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Yunnan Hekou Customs Seized One Giant Clams Shell Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 1 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Hekou Customs

Location: Nanxihe inspection site, Hekou Port, Honghe Hani and Yi Autonomous Prefecture, Yunan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: One Giant Clams (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 (male)

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Ningbo Airport Customs Seized 297 g of Giant Clams Shell, 85.94 g of Staghorn Corals and Seven Live Wrinkled Land Hermit Crabs Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 2 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Ningbo Airport Customs

Location: Ningbo Lishe International Airport, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: One Giant Clams (Tridacnidae spp.) shell, 297 g, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Staghorn Corals (*Acroporidae* spp.), 85.94 g, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; seven live Wrinkled Land Hermit Crabs (*Coenobita rugosus*)

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Ningbo Airport Customs Seized One Brain Platygyra Coral Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 4 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Ningbo Airport Customs

Location: Ningbo Lishe International Airport, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: One Brain Platygyra Coral (*Platygyra* spp.) 0.512 kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage (backpack)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Qingdao Jiaodong Airport Customs Seized 3.1 kg of Fresh Desert-broomrape Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 4 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Qingdao Jiaodong Airport Customs

Location: Jiaodong Airport, Qingdao City, Shandong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Fresh Desert-broomrape (*Cistanche deserticola*), 3.1 kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage (Packed in plastic bags)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Shenzhen Huanggang Customs Seized 11 Live Chameleons Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 4 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs

Location: Futian Port, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Eleven live Chameleons (*Chamaeleo* spp.), CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Carry-on Luggage (placed in two white bags wrapped in duct tape and hidden in a long black coat pocket that the suspect carried on his arm)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1 (female)

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Shanghai Postal Customs Seized Four Black Corals Products in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 6 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Shanghai Postal Customs

Location: Shanghai

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Black coral (*Antipatharia* spp.) products, including a handbag, 2 beads necklaces, and a pair of earrings, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (declared as "backpack")

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Yueyang Customs Seized 18.5 Tonnes of Kosso Cut-logs in a Batch of Inbound Freight



News Release Date: 6 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Yueyang Customs

Location: Chenglingji Port, Yueyang City, Hunan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Kosso (*Pterocarpus erinaceus*) cut-logs, 18.5 tonnes, CITES II

Transport Method: Container (the bill of lading declared as "sesame")

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Customs has confiscated the seizures in accordance with the law and handed it over to the anti-smuggling department for investigation.

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Shenzhen Postal Customs Seized 11,800 Dried Seahorses in a Transshipment parcel



News Release Date: 7 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Shenzhen Postal Customs

Location: Shenzhen, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 11,800 Dried Seahorses (*Hippocampus* spp.), 9,931.2 g, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Transshipment parcel (declared as "food ingredients", wrapped in layers of bubble wrap and packed in 5 clear plastic bags)

Intermediate Country: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Chongqing Jiangbei Airport Customs Seized Two Pieces of Blackchin Guitarfish Dorsal Fins Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 9 March 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Chongqing Jiangbei Airport Customs
Location: Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport
Detection Method: Sniffer Dog
Species: Two Pieces of Blackchin guitarfish (*Glaucostegus cemiculus*) dorsal fins, 0.29 kg, CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Check-in Luggage
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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Beijing Capital Airport Customs Seized 51 Ivory Beads Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 10 March 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Capital Airport Customs
Location: Beijing Capital International Airport
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: 51 ivory beads, net weight 469 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage (Hidden in the luggage trolley and wrapped in tinfoil)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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Zhakou Customs Seized 391 Gallbladders from Asiatic Softshell Turtle, Reticulated Python and Asian Water Monitor Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 10 March 2024
Seizure Date: 2 February 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Zhakou Customs
Location: Gongbei Port, Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection
Species: 391 Gallbladders from Asiatic softshell turtles (*Amyda cartilaginea*), CITES II; Reticulated python (*Malayopython reticulatus*), CITES II; Asian water monitor (*Varanus salvator*), Class I of National Protected Species, CTIES II
Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger (The suspect wore a loose coat to cover up the cloth bag containing gallbladders with fishy smell.)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1 (female)
Nationality: Chinese (Macao SAR)

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Suzhou Customs Seized Three Pair of Ivory Painting Scroll Heads in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 12 March 2024
Seizure Date: 8 March 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Suzhou Customs
Location: Suzhou City, Jiangsu Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection
Species: Three pairs of Ivory Painting Scroll Heads, about 150 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound Parcel
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Case Progress: Customs has confiscated the seizures in accordance with the law.

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Beijing Capital Airport Customs Seized Four Bear Nails and a Piece of Bear Bone Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 13 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Capital Airport Customs

Location: Beijing Capital International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Four Bear (*Ursidae* spp.) Nails and a piece of bone, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Ningbo Daxie Customs Seized 13 African Rosewood Cut-logs in a Batch of Inbound Freight



News Release Date: 13 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Daxie Customs

Location: Daxie Development Zone, Ningbo City, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 13 African rosewood (*Pterocarpus* spp.) cut-logs, total 5.63 tonnes, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Freight (declared as "39 Mopane (*Colophospermum mopane*) logs")

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Anhui Luzhou Customs Seized 37 Ivory Billiard Balls in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 15 March 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Luzhou Customs
Location: Hefei City, Anhui Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (CT scan+ AI Image auto-inspection)
Species: 37 Ivory Billiard Balls, 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 Two Live Greek Tortoises Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 16 March 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Capital Airport Customs
Location: Beijing Capital International Airport
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (X-ray)
Species: Two live Greek Tortoises (*Testudo graeca*), 1.61 kg, CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Check-in Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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Xinjiang Jimunai Customs Seized Four Red Fox Furs Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 16 March 2024

Seizure Date: 6 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Jimunai Customs

Location: Jimunai County, Altay Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Four Red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) furs, 1.25 kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES III

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

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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

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Yunnan Mengla Customs Seized Five Asian Black Bear Claws and an Ox Gallbladder Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 18 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Mengla Customs

Location: Mohan Railway Border Gate, Mengla County, Xishuangbanna Dai Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Five Asian black bear (*Ursus thibetanus*) claws 27.83 g, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I; one Ox gallbladder, 93.48 g

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Carry-on Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Shenzhen Postal Customs Seized 35 kg of Dried Siamese Crocodile in a Batch of Export Freight



News Release Date: 18 March 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Shenzhen Postal Customs
Location: Shenzhen, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: Dried Siamese Crocodile (*Crocodylus siamensis*) 35 kg, CITES I
Transport Method: Export Freight (declared as "recipe 50.8 kg")
Country of Export: China
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Yantai Customs Seized One Triton's Trumpet in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 20 March 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Yantai Customs
Location: Yantai City, Shandong Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: One Triton's trumpet (*Charonia tritonis*), about 35 cm long and 20 cm wide, about 1.4 kg, Class II of National Protected Species
Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (declared as "teapot")
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Xuzhou Customs Seized Two Queen Conches in Two Parcels



News Release Date: 21 March 2024

Seizure Date: 9 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Xuzhou Customs

Location: Nanjing, Jiangsu Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Two Queen Conches (*Strombus gigas*), total 1.72 kg, CITES II

Transport Method: Parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Customs has confiscated the seizures in accordance with the law.

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Xiamen Airport Customs Seized Two Saiga Antelope Horns Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 21 March 2024

Forensic Result Date: 21 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Xiamen Airport Customs

Location: Gaoqi International Airport, Xiamen, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Two Saiga antelope (*Saiga tatarica*) horns, 364.87 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II (zero export quota for commercial trade)

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel, wrapped in layers of tin foil, plastic bags and clothing, placed at the bottom of the suitcase)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport Customs Seized Nine Rhino Horn Products, Nine Ivory Products and Eight Pangolin Scales Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 21 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport Customs

Location: Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Nine Rhino (*Rhinocerotidae* spp.) Horn products, CITES I/II; nine ivory products, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; 8 Pangolin (*Manidae* spp.) Scales, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; 6 Crocodile (*Crocodylia* spp.) leather products, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Check-in Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel, some of the seizures were wrapped in tin foil)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Xiamen Dongdu Customs Seized 3 Teapots with Ivory Handles and 20 Ivory Teapot Lid Beads in a Batch of Inbound Freight



News Release Date: 21 March 2024

Forensic Result Date: 20 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Dongdu Customs

Location: Xiamen City, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Three teapots with ivory handles, twenty ivory teapot lid beads, total 81.65 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Freight (declared as "Sterling silver teapot")

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: N/A (declared for import by a trading company)

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Shenzhen Bao'an Airport Customs Seized Two Common Hippopotamus Ivory Carvings Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 25 March 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Shenzhen Bao'an Airport Customs
Location: Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: Two Common hippopotamus (*Hippopotamus amphibius*) ivory carvings, CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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Wuhan Xingang Customs Seized Two Pairs of Ivory Painting Scroll Heads and Six Rosewood Painting Scroll Heads in a Batch of Inbound Freight



News Release Date: 25 March 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Wuhan Xingang Customs
Location: Xingang Port, Wuhan City, Hubei Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection
Species: Two pairs of ivory painting scroll heads, 70 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; six Rosewood (*Dalbergia* spp.) painting scroll heads, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound Freight
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Kalasu Customs Seized One Live Pallid Scops Owl Carried by an Inbound Crew Member



News Release Date: 25 March 2024
Seizure Date: 21 March 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Kalasu Customs
Location: Kalasu Highway Port in Kashgar, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region
Detection Method: Routine Inspection
Species: One Pallid scops owl (*Otus brucei*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound Crew Member's Luggage
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1 (crew member)
Case Progress: The wildlife protection department has been contacted for follow-up settlement.

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Shanghai Huangpu Customs Seized 24 Tablewares with Ivory Handles in a Separate Transport Baggage



News Release Date: 26 March 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Huangpu Customs
Location: Huangpu Port, Shanghai
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: 24 Tablewares with Ivory Handles, including 12 knives and 12 forks, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II
Transport Method: Maritime Luggage Shipping
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Tianjin Ninghe Customs Seized Illegally Imported 845 Stony Corals in Inbound Freight



News Release Date: 26 March 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Ninghe Customs
Location: Ninghe District, Tianjin
Detection Method: Routine Inspection
Species: 845 Stony Corals (*Scleractinia* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound Freight (Inconsistent with the morphological characteristics of the declared species, and imported without required permit)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Shenzhen Luohu Port Customs Seized One Black Rhinoceros Horn Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 28 March 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Luohu Port Customs
Location: Luohu Port, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection
Species: One Black Rhinoceros (*Diceros bicornis*) horn, about 1.4 kg, CITES I
Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger (The suspect disguised himself as an arm-injured person with a wrapping bandage and tied the black rhino horn to his right forearm.)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1 (male)

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Chongqing Jiangbei Airport Customs Seized 18 Ivory Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 28 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Chongqing Jiangbei Airport Customs

Location: Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Eighteen ivory products, including 6 bangles, 6 beads bracelets and 6 pendants, total 750 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Check-in Luggage (hidden in three canned cashew nuts and purposely colored)

Country of Export: Qatar

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Jiangsu Zhangjiagang Customs Seized an Ivory Bangle, an Ivory Beads Bracelet and Three Horned Helmets in Inbound Crew Member's Luggage



News Release Date: 29 March 2024

Seizure Date: 26 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhangjiagang Customs

Location: Zhangjiagang Port, Suzhou City, Jiangsu Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: One ivory bangle and one ivory beads bracelet, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; three Horned helmets (*Cassis cornuta*), Class II of National Protected Species

Transport Method: Inbound Crew Member's Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1 (crew member)

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Xiamen Airport Customs Seized 48.65 kg of Agarwood Small Logs Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 30 March 2024
Forensic Result Date: 27 March 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Xiamen Airport Customs
Location: Gaoqi International Airport, Xiamen, Fujian Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: Agarwood (*Aquilaria* spp.) Small Logs, 48.65 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

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Tianjin Postal Customs Seized 180 Ivory Products and Six Hawksbill turtle Bachi in 32 Inbound Parcels to the Same Recipient



News Release Date: 31 March 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Tianjin Postal Customs
Location: Tianjin
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection), Risk Control
Species: 180 Ivory Products, including Bachi, Chinese musical instrument tuning pegs and bridges, and square plaque, gross weight 5.7951 kg, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; 6 Hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) Bachi, gross weight 904.9 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I
Transport Method: Inbound Parcels (32 parcels)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1
Case Progress: Customs has confiscated the parcels in accordance with the law and handed over for follow-up disposal.

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Kaijiang Forest Police Brigade Cracked a Case of Poaching One Alpine Musk Deer and One Chinese Goral and Arrested Five Suspects



News Release Date: 23 February 2024

Seizure Date: 11 January 2024

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

Location: The suspect's home in Kaijiang County, Dazhou City, Sichuan Province;

Hunting Site: Near the "Xiaodongya" in Xuanhan County, Dazhou City, Sichuan Province

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: One Alpine musk deer (*Moschus chrysogaster*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II; 1 Chinese goral (*Naemorhedus griseus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I

Reason for Seizure: Poaching (electronic fence) and trade

Number of Offenders: 5 6

Case Progress: The five suspects have been taken criminal compulsory measures by the public security agency in accordance with the law, and the case is being further investigated.

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Taojiang County Public Security Bureau Dismantled a Poaching Syndicate and Arrested Four Suspects



News Release Date: 12 March 2024

Seizure Date: 5 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Huishangang Police Station and Forest Police Brigade of Taojiang County Public Security Bureau

Location: The suspect's home in Taojiang County, Yiyang City, Hunan Province

Detection Method: Case Clue, Investigation

Species: Two live masked palm civets (*Paguma larvata*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value (wild population only); 23 wildlife corpses, including Chinese hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; masked palm civet; Siberian weasel (*Mustela sibirica*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value; Chinese hare (*Lepus sinensis*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value; light-vented bulbul (*Pycnonotus sinensis*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value; red-billed blue magpie (*Urocissa erythroryncha*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value; 43 animals furs (The syndicate have poached nearly 200 wild animals since October 2017)

Reason for Seizure: Poaching (leg hold traps and snares)

Number of Offenders: 4

Case Progress: The four suspects have been taken criminal compulsory measures by the public security agency in accordance with the law. Seizures have been handed over to the relevant forestry departments. The seized live civet cats have been released. The case is under further investigation.

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Yiyuan County Forest Public Security Bureau Cracked a Case of Poaching Three Eurasian Eagle Owls and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 12 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Yiyuan County Forest Public Security Bureau

Hunting Site: The suspect's own orchard in Yiyuan County, Zibo City, Shandong Province

Detection Method: Routine Patrol

Species: Three Eurasian eagle owls (*Bubo bubo*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 10 wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting (set up mist net to protect suspect's apple orchard)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The case is being further processed and the mist net has been taken down.

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Chongqing Wuxi County Public Security Bureau Seized 16 Wild Animal Body Parts and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 12 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Fengling Police Station Joint the Food, Drug and Environment Crime Investigation Brigade of Wuxi County Public Security Bureau

Location: Wuxi County, Chongqing City

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: Total 16 wild animal body parts, including 1 Chinese goral corpse (*Naemorhedus griseus*) and 7 limbs, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I; 1 Greater hog badger (*Arctonyx collaris*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting (leg hold traps and electronic fence) and sale (turn into smoked bacon and claimed as "goat meat")

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The suspect WU has been taken criminal compulsory measures by the police in accordance with the law, and the case is under further investigation.

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Alu Korqin Banner Public Security Bureau Cracked a Case of Poaching an Elk and Arrested Four Suspects



News Release Date: 13 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: The Food, Drug and Environment Crime Investigation Brigade of Alu Korqin Banner Public Security Bureau

Location: In a ravine located at northeast of the Gaogestai-Hanwula Nature Reserve in Inner Mongolia

Detection Method: Tip off

Species: One Elk corpse (*Cervus canadensis*), Class II of National Protected Species (wild population only)

Reason for Seizure: Poaching

Number of Offenders: 4

Case Progress: The four suspects in the case have been taken criminal compulsory measures by the Public Security Bureau, and the case is under further investigation.

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Dexing Public Security Bureau Cracked a Case of Poaching a Short-eared Owl and an Asian Barred Owlet and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 13 March 2024

Seizure Date: 12 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Xiangtun Police Station, Dexing Public Security Bureau

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

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: One live Short-eared owl (*Asio flammeus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 1 live Asian barred owlet (*Glaucidium cuculoides*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Doves (*Streptopelia* spp.), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value; several wild Rabbits (*Leporidae* spp.) corpse

Reason for Seizure: Poaching

Number of Offenders: 1 (male)

Case Progress: The suspect WU has been taken criminal compulsory measures by the police in accordance with the law, and the case is under further investigation.

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Hengshan County Forest Public Security Bureau Dismantled an Illegal Wildlife Supply Chain and Arrested Two Suspects (One Suspect at large)



News Release Date: 13 March 2024

Seizure Date: 16 January 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Hengshan County Forest Public Security Bureau

Location: A residential building in Daqiao Community, Hengshan County, Hengyang City, Hunan Province; The suspect's residence in Youxian County, Zhuzhou City, Hunan Province

Detection Method: Tip off

Species: One Barn owl (*Tyto alba*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 7 Hares (*Lepus* spp.); 1 Chinese ferret-badger (*Melogale moschata*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value; 3 Chinese bamboo rats (*Rhizomys sinensis*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value; and 20 birds claws and 7 tail feathers

Transport Method: Vehicle

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting and trade (Sold to farmers' markets and agritainment)

Estimated Value: Over CNY 200,000

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: The suspects have been taken criminal compulsory measures by the police in accordance with the law, and the online wanted notice to suspect has been issued. The case is under further investigation.

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Jiuzhaigou County Public Security Bureau Cracked a Case of Illegally Hunting a Tufted Deer and Arrested One Suspect

News Release Date: 14 March 2024

Seizure Date: July 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Jiuzhaigou County Public Security Bureau

Location: In the suspect's home in Jiuzhaigou County, Aba Tibetan and Qiang Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan Province

Species: One Tufted deer (*Elaphodus cephalophus*), Class II of National Protected Species; and several pieces of suspected wild meat

Reason for Seizure: Poaching

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The suspect has been taken criminal compulsory measures by the police in accordance with the law, and the case is being further investigated.

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Jiuzhaigou County Public Security Bureau Cracked a Case of Poaching Red Fox and Arrested One Suspect

News Release Date: 14 March 2024

Seizure Date: August 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Jiuzhaigou County Public Security Bureau

Location: Jiuzhaigou County, Aba Tibetan and Qiang Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan Province

Species: One Red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) (Making hats out of fur), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES III

Reason for Seizure: Poaching

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The suspect has been taken criminal compulsory measures in accordance with the law, and the case is being further investigated.

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Cixi Municipal Public Security Bureau Dismantled a Migratory Bird Poaching Syndicate, Seized 152 Wild Birds and Arrested 15 Suspects

News Release Date: 15 March 2024

Seizure Date: February 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Cixi Municipal Public Security Bureau

Location: Hangzhou Bay National Wetland Park, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: Twelve Baikal teals (*Sibirionetta formosa/Anas formosa*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 140 Mallards (*Anas platyrhynchos*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value (wild population only), and other wild birds

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting and sale

Number of Offenders: 15

Case Progress: The 11 suspects involved in the case were criminally detained.

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Jiaxing and Haiyan Police Dismantled an Illegal Hunting Syndicate, Seized 1100 Siberian Weasels and Other Wildlife and Their Products and Arrested 12 Suspects

News Release Date: 15 March 2024

Seizure Date: February 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Jiaxing and Haiyan Police

Hunting Site: Haiyan County and Nanhu District of Jiaxing City, Haining City and other places in Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: 1,100 Siberian weasels (*Mustela sibirica*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value, and other wildlife and their products

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting (200 leg hold traps); and sale (the furs is sold to the leather factory and the siberian weasal meat was sold to other places for food consumption)

Estimated Value: Over CNY 10, 000, 000

Number of Offenders: 12

Case Progress: 11 suspects involved in the case were criminally detained.

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Lin'an Branch of Hangzhou Municipal Public Security Bureau Cracked a Case of Poaching Sika Deer and Arrested Two Suspects

News Release Date: 15 March 2024

Seizure Date: January 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Lin'an Branch of Hangzhou Municipal Public Security Bureau

Hunting Site: In Qingliangfeng National Nature Reserve, Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: One Sika deer (*Cervus nippon*) fur, Class I of National Protected Species (wild population only)

Reason for Seizure: Poaching (4 leg hold traps)

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: The 2 suspects involved in the case were criminally detained

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Shengsi County Public Security Bureau Seized Over 4,000 Wild Seahorses and Arrested Two Suspects

News Release Date: 15 March 2024

Seizure Date: December 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Shengsi County Public Security Bureau

Location: The eastern township of Shengsi, Zhoushan City, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: Over 4,000 Seahorses (*Hippocampus* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal acquisition and sale (Online and offline sale)

Estimated Value: Over CNY 200,000 (illegal proceeds)

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: The 2 suspects involved in the case were criminally detained.

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Jingning County Public Security Bureau Seized Five Pangolins and Arrested Two Suspects

News Release Date: 15 March 2024

Seizure Date: February 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Jingning County Public Security Bureau

Location: Jingning County, Lishui City, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: Five Pangolins (*Manidae* spp.), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

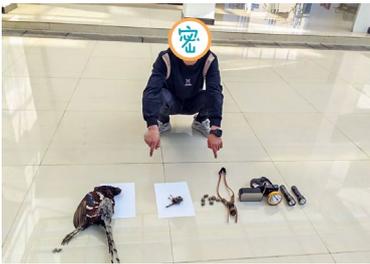
Reason for Seizure: Illegal trade

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: The 2 suspects involved in the case were criminally detained.

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Tengchong Municipal Public Security Bureau Cracked a Case of Poaching a Hume's Bar-tailed Pheasant and a White-browed Laughingthrush and Arrested Two Suspects



News Release Date: 15 March 2024

Seizure Date: 6 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Qushi Police Station of Tengchong Municipal Public Security Bureau

Location: Yanzipo Forest, Dam Community, Qushi Town, Tengchong City, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Routine Patrol

Species: One Hume's Bar-tailed Pheasant (*Syrnaticus humiae*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; 1 White-browed Laughingthrush (*Garrulax sannio*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Poaching (for food consumption; Slingshot, flashlight, Bluetooth speaker)

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Suspect WU and WANG have been taken criminal compulsory measures by the police in accordance with the law, and the case is being further investigated.

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Dongxiang County Public Security Bureau Cracked a Case of Illegally Hunting 100 Alpine Stream Salamanders and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 18 March 2024

Seizure Date: 9 March 2024

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

Location: A market in Suonan Town, Dongxiang Autonomous County, Gansu Province

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: 100 Alpine stream salamanders (*Batrachuperus tibetanus*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting and sale

Estimated Value: CNY 150,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The suspect ZHANG has been taken criminal compulsory measures by the police in accordance with the law, and the case is being further investigated.

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Anji County Public Security Bureau Seized Four Chinese Hwameis and Arrested Three Suspects



News Release Date: 19 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Tianzihu Police Station of Anji County Public Security Bureau Joint Environmental Investigation Brigade (Forest Police)

Location: In the suspect's rental place in Anji County, Huzhou City, Zhejiang Province

Hunting Site: Guangde City, Anhui Province

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: Four Chinese hwameis (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting (Mobile phone simulates bird calls to trap)

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: The three suspects have been detained on suspicion of illegal hunting and the case is being further investigated. The seized Chinese hwameis have been released by the police

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Wuxi County Public Security Bureau Cracked a Case of Illegally Hunting a Reeves's muntjac and a Masked Palm Civet by Using Hunting Dogs and Arrested Two Suspects



News Release Date: 19 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Shanghuang Police Station and Food, Drug and Environment Crime Investigation Brigade of Wuxi County Public Security Bureau

Location: In the suspect's home in Shanghuang Town, Wuxi County, Chongqing City

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: Reeves's muntjac (*Muntiacus reevesi*), 1 corpse, 1 foot and a piece of rib, the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value; 1 dead masked palm civet (*Paguma larvata*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value (wild population only)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting (Nearly 10 hunting dogs, GPS tracking collars)

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: The two suspects have been taken criminal compulsory measures by the police in accordance with the law, and the case is being further investigated.



Taining County Forest Police Brigade Cracked a Case of Poaching Two Silver Pheasant and 25 Reeves's Muntjac and Arrested Four Suspects



News Release Date: 20 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Taining County Forest Police Brigade and the police station under its jurisdiction

Hunting Site: A mountain at Sandi Village, Shangqing Township, Taining County, Sanming City, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: Two Silver pheasants (*Lophura nycthemera*), Class II of National Protected Species; 25 Reeves's muntjacs (*Muntiacus reevesi*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value; four Wild boar (*Sus scrofa*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting (electronic fence) and sale

Estimated Value: About CNY 20,000 (illegal profit)

Number of Offenders: 4

Case Progress: The four suspects have been taken criminal compulsory measures by the police in accordance with the law, and the case is being further investigated.

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Longquanyi District Market Supervision Bureau Seized Five Fluted Clam products and One Person Was Fined

News Release Date: 20 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Longquanyi District Market Supervision Bureau

Location: The suspect's home in Chengdu, Sichuan Province

Species: Five Fluted clam products (*Tridacna squamosa*), Class II of National Protected Species (wild population only), CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal purchases (Purchased from WeChat friends and placed as mascots in private Buddhist halls, unable to provide the Special Label for Wild Management)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Offender was fined CNY 8,400 and the five clams involved in the case were confiscated.

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Heshang Police Station of Hangzhou Municipal Public Security Bureau Cracked a Case of Poaching 26 Protected Birds and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 21 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Heshang Police Station

Location: In the suspect's rented house in Xiaoshan District, Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: Five live Chinese hwameis (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 1 Japanese quail (*Coturnix japonica*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value (wild population only); 2 live Oriental turtle doves (*Streptopelia orientalis*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value; one live Sedge warbler (*Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*); seventeen frozen birds, including three suspected owls (*Strigiformes* spp.), Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting (mist net)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The suspect has been taken criminal compulsory measures by the police in accordance with the law, and the case is being further investigated. The seized Chinese hwameis and other wild birds have been handed over to wildlife rescue organizations.

Tianjin Police Dismantled a Syndicate Trading Hawksbill Turtle and Giant Clams and Arrested 15 Suspects

News Release Date: 22 March 2024

Seizure Date: July 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Tianjin Police

Location: Tianjin

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: Hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; Giant Clams (*Tridacnidae* spp.), Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal acquisition and sale

Estimated Value: Over CNY 1 million

Number of Offenders: 15

Case Progress: The suspects have been transferred to the procuratorate for prosecution in accordance with the law.

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The 13th Division of the Xinxing Municipal Public Security Bureau Seized 11 Goitered Gazelles and Arrested Nine Suspects



News Release Date: 24 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: The 13th Division of the Xinxing Municipal Public Security Bureau

Location: Mountainous at Liushuquan Farm, Xinxing City, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: Eleven Goitered Gazelles (*Gazella subgutturosa*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting, transportation and sale

Number of Offenders: 9

Case Progress: The suspects have been criminally detained in accordance with the law, and the case is under further investigation.

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Dengta Municipal Public Security Bureau Seized over 390 Protected Birds and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 25 March 2024

Seizure Date: 9 January 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Dengta Municipal Public Security Bureau

Location: Huazi Town, Dengta City, Liaoyang City, Liaoning Province

Detection Method: Tip off

Species: Thirty-two Pallas's rose finches (*Carpodacus roseus*), Class II of National Protected Species; over 360 Brambling (*Fringilla montifringilla*), Chinese grosbeak (*Eophona migratoria*) and other wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting (Mist-nets) and sale

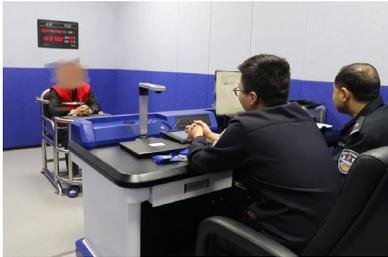
Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The suspect has been taken criminal compulsory measures by the police in accordance with the law.

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Taojiang County Public Security Bureau Cracked a Case of Poaching 25 Chinese Bullfrogs and 11 Chinese Spiny Frogs and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 26 March 2024

Seizure Date: 24 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Majitang Police Station of Taojiang County Public Security Bureau

Location: In the suspect's home in Changtang Town, Anhua County, Yiyang City, Hunan Province

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: Twenty-five Chinese bullfrogs (*Hoplobatrachus chinensis*), Class II of National Protected Species (wild population only); 11 Chinese spiny frogs (*Quasipaa spinosa*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting and sale

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The suspect has been taken criminal compulsory measures by the police in accordance with the law, and the case is being further investigated.

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Yunan Nasa Police Station Seized 25 Chinese Hwameis and Arrested Four Suspects



News Release Date: 28 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Nasa Police Station and Zhujie Police Station

Location: Flower and bird market in Nasa Town, Guangnan County, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Twenty-five Chinese hwameis (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal acquisition

Number of Offenders: 4

Case Progress: The case is being further investigated.

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Keshiketengqi Public Security Bureau Cracked a Case of Poaching Three Elks and Three Siberian Roe Deers and Arrested Five Suspects



News Release Date: 29 March 2024

Seizure Date: 31 January 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Food, Drug and Environmental Crime Investigation Brigade of Keshiketengqi Public Security Bureau and Huanggangliang Forest Park Police Station

Location: In the Huanggangliang National Forest Park, Chifeng City, Inner Mongolia

Detection Method: Routine Patrol

Species: Three Elks (*Cervus canadensis*), Class II of National Protected Species (wild population only); 3 Siberian roe deers (*Capreolus pygargus*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Poaching (shotgun)

Number of Offenders: 5

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Hanjiang Public Security Forest Police Brigade Seized Three Chinese Hwameis and Arrested Three Suspects



News Release Date: 29 March 2024

Seizure Date: 25 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Hanjiang Public Security Forest Police Brigade and Zhuangbian Police Station

Location: Lianfeng Village, Dayang Township, Hanjiang District, Putian City, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: Three Chinese hwameis (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Poaching (snares)

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: The case is being further investigated. Seized Chinese hwameis have been released by police in conjunction with the Department of Natural Resources

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Hanjiang Public Security Forest Police Brigade Seized Three Chinese Hwameis and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 29 March 2024

Seizure Date: 21 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Hanjiang Public Security Forest Police Brigade and Wutang Police Station

Location: Fenglin Village, Wutang Town, Hanjiang District, Putian City, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: Three Chinese hwameis (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Poaching (keeping as pet)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The case is being further investigated. Seized Chinese hwameis have been released in conjunction with the Department of Natural Resources.

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Taiyuan Jinyuan District People's Court of Taiyuan City Public Had a Public Trial on a Case of Poaching Six Siberian Rubythroats and Sentenced One Person



News Release Date: 5 March 2024

Hunting Date: Mid-December 2023, 10 September 2022

Judicial Authority: Jinyuan District People's Court of Taiyuan City

Hunting Site: In the southern extension of Fenhe Park, Jinyuan District, Taiyuan City, Shanxi Province

Species: Six Siberian rubythroats (*Calliope calliope*) (four were released and two were reared at home), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Poaching (snares)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant HAN committed the crime of poaching and was sentenced to three months' criminal detention with a three-month suspended sentence, bearing CNY 3,000 in ecological resource restoration costs, and participating in 40 hours of volunteer service for wildlife protection arranged by the Jinyuan District Natural Resources Bureau.

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Shaanxi Zhenba County People's Court Public Heard a Case of Harming Endangered Wildlife and Prosecuted One Person



News Release Date: 8 March 2024

Court Date: 6 March 2024

Judicial Authority: Zhenba County People's Court

Location: Zhenba County, Hanzhong City, Shaanxi Province

Species: Three Chinese gorals (*Naemorhedus griseus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I; 1 Greater hog badger (*Arctonyx collaris*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting (To prevent wild boars from destroying crops; no hunting license)

Estimated Value: CNY 150,800 (CNY 150,000 for three Chinese gorals and CNY 800 for the Greater hog)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Sentencing will be announced at a later date.

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Hunan Sangzhi County People's Court Heard a Case of Illegal Hunting, transportation and trade of Protected Wildlife and Prosecuted 11 People



News Release Date: 11 March 2024

Sentencing Date: 11 March 2024

Judicial Authority: Sangzhi County People's Court

Location: Sangzhi County, Zhangjiajie City, Hunan Province

Species: Tufted deer (*Elaphodus cephalophus*), Class II of National Protected Species; Reeves's muntjac (*Muntiacus reevesi*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value; 1 Wild boar (*Sus scrofa*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting, transportation and trade

Estimated Value: CNY 161,250

Number of Offenders: 11

Case Progress: The 11 defendants had no objection to the facts and evidence of the crime charged by the public prosecution, voluntarily pleaded guilty and accepted punishment, expressed their acceptance of the sentence in court, and were willing to pay the cost of ecological restoration and publicly apologize to the public. Sentencing will be announced at a later date.

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Yunnan Zhaoyang District People's Court Pronounced a Case of Illegally Hunting Six Dwarf Musk Deer and Sentenced Two People

News Release Date: 13 March 2024

Judicial Authority: Zhaoyang District People's Court

Location: Zhaotong City, Yunnan Province (on the way to the defendant's sale of musk)

Species: Six Dwarf musk deer (*Moschus berezovskii*), extracted and made 3 musks to sale, Class I of National Protected Species/CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting, transportation and trade

Estimated Value: Two musks sold for CNY 5,500

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Defendants were sentenced to three years and two years' imprisonment respectively. In this case, the two defendants were also sentenced to pay public welfare damages of CNY 13,700 in total

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Beijing Huairou Environmental Resources Court Public Heard a Case of Illegally Hunting Protected Wildlife and Sentenced One Person



News Release Date: 14 March 2024

Seizure Date: 25 September 2023

Judicial Authority: Huairou Environmental Resources Court

Location: Near a Village in Labagoumen Manchu Ethnic Township, Huairou District, Beijing

Species: One Leopard cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 3 Common Pheasants (*Phasianus colchicus*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value; three Chinese hares (*Lepus sinensis*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value; 9 Swinhoe's striped squirrels (*Tamias swinhoi*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 9,990

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The defendant was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, for the crime of illegal hunting, and sentenced the defendant to compensate for the loss of wildlife resources; Exercise an apology to the public. The case has not yet entered into force

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Yunnan Deqin County People's Court Public Heard a Case of Illegally Hunting a Tufted Deer and Sentenced One Person



News Release Date: 18 March 2024

Hunting Date: Mid-May 2023

Judicial Authority: Deqin County People's Court

Location: In the pasture area of Xiaruo Township, Deqin County, Yunnan Province (belonging to the core area of Baima Snow Mountain National Nature Reserve in Yunnan)

Species: One Tufted deer (*Elaphodus cephalophus*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting (home-made Steel Trap)

Estimated Value: CNY 12,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The defendant was sentenced to six months in prison, suspended for one year, and to bear CNY 12,000 for the loss of national wildlife resources, and a written apology letter was publicly published in the media at or above the county level within 30 days after the judgment took effect

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Beijing Shijingshan Court Public Heard a Case of Illegally Hunting 11 Endangered Bird and Sentenced One Person



News Release Date: 20 March 2024

Hunting Date: 4 May 2023

Judicial Authority: Shijingshan Court

Location: Mountain area in Shijingshan District, Beijing

Species: Eleven wild birds, including 2 Chestnut-Flanked White-eyes (*Zosterops erythropleurus*) (one live and one dead), Class II of National Protected Species; 4 Yellow-browed warblers (*Phylloscopus inornatus*) corpses, the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value; 1 Pallas's leaf warbler (*Phylloscopus proregulus*) corpse, the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value; 1 Eurasian siskin (*Spinus spinus*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value; one Chinese grosbeak (*Eophona migratoria*) corpse, the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting (mist-net; Without the hunting permission)

Estimated Value: Total CNY 5,100 (CNY 1,500 for per Chestnut-Flanked White-eye, and CNY 300 for per wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant was sentenced to seven months in prison, suspended for one year. Support all the litigation claims of the plaintiff in the attached civil public interest litigation: 1) Order Defendant ZHU, the defendant in the attached civil public interest litigation, to bear the cost of the loss of wildlife resources in the amount of CNY 3,300. 2) Order the defendant in the civil public interest litigation attached to the criminal case, to publicly apologize in the media at the provincial level or above. The case is now in force

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Sichuan Wangcang County People's Court Public Heard a Case of Illegal Hunting and Harming Endangered Wild Animals done by a Syndicate and Prosecuted 26 People



News Release Date: 21 March 2024

Court Date: 19-20 March 2024

Judicial Authority: Wangcang County People's Court

Location: Guangyuan City and Bazhong City of Sichuan Province, Shaanxi Province and other places

Species: Over 600 protected wild animals, including Dwarf musk deer (*Moschus berezovskii*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II; Chinese goral (*Naemorhedus griseus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I; Black muntjac (*Muntiacus crinifrons*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; Tufted deer (*Elaphodus cephalophus*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting, transportation and trade

Number of Offenders: 26 people in this case and more than 80 in the series of cases

Case Progress: In the end, all the defendants pleaded guilty and accepted punishment; The civil public interest litigation claim for compensation is recognized, and the judgment in the case will be announced at a later date.

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Qinghai Maqin County People's Court Public Heard a Case of Illegal Hunting and Acquisition of Wolf products, 12 Cyprinid and 29 other wild fishes and Sentenced One Person



News Release Date: 21 March 2024

Judicial Authority: Maqin County People's Court; Sanjiangyuan District Procuratorate

Hunting Site: Xiagongma Township, Gander County, Guoluo Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Qinghai Province

Species: Wolf (*Canis lupus*), 47 pieces of meat, 1 skin, 3 heads and 5 teeth, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 12 Cyprinids (*Gymnodiptychus pachycheilus*), Class II of National Protected Species (wild population only); and 29 other wild fishes

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting and acquisition

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The Sanjiangyuan District Procuratorate filed a criminal case in accordance with the law, and the court pronounced the verdict in court. Defendant pleaded guilty and accepted the verdict and did not appeal.

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Qinghai Maqin County People's Court Public Heard a Case of Illegally Trading Four Thorold's Deer Antlers and 22 Elk Antlers and Sentenced Four People



News Release Date: 21 March 2024
Seizure Date: 9 February 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Banqian Township Police Station
Judicial Authority: Maqin County People's Court; Sanjiangyuan District Procuratorate
Location: The entrance of the Banqian Township Police Station in Banma County, Guoluo Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Qinghai Province
Species: Four Thorold's deers (*Przewalskium albirostris*) antlers, Class I of National Protected Species; 22 Elk (*Cervus canadensis*) antlers, Class II of National Protected Species (wild population only); total 190 kg
Transport Method: Truck
Reason for Seizure: Illegal trade
Estimated Value: CNY 22,500 (The total value of Thorold's deer antlers is CNY 6,000 and the total value of elk antlers is CNY 16,500.)
Number of Offenders: 4
Case Progress: The Sanjiangyuan District Procuratorate filed a criminal case in accordance with the law, and the court pronounced the verdict in court, and the defendant pleaded guilty and accepted the verdict and did not appeal.

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Inner Mongolia Uxin Banner People's Court Heard a Case of Poaching 21 Endangered Birds and Sentenced One Person



News Release Date: 21 March 2024
Sentencing Date: 12 January 2024
Seizure Date: 25 April 2023
Law Enforcement Authority: Food Drug and Environment Crime Investigation Brigade of Uxin Banner Public Security Bureau
Judicial Authority: Uxin Banner People's Court
Location: The defendant's home in Uxin Banner, Ordos City, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region
Detection Method: Cyber Patrol (Kuai Shou, TikTok), Investigation
Species: One Golden eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II; 19 wild birds of Class II of National Protected Species, including Eurasian goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*), CITES II; Eurasian sparrowhawk (*Accipiter nisus*), CITES II; Besra (*Accipiter virgatus*), CITES II; Upland buzzard (*Buteo hemilasius*), CITES II; Common buzzard (*Buteo japonicus*), CITES II; Eurasian eagle owl (*Bubo bubo*), CITES II; Peregrine (Falco peregrinus), CITES I; Red-footed Falcon (*Falco vespertinus*), CITES II; 1 Grey-capped greenfinch (*Chloris sinica*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value
Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting (Mist-nets and birds traps), acquisition and sale
Estimated Value: CNY 515,300
Number of Offenders: 1
Case Progress: Defendant was sentenced to 5.5 years in prison and fined CNY 50,000 and was ordered to bear the liability for compensation for ecological and environmental damage (CNY 1,030,600).

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Guangdong Yangdong District Court Pronounced a Case of Illegal Chain Fern Rhizome Harvest and Sale of and Sentenced One Person

News Release Date: 26 March 2024

Poaching Date: August 2022

Judicial Authority: Yangdong District Court

Location: A market in Yangdong District, Yangjiang City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Tip off

Species: Eight Chain fern rhizome (*Cibotium barometz*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Poaching and sale

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The defendant was sentenced to two years' imprisonment, suspended for three years, and fined CNY 3,000.

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Panjin Municipal Intermediate People's Court Heard a Case of Illegal Hunting, Acquisition and Sale of 200 Siberian Weasels and Sentenced Two People

News Release Date: 26 March 2024

Judicial Authority: Panjin Municipal Intermediate People's Court of Liaoning Province

Location: Xinghai Village and Xihai Village in Wangjia Town, Dawa District and near the Ninghai Road of Liao River Delta, Panjin City, and Gaohuozhi Town in Haicheng City, Liaoning Province

Species: 200 Siberian weasels (*Mustela sibirica*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting and trade

Estimated Value: CNY 800,000

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: The defendant XU was sentenced to 10 months imprisonment, and the defendant LI was sentenced to 3 years and 8 months imprisonment and fined CNY 50,000. All the illegal gains of the two defendants were recovered in accordance with law, and the tools used to commit the crime were confiscated, and all were handed over to the state treasury. The defendant Xu paid CNY 160,000 in compensation for wild animals, and the defendant LI was jointly liable to pay within the range of CNY 142,400.

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Guangxi Hexian People's Court Heard a Case of Illegally Harvesting 100 Cycads and Sentenced Three People

News Release Date: 27 March 2024

Judicial Authority: Hexian People's Court

Poaching Site: Yanloutun, Jiangzhou District, Chongzuo City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region; Longzhuangtun

Species: One hundred cycads, including *Cycas sexseminifera* and *Cycas bifida*, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and trade (WeChat)

Estimated Value: CNY 2,170 (value for purchase 60 *Cycas sexseminifera* and *Cycas bifida*)

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: Defendant He was sentenced to three years in prison, suspended for four years, and fined CNY 3,000; Defendant BI was sentenced to three years' imprisonment, suspended for three years and six months, and fined CNY 3,000, and Defendant CHEN was sentenced to two years and six months in prison, suspended for three years, and fined CNY 3,000.

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Guangdong Gaoyao District People's Court Heard a Case of Illegal Chain Fern Rhizome Harvest

News Release Date: 28 March 2024

Judicial Authority: Gaoyao District People's Court; Gaoyao District People's Procuratorate

Location: Gaoyao District, Zhaoqing City, Guangdong Province

Species: Chain fern rhizome (*Cibotium barometz*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Case Progress: The defendant was sentenced to three years' imprisonment, suspended for four years, and fined CNY 2,000, and at the same time, the defendant was sentenced to bear a total of CNY 39,623.7 for ecological and environmental losses and expenses, and to publicly apologize to the society.

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Hong Kong SAR

AFCD seized endangered European eel fry



The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) seized 53 kilograms of eel fry, including that of regulated species at Hong Kong International Airport yesterday (March 14).

Hong Kong Customs intercepted a shipment declared as 353 kilograms gross weight of the African longfin eel (*Anguilla mossambica*) from Mauritania to Hong Kong via Turkey. Upon examination by the AFCD, the shipment was found to be eel fry and the regulated European eel (*Anguilla anguilla*) was found blended in the shipment. A total of 53 kilograms of eel fry was seized under the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance (Cap. 586) for further investigation as a result.

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Jobless man who smuggled 440kg of endangered pangolin scales into Hong Kong sentenced to 4 years in jail

An unemployed man has been sentenced to four years in jail after he was found guilty of smuggling 440kg (970lbs) of scales from endangered pangolins into Hong Kong.

District Court Judge Clement Lee Hing-nin on Wednesday sentenced Hong Endian, 52, after convicting him of two counts of conspiring to import and possess specimens of an endangered species, in violation of the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance.

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