public Security Bureau in accordance with the law, and the case is being further handled.

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## Funing County Public Security Bureau Seized Eight Chinese Hwamei and Arrested One Suspect



**News Release Date:** 24 January 2024

**Seizure Date:** 23 January 2024

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

**Location:** Funing County, Wenshan Zhuang and Miao Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

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

**Transport Method:** Wuling Van with License plate issued by Guangdong Province

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting (caught by using mist-net in the mountain of the construction site when working in Guangdong Province) and Transportation (transported to Maguan to breed, unable to provide any documents and supporting materials for the eight Chinese Hwamei)

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The case is under further investigation.

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## Suileng Branch of the Forest Area Public Security Bureau of Heilongjiang Province Seized Several Frozen Wild Animals and Arrested One Suspect



**News Release Date:** 26 January 2024

**Seizure Date:** 24 January 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Suileng Branch of the Forest Area Public Security Bureau

**Hunting Location:** The suspect's residence in Linqiang Village, Suileng County, Suihua City, Heilongjiang Province; Shiye District, Jianxing Forest Farm, Suileng Forestry Bureau

**Detection Method:** Case Clue, Investigation

**Species:** One suspected Leopard Cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITE I/II (China); four Eurasian jays (*Garrulus glandarius*), Species with important ecological, scientific, and social value; one wild Rabbits (*Leporidae* spp.)

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting (for food consumption) with sticky net and steel traps

**Number of Offenders:** 1 (Surname MAO, a resident of Linqiang Village)

**Nationality:** Chinese

**Case Progress:** At present, criminal suspect Mao has been taken criminal compulsory measures in accordance with the law, the prey and hunting tools involved in the case have been seized in accordance with the law, and the case is under further investigation.

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## Qianjiang Municipal People's Court of Hubei Province Concluded a Case of Harming Precious and Endangered Wild Animals - One Person Was Sentenced

### 人民法院報

#### 非法猎捕、购买、售卖野生动物近900只

湖北一被告人危害珍贵野生动物获刑

**本报讯** 日前，湖北省荆门市中级人民法院依法对被告人阳某某危害珍贵、濒危野生动物案进行公开宣判。被告人阳某某因非法猎捕、收购、运输、出售珍贵、濒危野生动物，被判处有期徒刑二年十个月，并处罚金人民币10000元。

2022年9月至10月期间，被告人阳某某在荆门市钟祥市某村等地使用猎网、陷阱等方式，非法猎捕野生动物711只。经司法鉴定，其中一级保护野生动物3只，二级保护野生动物46只，三级保护野生动物93只。此外，被告人阳某某还非法收购、运输、出售野生动物139000只，价值人民币41960元。

2022年10月10日，被告人阳某某在荆门市钟祥市某村等地，非法猎捕野生动物2只。经司法鉴定，其中一级保护野生动物1只，二级保护野生动物1只，价值人民币4000元。

2023年3月22日，被告人阳某某在荆门市钟祥市某村等地，非法猎捕野生动物1只，价值人民币4000元。

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被告人阳某某因非法猎捕、收购、运输、出售珍贵、濒危野生动物，被判处有期徒刑二年十个月，并处罚金人民币10000元。同时，被告人阳某某还被判处有期徒刑十个月，并处罚金人民币10000元。

被告人阳某某在庭审中表示，他对自己的行为感到后悔，愿意接受法律的制裁。法院在宣判后，被告人阳某某表示不上诉，该判决已发生法律效力。

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**Hunting Date:** September and October 2022

**Judicial Authority:** Qianjiang Municipal People's Court of Hubei Province

**Hunting Location:** A village in Yangshi Street, Qianjiang City, Hubei Province

**Species:** Three Besra (*Accipiter virgatus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; one Brown hawk-owl (*Ninox scutulata*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 46 wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value, such as White's thrush (*Zoothera aurea*), Eurasian woodcock (*Scolopax rusticola*), common snipe (*Gallinago gallinago*); 93 Crow (*Crow spp.*), Key Protected Wildlife in Hubei Province; two Common Raccoon Dog (*Nyctereutes procyonoides*), Class II of National Protected Species (wild population only); 711 Common Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*), wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting (snare), acquisition, Transportation, and sale (to restaurants)

**Estimated Value:** The total value of species involved in the case is CNY 355200 and the Illegal proceeds is CNY 41960.

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The court sentenced the defendant Yang to two years and five months imprisonment and a fine of CNY 10,000 for the crime of harming endangered wild animals, and 10 months imprisonment for the crimes of illegal hunting, acquisition, transportation, and sale of terrestrial wild animals, and decided to enforce the sentence for two years and ten months imprisonment in total and a fine of CNY 10,000. The tools of the crime were confiscated in accordance with law, and CNY 41,960 of defendant Yang's illegal gains were recovered (CNY 35,570 of illegal gains were turned in after the case was established). At the same time, the defendant Yang was ordered to bear CNY 355,200 in compensation for ecological damages, and publicly apologized in a municipal media in Qianjiang City. After the verdict was pronounced, the defendant indicated that he would not appeal, and the judgment has now entered into force.

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### **Hong Kong Customs detects sea smuggling case with market value of about \$6 million**



Hong Kong Customs on December 27 last year detected a suspected case of using an ocean-going vessel to smuggle goods to Vietnam at the Kwai Chung Customhouse Cargo Examination Compound. A batch of suspected smuggled goods, including fish maws, suspected scheduled shark fins, pharmaceutical products and skincare products with a total estimated market value of about \$6 million, was seized.

Through risk assessment, Customs discovered that criminals may use ocean-going vessels to smuggle goods to Southeast Asian countries. Then, Customs formulated strategic plans to select and inspect containers from high-risk regions, and identified four containers that were prepared to be shipped to Vietnam by an ocean-going vessel for inspection on that day. Upon examination, a large number of wooden boxes were found inside the containers and the batch of suspected smuggled goods was seized therein.

After a follow-up investigation, Customs arrested a 52-year-old female director of the consignor company suspected to be involved with the case that night.

An investigation is ongoing. The arrested person has been released on bail pending further investigation and the likelihood of further arrests is not ruled out.

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