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Hong Kong Customs Seized 762 kg of Rosewood Logs from a Private Car

News Release Date: 10 September 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Hong Kong's Customs & Excise Department

Location: At the seashore at the Ocean Drive, Wong Chuk Hang, Hong Kong SAR

Species: Rosewood logs (species not yet identified), weight 762 kg, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Private Car

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Youyiguan Customs Seized a Red Sanders Figurine Carried by an Outbound Passenger



News Release Date: 1 November 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Youyiguan Customs

Location: Pingxiang City, Chongzuo City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (CT machine)

Species: One Red Sanders (*Pterocarpus santalinus*) Figurine, weight 9.557 kg, CITES II

Transport Method: Outbound Passenger Luggage

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Tianjin Customs Seized 80 Products Made from Ivory, Hawksbill Turtle and Red Coral Products in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 3 November 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Tianjin Customs

Location: Tianjin

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 43 Ivory Products, weight 353.6 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; 35 Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) Products, weight 125.9 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; 2 Red Coral (*Coralliidae* spp.) Products, weight 99 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES III (four *Corallium* species listed by China)

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Customs Seized 34 Shark Skins in an Inbound Coach



News Release Date: 5 November 2024

Seizure Date: 7 September 2024

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

Location: Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge in Zhuhai, Guangdong province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Video Patrol)

Species: 34 dried shark skins from Silky Shark (*Carcharhinus falciformis*), Spot-tail Shark (*C. sorrah*) and Bull Shark (*C. leucas*), 23 kg in total, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Coach (Hong Kong single plate; packed in a black plastic bag, hidden in the spare compartment of the trunk)

Country of Export: China (Hong Kong SAR)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Waihai Customs Seized Three Ivory Billiard Balls in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 6 November 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Waihai Customs
Location: Waihai Port of Jiangmen City, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: Three Ivory Billiard Balls, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound Parcel
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Rongcheng Customs Post Office Seized 99 g of Agarwood Pieces in a Parcel



News Release Date: 12 November 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Rongcheng Postal Customs
Location: Fuzhou City, Fujian Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: Agarwood (*Aquilaria* spp.) pieces, net weight 99 g, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II
Transport Method: Parcel
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Guangzhou Postal Customs Seized 40 Pieces of Jewelry Made from Ivory and Red Coral in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 18 November 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Postal Customs

Location: Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 7 Ivory Beads Necklaces, weight 246 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; 33 Red Coral (*Coralliidae* spp.) products, including beads necklaces, rings, earrings and bracelets, weight 177.5 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES III (four *Corallium* species listed by China)

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (Declared as "Necklaces, bracelets")

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Xiamen Customs Seized 12 Live Indian Star Tortoises Carried by an Outbound Passenger



News Release Date: 18 November 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Xiamen Customs

Location: Xiamen City, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Physical inspection after no abnormality in the machine inspection)

Species: 12 Live Indian Star Tortoises (*Geochelone elegans*), CITES I

Transport Method: Concealed on person (Packed in eight black bags, strapped to the legs)

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Ruili Customs Seized a Giant Clam Shell in an Inbound Sedan



News Release Date: 18 November 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Ruili Customs
Location: Ruili City, Dehong Dai and Jingpo Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: One Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.) Shell, 15.4 kg, Class II of National Protected Species (Wild population only), CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound Sedan (Hidden in the trunk)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Case Progress: At present, the items have been temporarily withheld in accordance with the law.

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Chaoshan Airport Customs Seized 22 Siamese Crocodile Paws Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 19 November 2024
Seizure Date: 30 October 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Chaoshan Airport Customs
Location: Chaoshan International Airport, Jieyang City, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: 22 Siamese Crocodile (*Crocodylus siamensis*) Paws, net weight 3.36 kg, CITES I
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1
Case Progress: At present, the case has been filed.

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Ruili Customs Seized 500 g of Pangolin Scales in an Inbound Electric Motorcycle



News Release Date: 21 November 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Ruili Customs
Location: Ruili City, Dehong Dai and Jingpo Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: Pangolin (*Manidea* spp.) Scales, 500 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I
Transport Method: Electric Motorcycle (hidden in the compartment under the seat)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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Shanghai Postal Customs Seized Eight Ivory-handled Dinner Knives in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 21 November 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Shanghai Postal Customs
Location: Shanghai
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: Eight Ivory-handled Dinner Knives, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (Declared as "daily necessities")
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Case Progress: At present, the Customs has transferred above items to the relevant department for further disposal.

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Huanggang Customs Seized 39 Chameleons Carried by Three Inbound Passengers



News Release Date: 22 November 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs
Location: Futian Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection
Species: 39 Chameleons (*Chamaeleonidae* spp.), CITES I/II
Transport Method: Concealed on Person (packed in transparent plastic bags, hidden in the pockets)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 3 (2 females and 1 male)

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Fuzhou Changle Airport Customs Seized 4.67 kg of Shark Fins Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 24 November 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Fuzhou Changle Airport Customs
Location: Fuzhou Changle International Airport, Fujian Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: Shark fins from Silky Shark (*Carcharhinus falciformis*), Smooth Hammerhead (*Sphyrna zygaena*) and Bull Shark (*C. leucas*), weight 4.67 kg in total, CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Check-in Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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Harbin Taiping Airport Customs Seized Four Brown Bear Gallbladders Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 25 November 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Harbin Taiping Airport Customs
Location: Harbin Taiping International Airport, Heilongjiang Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: Four Brown Bear (*Ursus arctos*) Gallbladders, 83.5 g, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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Shanghai Postal Customs Seized a Pearly Nautilus Shell in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 26 November 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Shanghai Postal Customs
Location: Shanghai
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: One Pearly Nautilus (*Nautilus pompilius*) Shell, CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (Declared as "toy")
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Xiamen Postal Customs Seized 41 Products Made from Ivory, Sperm Whale, Hippopotamus and Hawksbill Turtle in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 28 November 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Xiamen Postal Customs

Location: Xiamen City, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 28 Ivory Products, weight 2,417 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; ten Sperm Whale (*Physeter macrocephalus*) Tooth Products, weight 821 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; two Hippo (*Hippopotamus amphibius*) Tooth Products, weight 25 g, CITES II; one Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) Product, weight 5 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Hong Kong Police Investigated a Case of Stealing 50 Eastern Box Turtles, Three Male Suspects Are Involved



News Release Date: 15 October 2024

Incident time: 15 October 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Hong Kong Police

Crime Scene: A entity in Lung Shing Factory Building, 142 Texaco Road, Tsuen Wan

Detection Method: Tip-off

Species: 50 Eastern Box Turtles (*Terrapene carolina*), CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Stealing

Estimated Value: Street value of HK\$ 500,000 (CNY 466,050)

Number of Offenders: Three (all males, around 40 years old, dressed in black, two men removing turtles from plastic boxes on shelves and stuffing them into bags, one other man kept watch and made inspections before leaving the property)

Nationality: Chinese (Hong Kong SAR)

Case Progress: The police are currently working to identify the suspects.

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Longnan Public Security Bureau of Jiangxi Province Cracked a Case of Illegally Harvesting 24 Round Kumquat, One Suspect Was Arrested



News Release Date: 1 November 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Longnan City Public Security Bureau, Longnan City Forestry Bureau

Harvesting Site: "Pingshan" Mountain Farm of Daweizai Group, Dongkeng Village, Lintang Township, Longnan City, Jiangxi Province

Species: 24 Round Kumquat (*Fortunella venosa*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: At present, the suspect HE *xing is being investigated and sentenced according to law.

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Longnan Public Security Bureau of Jiangxi Province Cracked a Case of Illegally Harvesting 30 Round Kumquat, Four Suspects Were Arrested



News Release Date: 1 November 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Longnan City Public Security Bureau, Longnan City Forestry Bureau

Harvesting Site: Deep Forest in Jiahu Township and Chenglong Town, Longnan City, Jiangxi Province

Species: 30 Round Kumquat (*Fortunella venosa*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 4

Case Progress: At present, the suspects implicated in the case, ZENG *Feng, HUANG *lin, ZENG *fang, and HUANG *sheng, are undergoing legal proceedings and are being held accountable. Concurrently, the Round Kumquats have been relocated to the Aizhai Mountain (Yangming Xingu Scenic area) in Longnan Town, Longnan City for planting under protective measures.

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Wuxing Public Security Bureau of Zhejiang Province Cracked a Case of Illegally Hunting One Common Raccoon Dog, One Suspect Was Arrested



News Release Date: 10 November 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Wuxing District Public Security Branch Daochang Police Station

Location: Wuxing District, Huzhou City, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Tip-off

Species: One Common Raccoon Dog (*Nyctereutes procyonoides*), Class II of National Protected Species (Wild population only)

Transport Method: Vehicle

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (35 traps, 37 trap spacers) (For the purpose of consumption)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The Common Raccoon Dog is now under examination and receiving treatment. Surname Wu, suspected of engaging in illegal hunting activities, has been subjected criminal coercive measures as stipulated by law. The investigation into the case continues.

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Leizhou Public Security Bureau of Guangdong Province Cracked a Case of Illegally Hunting One Oriental Scops-owl and One Oriental Skylark, One Suspect Was Arrested



News Release Date: 9 November 2024

Seizure Date: 4 November 2024 about at 5:00 am

Law Enforcement Authority: Leizhou City Public Security Bureau Forest Brigade

Location: Jijia Town, Leizhou City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: One Live Oriental Scops-owl (*Otus sunia*), Class II of National Protected Species; one Live Oriental Skylark (*Alauda gulgula*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific, and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (tools include bird net, bird song player, net bag and headlamp)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: At present, the suspect XIAO *Jiang has been detained as stipulated by law. The investigation into the case continues.

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Yongde County Public Security Bureau of Yunnan Province Cracked a Case of Illegally Harvesting, Purchasing and Selling 235 Orchids, Two Suspects Were Arrested



News Release Date: 27 November 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Yongde County Public Security Bureau Wumulong Police Station
Location: Yongde County, Lincang City, Yunnan Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection
Species: 235 Orchids (Orchidaceae spp.), Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II
Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest, Purchase and Sale
Number of Offenders: 1
Case Progress: At present, the case is being further processed.

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Luxi County People's Court of Yunnan Province Heard Two Cases of Illegally Harvesting Wild Orchids, Two People Were Sentenced

News Release Date: 5 November 2024
Harvesting Period: April 2022 to April 2024
Judicial Authority: Luxi County People's Court, Luxi County People's Procuratorate
Location: Luxi County, Honghe Hani and Yi Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province
Species: Orchids (Orchidaceae spp.), Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II
Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest
Number of Offenders: 2
Case Progress: One defendant received a sentence of two years' fixed-term imprisonment, suspended for two years, along with a fine of CNY 1,000, for the offense of damaging nationally protected plants. The other defendant was handed a one-year and six-month fixed-term imprisonment, also suspended for two years, a fine of CNY 1,000 and was ordered to undergo community correction per legal provisions.

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Yongding District Procuratorate of Hunan Province Heard a Case of Illegally Purchasing and Selling Wild Animals, Three People Were Sentenced



News Release Date: 11 November 2024

Seizure Date: 11 November 2024; 15 May 2023

Judicial Authority: Yongding District Court of Zhangjiajie City, Yongding District Procuratorate

Location: Yongding District, Zhangjiajie City, Hunan Province

Species: One Leopard Cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; one Tufted Deer (*Elaphodus cephalophus*), Class II of National Protected Species; eleven Oriental Turtle-dove (*Streptopelia orientalis*), fourteen Chinese Bamboo Rat (*Rhizomys sinensis*), three Siberian Weasel (*Mustela sibirica*), twelve Masked Palm Civet (*Paguma larvata*) (wild population only), 69 Chinese Bamboo Partridge (*Bambusicola thoracicus*), seven Common Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*) and two Greater hog badger (*Arctonyx collaris*) and thirteen carcass pieces, all belong to the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Sale

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: On 11 November 2024, the Yongding District Court held a public hearing of the case.

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Hanshan County People's Court of Anhui Province Heard a Case of Illegally Hunting One Water Deer and Two Tolai Hares, One Person Was Sentenced

News Release Date: 29 November 2024

Hunting Period: January 2022 to November 2023

Judicial Authority: Hanshan County People's Court

Hunting Site: A mountain in Hanshan County, Ma'anshan City, Anhui Province

Species: One Water Deer (*Hydropotes inermis*), Class II of National Protected Species; two Tolai Hares (*Lepus tolai*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific, and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (one battery, two reverse electrical appliances, three traps, one roll of electric wire mesh)

Estimated Value: CNY 15,160 (A Water Deer is worth CNY 15,000 and a Tolai Hare is worth CNY 80)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The defendant LIU, convicted of illegal hunting, was sentenced to five months of criminal detention, suspended for eight months, with the confiscation of tools used in the crime, and is ordered to pay compensation amounting to CNY 15,160.

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Bailongjiang Forest District Court of Gansu Province Heard a Case of Illegally Harvesting Three Yews, One Person Was Sentenced

News Release Date: 30 November 2024

Judicial Authority: Bailongjiang Forest District Court of Gansu Province

Location: Bailongjiang Forest District, Gansu Province

Species: Three Yews (*Taxus* spp.), Class I of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvesting

Number of Offenders: 1 (LI, farmer, 65 years old)

Case Progress: Defendant LI was convicted for the offense of jeopardizing a Class I nationally protected plant species and was handed a one-year prison sentence, suspended for two years. Additionally, LI is required to pay a total of CNY 11,195.51, which includes the loss value of the forest ecosystem service function amounting to CNY 8,396.63, and an estimated cost for ecological restoration of CNY 2,798.88.

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