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Beijing Daxing Airport Customs Seized 226 Dried Box Ray Fish Gills Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 2 December 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Beijing Daxing Airport Customs
Location: Beijing Daxing International Airport
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: Box Ray (*Mobula tarapacana*), 226 dried fish gills, weight 5.055 kg, CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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Luohu Customs Seized 1.1 kg of Incense Tree/Chinese Agarwood Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 4 December 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Luohu Customs
Location: Luohu Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: Pieces of Incense Tree / Chinese Agarwood (*Aquilaria sinensis*), weight 1.1 kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: After investigation, it was found that the suspect had a history of multiple return shipments and admitted to carrying the goods on behalf of others for a "handling fee". The case has been transferred to the anti-Smuggling department for further action.

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Xiamen Airport Customs Seized 40.5 kg of Dried Shark Skins Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 4 December 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Xiamen Airport Customs

Location: Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Silky Shark (*Carcharhinus falciformis*), dried skins, weight 40.5 kg, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The above items have been temporarily detained by the customs in accordance with the law.

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Pingtang Customs Seized 71 Endangered Plant Products from a Cross-Border E-Commerce's Outbound Cargo



News Release Date: 4 December 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Fuzhou Customs

Location: Pingtang Comprehensive Experimental Zone, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 62 Agarwood (*Aquilaria spp.*) products, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; three Bloodwood (*Pterocarpus Tinctorius*) products, CITES II; two Holy Wood (*Bulnesia sarmientoi*) products, CITES II; four Red Sanders (*P. santalinus*) products, CITES II; 2.413 kg in total

Transport Method: Outbound Cargo

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: The above items have been temporarily seized and are awaiting further disposal.

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Beijing Daxing Airport Customs Seized Five Exotic Pets Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 5 December 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Beijing Daxing Airport Customs

Location: Beijing Daxing International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: One live Arabian Sand Boa (*Eryx jayakari*), CITES II; three live Middle Eastern Short-fingered Gecko (*Stenodactylus doriae*); one live Fattail Scorpion (*Androctonus* spp.)

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel; hidden in a yellow paper box tightly sealed with tape)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Foshan Customs Seized 46 tonnes of Kosso in an Inbound Cargo



News Release Date: 5 December 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Foshan Customs Nanhai Office

Location: Nanhai District, Foshan City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Kosso (*Pterocarpus erinaceus*), weight 46 tonnes, CITES II

Transport Method: Imported Goods (declared as "knotty pine"; mixed in 4 tonnes of knotty pine)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Harbin Postal Customs Seized 12 Protected Butterfly Specimens in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 6 December 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Harbin Postal Customs

Location: Harbin City, Heilongjiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 1 Malabar Rose (*Atrophaneura pandiyana*); 1 Tithonus Birdwing (*Ornithoptera tithonus*); 2 Cairns Birdwing (*O. euphorion*); 2 Common Birdwing (*O. urvillianus*); 4 Magellan Birdwing (*Troides magellanus*), Class II of National Protected Species; 1 Miranda Birdwing (*T. miranda*); and 1 Birdwing (*T. spp.*); all listed in CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (Machine Inspection)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Dongxing Customs Seized 552.07 g of Malayan Pangolin Scales Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 9 December 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Dongxing Customs

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

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Malayan Pangolin (*Manis javanica*) Scales, weight 552.07 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Personal Concealment (hidden close to the chest and waist)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Quanzhou Customs Seized 17 Ivory Products and Seven Red Coral Products in Inbound Express Parcels



News Release Date: 10 December 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Quanzhou Customs

Location: Quanzhou City, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 17 Ivory products, weight 230.2 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; seven Red Coral (*Coralliidae* spp.) products, weight 40 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES III (four native species in China)

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The above items have been temporarily detained in accordance with the law.

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Shanghai Pudong International Airport Customs Seized 17 kg of Blue Shark Fins Carried by Four Inbound Passengers



News Release Date: 10 December 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Shanghai Pudong International Airport Customs

Location: Shanghai Pudong International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Blue Shark (*Prionace Glauca*) fins, 17 kg, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 4

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Wuhan Postal Customs Seized One Ivory Fan in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 10 December 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Wuhan Postal Customs
Location: Wuhan City, Hubei Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: One Ivory fan, weight 41.8 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound Parcel
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Beijing Capital Airport Customs Seized a Crocodile Specimen Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 12 December 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Beijing Capital Airport Customs
Location: Beijing Capital International Airport
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: One crocodile (Crocodylia spp.) specimen, CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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Mawei Customs Seized Seven Pieces of Burma Padauk Furniture in Exported Goods



News Release Date: 12 December 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Mawei Customs

Location: Fuzhou City, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Burma Padauk (*Pterocarpus macrocarpus*), seven pieces of furniture, including tea tables, chairs, water boiler racks, etc., CITES II

Transport Method: Export Goods (declared as various items, including over ten types such as channel steel, hot-rolled plates, etc.)

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: The case has been transferred to the anti-smuggling department for further disposal.

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Lanzhou Zhongchuan Airport Customs Seized Three Ivory Bangles Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 13 December 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Lanzhou Zhongchuan Airport Customs

Location: Lanzhou Zhongchuan International Airport, Gansu Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Three Ivory bangles, weight 41.27 g in total, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The subsequent disposal has been carried out according to the law.

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Dongxing Customs Seized Five Helmeted Hornbill Casques Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 15 December 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Dongxing Customs
Location: Dongxing Port, Fangchenggang City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (X-Ray)
Species: Five Helmeted Hornbill (*Rhinoplax vigil*) casques, CITES I
Transport Method: Inbound passenger's carry-on luggage
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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Irkeshtam Customs Seized One Golden Eagle Claw in an Inbound Truck



News Release Date: 16 December 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Irkeshtam Customs
Location: Irkeshtan Port, Wuqia County, Kizilsu Kyrgyz Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region
Detection Method: Routine Inspection
Species: One Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*) claw, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound Vehicle (hidden under the mattress in the lower bunk of the truck cab)
Country of Export: Kyrgyzstan
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1
Case Progress: The case has been transferred to the anti-smuggling department for disposal following relevant regulations.

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Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Customs Seized 389 Live Lizards and Four Live Snakes in a Cross-Border Truck



News Release Date: 19 December 2024

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

Location: Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Knight Anole (*Anolis Equestris*), CITES III (Cuba); Australian Water Dragon (*Intellagama lesueurii*), CITES III (Australia); Carolina Anole (*A. Carolinensis*); Julio's Casquehead Iguana (*Laemanctus julioi*); Brown Anole (*A. sagrei*); Indonesian Blue-tongued Skink (*Tiliqua gigas*)

Transport Method: Inbound Vehicle (hidden in the truck toolbox)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Nanjing Lukou Airport Customs Seized 2.98 kg of Giant Clams and Coral Products Carried by Four Inbound Passengers



News Release Date: 20 December 2024

Seizure Date: 14 December 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Nanjing Lukou Airport Customs

Location: Nanjing Lukou International Airport, Jiangsu Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.), a shell and three bead bracelets, Class II of National Protected Species (limited to wild populations only), CITES II; two batches of Stony Corals (*Scleractinia* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; total weight 2.98 kg

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 4

Case Progress: The customs have temporarily refused to release the goods following regulations.

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Mengkang Customs Seized 68 g of Malayan Pangolin Scales in an Inbound Truck



News Release Date: 23 December 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Mengkang Customs

Location: Mengkang Port, Jiangcheng Hani and Yi Autonomous County, Pu'er City, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Malayan Pangolin (*Manis javanica*) scales, weight 68 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Vehicle (hidden under the driver's seat of the truck)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: The case has been transferred to the anti-smuggling department for processing in accordance with the law.

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Xiamen Cruise Port Customs Seized Two Giant Clam Shells Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 24 December 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Xiamen Cruise Port Customs

Location: Xiamen City, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Two Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.) shells, 1.1 kg in total, Class II of National Protected Species (Limited to wild populations only), CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage on an International Cruise Ship ("Nothing to declare" channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Shanghai Pudong International Airport Customs Seized 426 Live Corals from Imported Goods



News Release Date: 25 December 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Shanghai Pudong International Airport Customs

Location: Shanghai Pudong International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 426 Caryophylliidae spp., Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Imported goods (declared as "sea anemones"; mixed with ornamental aquatic animals)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: The case has been transferred to the customs anti-smuggling department for further disposal.

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Zhakou Customs Seized 24 White Rhinoceros Horns Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 26 December 2024

Seizure Date: 5 December 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhakou Customs

Location: Gongbei Port, Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (X-Ray)

Species: 24 pieces of White Rhinoceros (*Ceratotherium simum*) horns, weight 178.83 g, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound passenger carry-on luggage (no declaration channel; wrapped layer by layer with plastic film)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1 (Surname Li, Female)

Nationality: Chinese (Macao)

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Urumqi Diwobao Airport Customs Seized Eight Brown Bear Canine Teeth and 12 Claws Carried by Two Inbound Passengers



News Release Date: 27 December 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Urumqi Diwobao Airport Customs
Location: Urumqi Diwobao International Airport, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region
Detection Method: Routine Inspection
Species: Brown Bear (*Ursus arctos*), eight canine teeth and 12 claws, 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: 2
Case Progress: The case has been transferred to the anti-smuggling department for further disposal.

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Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Customs Seized 25 Live Red-Footed Tortoises Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 27 December 2024
Seizure Date: 10 December 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Customs
Location: Zhuhai-HK Entry Hall, Daqiao Port, Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection
Species: 25 live Red-footed Tortoises (*Geochelone Carbonaria*), CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Personal Concealment (bound and hidden on the legs)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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Khorgos Customs Seized 65 Saiga Horns Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 31 December 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Customs of Khorgos International Border Cooperation Centre

Location: Khorgos City, Ili Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Risk Control Deployment

Species: 65 Saiga (*Saiga tatarica*) horns, net weight 1.9 kg in total, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II (a zero-export quota for commercial trade in wild specimens)

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Personal Concealment ("Nothing to declare" channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1 (Male)

Nationality: Chinese

Case Progress: The case has been handed over to the Anti-smuggling Branch of Khorgos Customs for further disposal.

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Xichang Public Security Bureau of Sichuan Province Cracked a Case of Illegal Harvest of Pleione Orchids, One Suspect was Arrested



News Release Date: 18 December 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Police Brigade of Xichang Public Security Bureau

Location: Xichang City, Liangshan Yi Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan Province

Species: 1,682 Pleione Orchids (*Pleione spp.*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest (for profit)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The suspect Ma has been taken criminal coercive measures, and the case is still under further investigation.

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Lingchuan County People's Court of Guangxi Heard a Case of Illegal Purchase of Manferns, One Person was Sentenced

News Release Date: 12 March 2024

Sentencing Date: May 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Lingshan Police

Judicial Authority: Lingchuan County People's Court

Location: Lantian Yao Ethnic Township, Lingchuan County, Guilin City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

Species: Manfern (*Cibotium spp.*), weight 3,750 kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Acquisition

Estimated Value: CNY 1.6 per kg (acquisition price)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The defendant Chen was sentenced to four months's detention and fined CNY 8,000 in accordance with the law.

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Longnan People's Court of Jiangxi Province Heard a Case of Illegal Harvest of Round Kumquat and Orchids, One Person was Sentenced

News Release Date: 2 September 2024

Harvest Date: From May to October 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Longnan Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Longnan People's Court

Harvest Site: Longnan Town, Longnan City, Jiangxi Province

Species: Seven Round Kumquat (*Fortunella venosa*), Class II of National Protected Species; one Four-season Orchid (*Cymbidium Ensifolium*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 13 Cold-growing Cymbidium (*C. Makino*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest (4 animal traps with alarm function and more than 20 steel jaw traps)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The court sentenced the defendant Tang to one year and five months in prison and imposed a fine of CNY 6,000. The Round Kumquats and orchids seized by the public security agency have been planted by the Longnan Forestry Bureau in the Jiulianshan National Nature Reserve (Guancailing Park), and are currently growing normally.

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Kenli District People's Court of Dongying, Shandong Province Heard a Case of Illegal Trading of Wildlife Products, 29 People were Prosecuted

News Release Date: 15 September 2024

Sentencing Date: 25 December 2024

Judicial Authority: Kenli District People's Court

Location: Dongying City, Shandong Province

Species: Helmeted Hornbill (*Rhinoplax vigil*), 6 casques and 10 casques beads, CITES I; 7 Tiger (*Panthera tigris*) teeth, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; a Clouded Leopard (*Neofelis nebulosa*) skull, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; 2 Rhino (*Rhinocerotidae* spp.) horn products, CITES I/II; 6 Moose (*Alces alces*) teeth, Class I of National Protected Species; Sperm Whale (*Physeter macrocephalus*), a tooth and a bone crutch, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; Lion (*Panthera leo*), 1 kg of bones and a bone crutch, CITES I/II; Orca (*Orcinus Orca*), a tooth and a bone crutch, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Trade (cash or WeChat transactions) and Illegal Transportation (express delivery)

Estimated Value: CNY 1,740,000

Number of Offenders: 29

Case Progress: The defendant Huang was sentenced to 6 years in prison and fined CNY 300,000. The other six defendants were sentenced to 8 months to 3 years in prison with fines between CNY 2,000 and 5,000. Over CNY 270,000 in illegal gains were confiscated. All seven defendants and 22 others were ordered to compensate for environment damage and publicly apologize in national media.

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Xuan'en County People's Court of Hubei Province Heard a Case of Illegal Harvest of 31 Noble Orchids, One Person was Sentenced

News Release Date: 31 October 2024

Seizure Date: May 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Enshi Railway Station Police

Judicial Authority: Xuan'en County People's Court and Xuan'en County Procuratorate

Location: Enshi Railway Station, Enshi Tujia and Miao Autonomous Prefecture, Hubei Province

Species: 31 Noble Orchid (*Cymbidium goeringii*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The defendant Yu was sentenced to three years in prison, with a three-year probation, and fined CNY 2,000.

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Fuliang County People's Court of Jiangxi Province Announced a Case of Illegal Hunting of a Crested Serpent Eagle and Other Wildlife, 5 People were Sentenced

News Release Date: 23 November 2024

Hunting Date: From late 2023 to 24 March 2024

Judicial Authority: Fuliang County People's Court

Location: the mountain near the Shuangtian Town and Taqian Town in Leping City, Jiangxi Province

Species: 1 Crested Serpent Eagle (*Spilornis cheela*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value, including 2 Ring-necked Pheasants (*Phasianus colchicus*), 2 Eastern Spotted-billed Ducks (*Anas zonorhyncha*), 19 Chinese Hare (*Lepus sinensis*), over 40 Spotted Doves (*Spilopelia chinensis*) and 1 Masked Palm Civet (*Paguma larvata*); 1 Wild Boar (*Sus scrofa*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (for consumption; air guns, long-handled slingshots, steel traps, thermal imagers, etc.)

Number of Offenders: 5

Case Progress: The Fuliang Court has decided to sentence three defendants Cai *si, Xu *sheng, and Zhu *qiang with imprisonment ranging from nine months to one year and six months, the defendant Xu *fei to eight-month imprisonment, and the defendant Xu *xiang to six-month imprisonment with a one-year probation.

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Fuliang County People's Court of Jiangxi Province Announced a Case of Illegal Hunting of Wild Birds, One Person Sentenced

News Release Date: 23 November 2024

Hunting Date: From early 2022 to March 2022

Judicial Authority: Fuliang County People's Court

Location: The suspect's home in Jingdezhen City, Jiangxi Province

Hunting Site: the forest in Ma'anshan, Jiangxi Province

Species: 9 Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax Canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value, including 14 Brown-winged Parrotbill (*Sinosuthora brunnea*) and 3 Eurasian Tree Sparrows (*Passer montanus*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (traps), Acquisition (Tianbaoqiao Dog Market), Transportation (express delivery), and Trade (WeChat)

Estimated Value: CNY 90,000 (CNY 5,000 each for Chinese Hwamei); Illegal profit of CNY 5,398

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The Fuliang Court has decided to sentence the defendant Tu *gao to two years in prison, with a three-year probation and a fine of CNY 10,000.

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Lushui City People's Court of Yunan Province Heard a Case of Illegal Purchase of Wild Noble Dendrobium, One Person was Prosecuted



News Release Date: 5 December 2024

Trial Date: 3 December 2024

Seizure Date: 4 November 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Lushui Police

Judicial Authority: Lushui City People's Court

Location: Suspect's vehicle in Lushui City, Yunnan Province

Species: 1,086 Noble Dendrobium (*Dendrobium nobile*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Trade

Estimated Value: CNY 450 (Purchase price)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The case is still under trial, and the court will announce the verdict later.

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Yuanbao District People's Court of Dandong, Liaoning Province Heard a Case of Illegal Hunting and Selling of Wild Deer, One Person was Sentenced



News Release Date: 16 December 2024

Trade Date: December 2023

Judicial Authority: Yuanbao District People's Court

Location: Yuanbao District, Dandong City, Liaoning Province

Species: Three Water Deer (*Hydropotes inermis*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting and Selling

Estimated Value: CNY 45,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The defendant Cui was sentenced to seven-month imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 10,000 in accordance with the law.

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Yong'an People's Court of Fujian Province Heard a Case of Illegal Harvest of Wild Orchids, Two People were Sentenced



News Release Date: 18 December 2024

Harvest Date: 21 August to 24 August 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Yong'an Forestry Department

Judicial Authority: Yong'an City People's Court

Location: On the roadside of Qingshui Township, Yong'an City, Fujian Province

Species: Four Copper-glint Orchid (*Anoectochilus roxburghii*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 920 Cold-growing Cymbidium (*Cymbidium makino*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest (for profit, chopping knives)

Estimated Value: CNY 1,982

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: The defendants Liu and You were both sentenced to three years in prison, with a four-year probation, and fined CNY 5,000, and were ordered to jointly cover the ecological restoration cost of CNY 18,300 for the replanting and care of 920 orchids, and to publicly apologize in the media outlets at or above the regional level.

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Deqin County Public Security Bureau of Yunnan Province Cracked a Case of Illegal Hunting of Koklass Pheasant, One Person was Sentenced

News Release Date: 19 December 2024

Sentencing Date: 2 February 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Deqin County Public Security Bureau Forest Police Brigade

Location: the suspect's residence in Yanmen Township, Deqin County, Diqing Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

Species: One Koklass Pheasant (*Pucrasia macrolopha*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (steel traps, bamboo traps, iron clips)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The defendant He was sentenced to 6 months in prison with a one-year probation in accordance with the law.

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Mengla County People's Court of Yunnan Province Heard a Case of Illegal Harvest of Wild Dendrobium, One Person was Prosecuted

News Release Date: 19 December 2024

Sentencing Date: 17 December 2024 (trial date)

Judicial Authority: Mengla County People's Court

Location: Longgu Village, Xiangming Township, Mengla County, Yunnan Province (harvest site)

Species: Dendrobium (*Dendrobium capillipes*), Hooded Orchid (*D. aphyllum*), Shiny Crystal Dendrobium (*D. crystallinum*); Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The case will be sentenced at a later date.

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Lushi County People's Court of Henan Province Heard a Case of Illegal Harvest and Trade of Orchids, One Person was Sentenced

News Release Date: 28 December 2024

Sentencing Date: 11 October 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Lushi County Forest Police

Judicial Authority: Lushi County People's Court, Sanmenxia City

Location: Lushi County, Sanmenxia City, Henan Province

Species: 10 Orchids (*Cymbidium* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Sell

Estimated Value: CNY 3,000 (per plant)

Number of Offenders: 1 (Xu*)

Case Progress: The court sentenced Xu to fixed-term imprisonment, imposed a fine, and confiscated the illegal gains and tools used in the crime.

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Keshiketeng Procuratorate of Inner Mongolia Heard a Case of Illegal Hunting of Elks and Deers, Five People were Sentenced

News Release Date: 31 December 2024

Hunting Date: January 2024

Judicial Authority: Keshiketeng People's Procuratorate

Location: Keshiketeng Banner, Chifeng City, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region

Species: Three Elks (*Cervus canadensis*), Class II of National Protected Species (for wild populations only); Three Eastern Roe Deer (*Capreolus pygargus*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (for consumption; firearms)

Number of Offenders: 5

Case Progress: The defendant Li (a) was sentenced to one year and nine months in prison and fined CNY 15,000 for the crimes of harming endangered wildlife, illegal hunting, and illegal possession of firearms; the defendants Yuan, Meng (a), and Li (b) have been sentenced to imprisonment ranging from seven to six months and fined CNY 12,000 for the crimes of harming endangered wildlife and illegal hunting; the defendant Meng (b) was sentenced to two months of detention for the crime of illegal hunting. In addition, all five defendants were ordered to bear corresponding civil liability, compensating for the wildlife resources damage caused by their crimes. The five defendants voluntarily paid public interest compensation, after the public announcement period.

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- [66,000 endangered eels confiscated in Great Bay from wildlife smugglers](#)

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- [Customs seizes 2,179kg of pangolin scales in Jigawa](#)

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- [Man gets 16 months' jail for attempting to smuggle 58 Indian star tortoises into Indonesia via Changi Airport](#)

South Korea

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Thailand

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Turkey

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- [Tourists suspected of transporting rhino horns from abroad to Vietnam discovered](#)
- [Transporting rhino horns and pangolin scales for profit, sentenced to 3 years in prison](#)