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Shijiazhuang Customs Seized Three Pairs of Ivory Painting Scroll Heads in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 1 February 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Shijiazhuang Airport Customs
Location: Shijiazhuang Zhengding International Airport, Hebei Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection
Species: Three pairs of ivory painting scroll heads, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (declared as "sketching marker pens")
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Nanjing Lukou Airport Customs Seized One Horse Hoof Clam Shell Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 5 February 2024
Seizure Date: 31 January 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Nanjing Lukou Airport Customs
Location: Nanjing Lukou International Airport
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: One Horse Hoof Clam (*Hippopus hippopus*) Shell, 1,355 g, Class II of National Protected Species (wild population only), CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Carry-on Luggage
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1
Case Progress: The seizures will be handed over to the agricultural authorities in accordance with the law.

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Tianjin Postal Customs Seized One Ivory Paper-knife, One Ivory Folding Fan and One Hawksbill Turtle Shell Lorgnettes in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 8 February 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Tianjin Postal Customs

Location: Tianjin City

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: One ivory paper-knife and one Ivory folding fan, total gross weight 164.73 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; one Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) Shell Lorgnettes, gross weight 24.91 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (declared as "personal items"; wrapped in tin foil and mixed in numerous crafts)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Fuzhou Changle Airport Customs Seized 92 Pieces of Shortfin Mako Fins Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 19 February 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Fuzhou Changle Airport Customs

Location: Fuzhou Changle International Airport, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 92 pieces of Shortfin Mako (*Isurus oxyrinchus*) fins, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage (Wrapped in plastic bag and hidden in suitcase)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Xiamen Customs Seized Five Ivory Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 19 February 2024
Forensic Result Date: 19 February 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Xiamen Customs
Location: Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport, Fujian Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (X-ray)
Species: Two ivory bangles, two ivory beads necklaces, one ivory ring, total 178.7 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel; Wrapped in tinfoil, packed in tea box and hidden in suitcase)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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Beijing Capital Airport Customs Seized 11 Saiga Horns Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 21 February 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Beijing Capital Airport Customs
Location: Beijing Capital International Airport
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: Eleven Saiga Antelope (*Saiga tatarica*) horns, total 1.11 kg, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II (zero trade quota for commercial purposes of wild specimens)
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage (Wrapped in tinfoil, and packed in tea box)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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Beijing Daxing Airport Customs Seized Fifteen Ivory Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 24 February 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Beijing Daxing Airport Customs

Location: Beijing Daxing International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Two ivory beads bracelets, three Ivory bangles, ten Ivory fang-shaped pendants, total net weight 375.4 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage (Wrapped in tinfoil, concealed in the formula bags wrapped by adhesive tape)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Shenzhen Bao'An Airport Customs Seized One Fluted Giant Clam Shell Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 24 February 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Shenzhen Bao'an Airport Customs

Location: Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: One Fluted Giant Clam (*Tridacna squamosa*) shell, 2.116 kg, Class II of National Protected Species (wild population only), CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Nanjing Lukou Airport Customs Seized Five Giant Clams Shells Carried by Two Inbound Passengers



News Release Date: 25 February 2024

Seizure Date: 17 February 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Nanjing Lukou Airport Customs

Location: Nanjing Lukou International Airport, Jiangsu Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Five Giant Clams (*Tridacnidae* spp.) shells, about 1.89 kg, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: At present, the customs has temporarily withheld the confiscations in accordance with regulations.

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Beijing Capital Airport Customs Seized Four Hawksbill Turtle Crafts Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 26 February 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Beijing Capital Airport Customs

Location: Beijing Capital International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Four Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) crafts, total 730 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Nanjing Lukou Airport Customs Seized One Giant Clam Shell Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 26 February 2024

Seizure Date: 21 February 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Nanjing Lukou Airport Customs

Location: Nanjing Lukou International Airport, Jiangsu Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: One Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.) shell, about weight 2.51 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: At present, the customs has temporarily withheld the confiscations in accordance with regulations.

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Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport Customs Seized One Saiga Horn Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 26 February 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport Customs

Location: Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport, Jiangsu Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: One Saiga Antelope (*Saiga tatarica*) horn, 243 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II (zero trade quota for commercial purposes of wild specimens)

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Check-in Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Shenzhen Liantang Customs Seized Eight Maxima Clams Carried by a Passenger



News Release Date: 26 February 2024

Seizure Date: 1 February 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Liantang Customs

Location: Vehicle Lanes at Liantang Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Eight Maxima Clams (*Tridacna maxima*), Class II of National Protected Species (wild population only), CITES II

Transport Method: Passenger's Carry-on Luggage (backpack)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Guiyang Longdongbao Airport Customs Seized Nine Ivory Chinese Musical Instrument Tuning Pegs and Two Ivory Bachi in an Inbound Parcel; One of the Bachi Is Inlaid with 11.09 g of Hawksbill Sea Shell



News Release Date: 27 February 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Guiyang Longdongbao Airport Customs

Location: Guiyang Longdongbao International Airport, Guizhou Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Nine ivory Chinese musical instrument tuning pegs, two ivory Bachi, total 281.83 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; one of the ivory bachi is inlaid with 11.09 g of Hawksbill Turtle Shell (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) shell, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Nanjing Jinling Customs Seized 506.62 g of Sperm Whale Ivory Pieces in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 27 February 2024

Seizure Date: 26 February 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Nanjing Jinling Customs

Location: Nanjing City, Jiangsu Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (X-ray)

Species: Sperm Whale (*Physeter macrocephalus*) ivory pieces, 506.62 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (declared as "Wooden toy"; Packed in ziplock bags)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Ningbo Meishan Customs Seized Undeclared 2,488 kg of Burmese Rosewood logs in a Batch of Inbound Slabs



News Release Date: 27 February 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Meishan Customs

Location: Meishan Island, Ningbo City, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Burmese Rosewood (*Dalbergia oliveri*) logs, 2,488 kg, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Freight ("Nothing to declar" channel; hidden in Burma padauk (*Pterocarpus macrocarpus*) slabs)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Chongqing Jiangbei Airport Customs Seized Five Ivory Bangles Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 27 February 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Chongqing Jiangbei Airport Customs

Location: Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Five ivory bangles, total 220 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Carry-on Luggage (hidden in candies and packed in a glass food storage containers)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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



News Release Date: 28 February 2024

Seizure Date: 23 February 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Khorgos International Center for Border Cooperation Customs

Location: Khorgos Sino-Kazakhstan International Center for Border Cooperation, Ili Hasa Shell

Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Four Saiga Antelope (*Saiga tatarica*) horns, 0.89 kg, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II (zero trade quota for commercial purposes of wild specimens)

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger (waist and abdomen)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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

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Kunming Hekou Customs Seized One Giant Clam Shell Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 29 February 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Hekou Customs

Location: Nanxihe Port, Hekou Yao Autonomous County, Honghe Hani Yi Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: One Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.) shell, 5.8 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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Hongsibao Branch of Wuzhong Public Security Bureau Cracked a Case of Poaching Red Fox and Arrested Four Suspects



News Release Date: 6 February 2024

Alarm Date: 19 January 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Hongsibao Branch of Wuzhong Public Security Bureau

Hunting Site: A barren mountain on the south side of Shaquan Village, Liuquan Township, Hongsibao District, Wuzhong City, Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Tip off

Species: One Red Fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) corpse, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES III (India)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (electronic fence)

Number of Offenders: 4

Case Progress: At present, all four suspects have been taken criminal coercive measures in accordance with the law, and the case is under further investigation.

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Zhenkang County Public Security Bureau Seized 762 Dendrobium Orchids and Arrested 10 Suspects



News Release Date: 7 February 2024

Seizure Date: 1 February 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Police Brigade of Zhenkang County Public Security Bureau joined with Internet Security Brigade and Police stations

Location: Within the precincts of Nansan, Fengwei and Mangbing, Zhenkang County, Lincang City, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Tip off

Species: 762 Dendrobium Orchids (*Dendrobium* spp.), Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Express

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Sale and Transportation

Number of Offenders: 10

Case Progress: At present, 10 series of cases are being handled, and all 10 criminal suspects have been taken criminal compulsory measures by the Zhenkang County Public Security Bureau.

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Shaoshan Police Bureau Seized One Dead Crested Goshawk, One Dead Oriental Scops Owl and Other Wildlife and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 13 February 2024

Seizure Date: 16 November 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Security Brigade of Shaoshan Police Bureau

Location: Ruyi Village, Qingxi Town, Shaoshan City, Hunan Province

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: One dead Crested Goshawk (*Accipiter trivirgatus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; one dead Oriental Scops Owl (*Otus sunia*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; five Turtledove (*Streptopelia* spp.), Species with important ecological, scientific and social value; 61 King Ratsnakes (*Elaphe carinata*), Species with important ecological, scientific and social value; 80 Cantor's rat snakes (*Ptyas dhumnades*), Species with important ecological, scientific and social value; four Naja spp., Species with important ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (Mist-nets) and Sale (to multiple restaurants)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: On 28 January 2024, criminal suspect HE was criminally detained on suspicion of harming endangered and precious wild animals. On 8 February 2024, with the approval of the Shaoshan Municipal People's Procuratorate, the criminal suspect HE was arrested in accordance with the law.

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Zhejiang Coast Guard Seized 26 Green Sea Turtles and Arrested Six Suspects



News Release Date: 22 February 2024

Seizure Date: 19 February 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhejiang Coast Guard

Location: The southern sea area of Xiangshan, Ningbo City, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Patrol

Species: 26 Green sea turtles (*Chelonia mydas*, five of them are alive) Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Possession and Transportation

Number of Offenders: 6

Case Progress: At present, five live Green sea turtles have been handed over to the Wildlife Rescue Center, and the case is being further handled.

Forest Public Security Bureau of Chengbu Miao Autonomous County Seized 14 Chinese Hwamei and Arrested Six Suspects



News Release Date: 29 February 2024

Seizure Date: 27 February 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Public Security Bureau of Chengbu Miao Autonomous County

Hunting Site: Nanshan National Park, Chengbu Miao Autonomous County, Shaoyang City, Hunan Province

Detection Method: Tip off

Species: 14 Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Vehicle with license plate issued by Guiyang City, Guizhou Province

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting and Transportation

Number of Offenders: 6

Case Progress: At present, the case is being further processed. On 28 February, seized Chinese Hwamei were released by the police and Nanshan National Park staff in the afternoon.

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Sanmeng Police Station of Luchun County Public Security Bureau Seized Nine Chinese Hwamei, Two People Were Sentenced



News Release Date: 5 February 2024
Sentencing Date: 9 January 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Sanmeng Police Station of Luchun County Public Security Bureau
Judicial Authority: Luchun County People's Court
Hunting Site: 500 meters away from Zhulong Group of Taipu Village Committee, Sanmeng Township, Luchun County, Honghe Hani and Yi Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province
Detection Method: Tip off
Species: Nine Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II
Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting, Sale, and Possession
Estimated Value: Illegal proceeds CNY 1310
Number of Offenders: 2
Case Progress: The confiscations were handed over to the Forest Police Brigade for disposal. On 9 January 2024, the Luchun County People's Court sentenced defendant XIONG to one year imprisonment with a suspended sentence of one year and six months, and defendant YANG committed the crime of Illegal Hunting and was sentenced to 10 months' imprisonment with a one-year probation.

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Urumqi Railway Transport Intermediate Court Concluded a Case of Illegal Harvesting 103 Snow Lotus, and One Person Was Sentenced

News Release Date: 29 February 2024
Sentencing Date: January 2024
Judicial Authority: Urumqi Railway Transport Intermediate Court
Harvest Site: Dongtianshan Kerlik Nature Reserve, Yanchi Town, Yiyu County, Hami City, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region
Species: 103 Snow lotus (*Saussurea involucreta*), Class II of National Protected Species
Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest (without the approval from the relevant administrative departments)
Number of Offenders: 1 (Surname PA)
Case Progress: In January 2024, the court sentenced defendant for harming the national protected plants.

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Hong Kong SAR

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected endangered species' dried shark skins worth about \$1.7 million



Hong Kong Customs seized about 4 200 kilograms of dried shark skins suspected to be from endangered species, with an estimated market value of about \$1.7 million, at the Kwai Chung Customhouse Cargo Examination Compound yesterday (January 29).

Through risk assessment, Customs on that day selected a container, arriving from Thailand and declared to be containing dried shark skins, for inspection. Upon examination, Customs officers found the batch of suspected endangered species' dried shark skins inside the container.

After a follow-up investigation, Customs yesterday arrested a 67-year-old male director of the consignee company suspected to be connected with the case.

An investigation is ongoing and the arrested man has been released on bail pending further investigation.

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