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Heilongjiang Heihe Customs Seized 10 Marten Furs Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 1 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Heihe Customs

Location: Heihe River Port, Heilongjiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Four Sable (*Martes zibellina*) furs, Class I of National Protected Species; three Beech Marten (*M. foina*) furs, Class II of National Protected Species; other three Marten (*Martes* spp.) furs; total 0.47 kg

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage (waterborne)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Fuzhou Changle Airport Customs Seized 56 Pieces of Jewelry Made from Endangered Wildlife Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 2 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Fuzhou Changle Airport Customs

Location: Fuzhou Changle International Airport, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 56 pieces of jewelry, including bangles, bracelets, necklaces and pendants, which are made of Red Coral (*Coralliidae* spp.), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES III (four species in China); 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; Blue Coral (*Helioporidae* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Rosewood (*Dalbergia* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; Red Sandalwood (*Pterocarpus santalinus*), CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Items been temporarily seized in accordance with the law and pending further processing.

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Yunnan Hekou Customs Seized 419.6 g of Sunda Pangolin Scales Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 2 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Hekou Customs

Location: Nanxihe Inspection site, Hekou Port, Honghe Hani and Yi Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Sunda Pangolin (*Manis javanica*) scales, 419.6 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger (Packed in a sealed bag and placed in a black plastic bag, hidden in the pant pocket)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Guangzhou Postal Customs Seized 85 Red Coral Products in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 2 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Postal Customs

Location: Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 85 Red Coral (*Coralliidae* spp.) products, net weight 22.8 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES III (four species in China)

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (declared as a "raw stone", and dispensed in several small sealed bags)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Hebei Huanghua Port Customs Seized Two Horned Helmet Shells in Inbound Crew Member's Luggage



News Release Date: 2 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Huanghua Port Customs

Location: Huanghua Port, Cangzhou City, Hebei Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (X-ray)

Species: Two Horned Helmet (*Cassis cornuta*) shells, weighed 1.65 kg and 1.4 kg respectively, Class II of National Protected Species

Transport Method: Inbound Crew Member's Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: The shells have been intercepted in accordance with the law.

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



News Release Date: 3 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Postal Customs

Location: Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Three pairs of Ivory Painting Scroll Heads, net weight 121.5 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Guangzhou Postal Customs Seized 17 Siamese Rosewood Products in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 5 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Postal Customs

Location: Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (X-ray)

Species: 17 Siamese Rosewood (*Dalbergia cochinchinensis*) bowls, tubes, and large blocks, total 25.66 kg, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized 29 Ivory Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 6 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs

Location: Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: One ivory bangle, 26 ivory beads, two ivory rectangular blocks (artificially colored), total 515 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage (Wrapped in tin foil and sealed in wax bricks)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Qingdao Jiaodong Airport Customs Seized 900 g of Dried Pelagic Thresher Fins Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 6 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Qingdao Jiaodong Airport Customs

Location: Qingdao Jiaodong International Airport, Shandong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Pelagic Thresher (*Alopias pelagicus*) dried shark fin, 900 g, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Check-in Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized One Queen Conch Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 6 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs

Location: Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: One Queen Conches (*Strombus gigas*), 1200 g, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Jiangsu Zhangjiagang Customs Seized 23 Pieces of Wildlife Products Carried by an Inbound Crew Member



News Release Date: 6 April 2024

Seizure Date: 27 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhangjiagang Customs

Location: Zhangjiagang Port, Suzhou City, Jiangsu Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Five Silky Shark (*Carcharhinus falciformis*) fins, CITES II; five Scalloped Hammerhead (*Sphyrna lewini*) fins, CITES II; two Horse Hoof Clam (*Hippopus hippopus*) shells, Class II of National Protected Species (Wild populations only), CITES II; eleven Triton's Trumpet (*Charonia tritonis*) shells, Class II of National Protected Species

Transport Method: Inbound Crew Member's Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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

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West Kowloon Station Customs Seized Three Chambered Nautilus Shells Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 8 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: West Kowloon Station Customs

Location: Hong Kong (SAR) West Kowloon Station Mainland Port Area

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Three Chambered Nautilus (*Nautilus pompilius*) shells, total 0.84 kg, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel; Wrap in bubble wrap)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Shenzhen Postal Customs Seized 63 Agarwood Beads Bracelets in an Export Parcel



News Release Date: 10 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Shenzhen Postal Customs

Location: Shenzhen, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 63 Agarwood (*Aquilaria* spp.) beads bracelets, total 452.96 g, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Export Parcel

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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West Kowloon Station Customs Seized One Live Chinese Box Turtle Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 12 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: West Kowloon Station Customs

Location: Hong Kong (SAR) West Kowloon Station Mainland Port Area

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: One live Chinese Box Turtle (*Cuora flavomarginata*), 313.5 g, Class II of National Protected Species (Wild populations only), CITES II (A zero export quota for wild specimens traded for commercial purposes)

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel; Packed in disposable lunch boxes and packed in tote bags)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized 200 g of Tree Pangolin Scales Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 12 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs

Location: Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Tree Pangolin (*Manis tricuspis*) scales, 200 g, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Lanzhou Zhongchuan Airport Customs Seized 16 Giant Clams Products in an Inbound Flight



News Release Date: 15 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Lanzhou Zhongchuan Airport Customs

Location: Lanzhou Zhongchuan International Airport, Gansu Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Twelve Giant Clams (*Tridacnidae* spp.) beads bracelets, four Giant Clams bangles, total 1.07 kg, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Seized items have been further disposed of in accordance with the law.

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Fujian Putian Customs Seized One Horned Helmet Carried by an Inbound Crew Member



News Release Date: 17 April 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Putian Customs
Location: Putian City, Fujian Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection
Species: One Horned Helmet (*Cassis cornuta*), 0.85 kg, Class II of National Protected Species
Transport Method: Crew Member's Luggage
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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Guangdong Luohu Customs Seized Nine Live Leopard Tortoises Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 21 April 2024
Forensic Result Date: 8 April 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Luohu Customs
Location: Luohu Port, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection
Species: Nine live Leopard Tortoises (*Stigmochelys pardalis*), CITES II
Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger (Hidden in the crotch)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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Shenzhen Bay Customs Seized 35 Giant Clams Beads Bracelets in a Batch of Export Freight



News Release Date: 26 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Shenzhen Bay Customs

Location: Shenzhen Bay Port, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 35 Giant Clams (*Tridacnidae* spp.) beads bracelets, net weight 9.6 kg, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Export Freight (Declaration of export freight in the form of cross-border e-commerce; Seized Giant Clams was not declared)

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Guangdong Huanggang Customs Seized 2.1 kg of Live Corals Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 26 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs

Location: Futian Port, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Live Stony Corals (*Scleractinia* spp.), 2.05 kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; live Organ-pipe Corals (*Tubiporidae* spp.), 0.05 kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Carry-on Luggage (Multiple plastic bags containing water are packed in the backpack)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1 (female)

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Fujian Pingtan Customs Seized One Stony Corals Product Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 27 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Pingtan Customs

Location: Pingtan County, Fuzhou City, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: One Stony Corals (*Scleractinia* spp.) skeleton remains, 3.538 kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage (International cruises)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Tibet Bakuo Customs Seized 4.676 kg of Leopard Furs in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 28 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Bakuo Customs

Location: Lhasa, Tibet Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Leopard (*Panthera pardus*) furs (Shaped as coat liners), 4.676 kg, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (Sandwiched between two coat liners.)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Seized items have been disposed of in accordance with relevant regulations.

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Lindian County Public Security Bureau Cracked a Case of Illegally Hunting Two Hooded Cranes and 22 Mallards and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 8 April 2024

Alert Date: 31 March 2024

Seizure Date: 5 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Lindian County Public Security Bureau, Daqing City

Location: Lindian County Public Security Bureau, Daqing City, Heilongjiang Province

Detection Method: Tip off

Species: Two Hooded Cranes (*Grus monacha*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; 22 Mallards (*Anas platyrhynchos*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value (wild populations only)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (Poisoning; For food consumption)

Number of Offenders: 1 (Surname CAO)

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

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Xinglong Public Security Branch Cracked a Case of Illegally Logging Three Manchurian Ashs and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 9 April 2024

Seizure Date: 4 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: The Forest Crime Investigation Brigade of the Xinglong Branch of the Heilongjiang Provincial Forest District Public Security Bureau and the Nonghe Police Station

Location: The edge of a corn field in the No.63 Compartment of the Situn Forest Farm of the Xinglong Forestry Bureau, Bayan County, Harbin City, Heilongjiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Patrol

Species: Three Manchurian Ashs (*Fraxinus manschurica*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal logging (sickle; because Manchurian Ash blocked the sun affecting the growth of crops in the suspect's cornfield)

Number of Offenders: 1 (Surname PANG)

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

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Linkou Public Security Branch Cracked a Case of Illegally Logging Two Manchurian Ashs and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 11 April 2024

Seizure Date: 9 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Crime Investigation Brigade of Linkou Branch of Heilongjiang Provincial Forest District Public Security Bureau, Xibeileng Police Station

Location: The corner of the yard of the suspect's house in Hongqi Village, Jiantang Town, Linkou County

Logging site: Dongsheng Forest Farm Operation Area, Linkou Forestry Bureau, Linkou County, Mudanjiang City, Heilongjiang Province

Detection Method: Tip off

Species: Two Manchurian Ashs (*Fraxinus mandshurica*), Crafted two shovel handles, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal logging

Number of Offenders: 1 (Surname LI)

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

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Linkou Public Security Branch Cracked a Case of Illegally Logging Two Manchurian Ashs and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 11 April 2024

Seizure Date: 10 April 2024 forenoon

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Crime Investigation Brigade of Linkou Branch of Heilongjiang Provincial Forest District Public Security Bureau, Hushui Police Station

Location: The suspect's backyard warehouse

Logging site: In the operation area of the Hongshi Business Office of the Linkou Forestry Bureau, Linkou County, Mudanjiang City, Heilongjiang Province

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: Two Manchurian Ashs (*Fraxinus mandshurica*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal logging (handsaw; to make a shovel handle.)

Number of Offenders: 1 (Surname LI, Residents of Hanconghe Village, Gucheng town)

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

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Qinghe Public Security Branch Cracked a Case of Illegally Logging Three Manchurian Ashs and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 12 April 2024

Seizure Date: 10 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Crime Investigation Brigade of Qinghe Branch of Heilongjiang Provincial Forest District Public Security Bureau, Dagudong Police Station

Location: A fishpond in the operation area of the Qinghe Forestry Bureau Forestry Farm in Tonghe County, Harbin City, Heilongjiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Patrol

Species: Three Manchurian Ashs (*Fraxinus manschurica*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal logging (brush cutter)

Number of Offenders: 1 (WANG *jun, Residents of Tonghe County, Harbin City, Heilongjiang Province)

Case Progress: The Forest Investigation Brigade filed and investigated the case on April 10, 2024, and took criminal coercive measures against the suspect in accordance with the law on the same day. The case is currently being further processed.

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Yizhou District Public Security Bureau Seized Over 170 Suspected Desert Thumbs and Over Ten Suspected Desert-broomrapes and Arrested Four Suspects



News Release Date: 12 April 2024

Seizure Date: 9 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Food and Drug Environmental Crime Investigation Brigade of Yizhou District Public Security Bureau, Traffic Police G7 Squadron

Location: Yizhou District, Hami City, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Species: Over 170 suspected Desert Thumbs (*Cynomorium songaricum*), Class II of National Protected Species; over 10 suspected Desert-broomrapes (*Cistanche deserticola*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest

Number of Offenders: 4

Case Progress: The case is under further investigation.

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Fanxian County Public Security Bureau Seized Three Chinese Hwameis and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 16 April 2024

Seizure Date: 10 April 2024 afternoon

Law Enforcement Authority: Fanxian County Public Security Bureau Food, Drug and Environmental Crime Investigation Brigade

Location: Suspect's home in Fan County, Puyang City, Henan Province

Detection Method: Case Clue

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

Transport Method: Parcel

Reason for Seizure: Illegal acquisition

Number of Offenders: 1 (Surname LIU)

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

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Beijing Haidian Public Security Branch Seized Nine Wildlife Products and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 16 April 2024

Seizure Date: 03 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Fenghuangling Forest Police Station of Haidian Branch

Location: Suspect's store in Haidian District, Beijing

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: Two Rhino (*Rhinocerotidae* spp.) products, CITES I/II; 2 Helmeted Hornbill (*Rhinoplax vigil*) products, CITES I; 5 Ivory products, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal acquisition and sale

Estimated Value: Over CNY 200,000

Number of Offenders: 1 (Surname HUANG)

Case Progress: The suspect has been criminally detained by the Haidian police in accordance with the law on suspicion of harming protected wild animals. The case is under further investigation.

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Guangnan County Public Security Bureau Seized Seven Chinese Hwameis and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 17 April 2024

Seizure Date: 7 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Liancheng Police Station, Guangnan County Public Security Bureau

Location: Tonggu Square, Guangnan County, Wenshan Zhuang and Miao Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province; the suspect's rented house in Bainipo

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: Seven Chinese Hwameis (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal acquisition

Number of Offenders: 1 (Surname LI)

Case Progress: The case is being further processed, and the seized birds have been handed over to the Wildlife Protection Office of the Guangnan County Forestry and Grassland Bureau.

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Boluo County Public Security Bureau Seized One Cycad fern and 26 Fortunella venosa and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 17 April 2024

Seizure Date: 31 March 2024

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

Location: Suspect's home in Boluo County, Huizhou City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: One Cycad fern (*Brainea insignis*), Class II of National Protected Species; 36 *Fortunella venosa*, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest (without permit), acquisition, and sale

Number of Offenders: 1 (Surname LI)

Case Progress: The suspect has been criminally detained in accordance with the law. The plant involved in the case has been seized in accordance with the law and the case is being further investigated.

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Bortala Public Security Bureau Seized Over 40 Desert-broomrapes and Desert Thumbs and Arrested Four Suspects



News Release Date: 18 April 2024

Seizure Date: 5 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Food, Drug and Environment Crime Investigation Branch of Bortala Mongolian Autonomous Prefecture Public Security Bureau

Location: In the Ebi Lake National Natural Wetland Reserve, Jinghe County, Bortala Mongolian Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Tip off

Species: Desert-broomrapes (*Cistanche deserticola*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Desert Thumbs (*Cynomorium songaricum*), Class II of National Protected Species; total over 40

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest

Number of Offenders: 4 (Surname MAO, YANG, FENG and DU)

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Alashankou Public Security Bureau Seized Over 90 Wild Desert-broomrapes and Arrested Five Suspects

News Release Date: 18 April 2024

Seizure Date: 7 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Food and Drug Environmental Crime Investigation Brigade of Alashankou Public Security Bureau, Bortala Mongolian Autonomous Prefecture

Location: In the Ebi Lake National Natural Wetland Reserve, Jinghe County, Bortala Mongolian Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Species: Over 90 Desert-broomrapes (*Cistanche deserticola*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest

Number of Offenders: 5

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Bole City Public Security Bureau Seized Over 40 Wild Desert-broomrapes and Arrested Three Suspects



News Release Date: 18 April 2024

Seizure Date: 12 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Food, Drug and Environmental Crime Investigation Brigade of Bole City Public Security Bureau, Bortala Mongolian Autonomous Prefecture

Location: The Gobi Desert on the south side of the old railway station in Bole City, Bortala Mongolian Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: Over 40 Desert-broomrapes (*Cistanche deserticola*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest (Without having permit from the relevant authorities)

Number of Offenders: 3 (Surname ZHANG, ZUO and YI)

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Muling Public Security Branch Cracked a Case of Illegally Logging Three Amur Cork Trees, Five Manchurian Ashs and Other Wildlife and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 22 April 2024

Seizure Date: 17 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Crime Investigation Brigade of Muling Branch of Heilongjiang Provincial Forest District Public Security Bureau

Logging site: The 6th, 8th and 10th of No. 127 compartment in the Hongshi Business Office of the Linkou Forestry Bureau, Mudanjiang City, Heilongjiang Province

Detection Method: Tip off

Species: Three Amur Cork Trees (*Phellodendron amurense*), Class II of National Protected Species; five Manchurian Ashs (*Fraxinus mandshurica*), Class II of National Protected Species; seven Painted Maples (*Acer pictum subsp. Mono*); three Poplars (*Populus spp.*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal logging (crashed with an excavator to repair the road of suspect's farmland)

Number of Offenders: 1 (Surname WU, Villagers of Quanyanhe in Muling Town, Muling City, Mudanjiang City, Heilongjiang Province)

Case Progress: The suspect has been taken compulsory measures by the Muling Branch on suspicion of endangering national key protected plants in accordance with the law, and the case is being further investigated.

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Bamiantong Public Security Branch Cracked a Case of Illegally Logging Four Amur limes and Four Poplars and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 22 April 2024

Seizure Date: 21 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Crime Investigation Brigade of Bamiantong Branch of Heilongjiang Provincial Forest District Public Security Bureau, Zixing Police Station

Location: The 26th of No. 49 compartment in Guangyi Business Office of Bamiantong Forestry Bureau, Mudanjiang City, Heilongjiang Province

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: Four Amur limes (*Tilia amurensis*), Class II of National Protected Species; four Poplars (*Populus* spp.)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal logging (In order to clear a path for easy reaching suspect's farmland)

Number of Offenders: 1 (Surname DU, Villagers of Jinguang Village, Muleng City, Mudanjiang City, Heilongjiang Province)

Nationality: Chinese (Jinguang Village, Hexi Town, Muling City)

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

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Changan Public Security Branch Seized Six Chestnut-flanked White-eyes and Five Warbling White-eyes and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 22 April 2024

Seizure Date: 17 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Dazhao Police Station, Chang'an Branch of Xi'an Public Security Bureau
Location: Dazhao Community, Xi'an City, Shaanxi Province

Detection Method: Tip off

Species: Six Chestnut-flanked White-eyes (*Zosterops erythropleurus*), Class II of National Protected Species; five warbling white-eyes (*Zosterops japonicus*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (Mist-nets and lured with the sound of birds; sold for profit)

Number of Offenders: 1 (Surname WANG)

Case Progress: The suspect has been criminally detained on suspicion of illegal hunting, and the case is being further investigated.

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Toksun County Public Security Bureau Cracked a Case of Illegally Harvesting Eight Desert Thumbs and Arrested Two Suspects



News Release Date: 22 April 2024

Seizure Date: 21 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Kumishi Police Station, Toksun County Public Security Bureau

Location: Gobi Desert near Qirghiz tam, Kumishi Town, Toksun County, Turpan Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: Eight Desert Thumbs (*Cynomorium songaricum*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest

Number of Offenders: 2 (Surname NIU and PENG)

Case Progress: The case is being further investigated.

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High-tech Branch of Fuzhou Public Security Branch Cracked a Case of Illegally Hunting and Selling One Small Indian Civet and Arrested Two Suspects



News Release Date: 23 April 2024

Seizure Date: 17 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Chonggang Police Station, Food, Drug and Environmental Crime Investigation Brigade, High-tech Branch of Fuzhou Public Security Bureau

Location: A restaurant in Chonggang Town, Linchuan District, Fuzhou City, Jiangxi Province

Detection Method: Tip off

Species: One Small Indian Civet (*Viverricula indica*), Class I of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (steel traps) and sale (to the restaurant)

Number of Offenders: 2 (Surname DENG and CHE)

Case Progress: Suspect DENG was suspected of the crime of Illegal Hunting, and Suspect CHE was suspected of Illegal sale of terrestrial wild animals. The two suspects have been taken criminal coercive measures in accordance with the law and the case is under further investigation.

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Nanyue Branch of Hengyang Public Security Bureau Cracked a Case of Illegally Hunting, Purchasing, Transporting and Selling Wild Animals and Arrested 12 Suspects

News Release Date: 23 April 2024

Seizure Date: 8 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: The Nanyue Public Security Forest Branch, Damiao Police Station, Tourist Police Brigade, Investigation and Combat Center, Nanyue Police Station, Banshanting Police Station and Cyber Security Brigade

Location: An old farmers' market of Zhusheng Community, Zhurong Street, Nanyue District, Hengyang City, Hunan Province; Sale to Hunan, Guangdong and other provinces and cities

Detection Method: Tip off

Species: Over 10 Owls (*Strigiformes* spp.), Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II; over 100 various wild Barking Deer (*Muntiacus* spp.), Class I/II of National Protected Species/the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value, CITES I; over 100 Mallards (*Anas platyrhynchos*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value (Wild populations only) ; over 200 Common Pheasants (*Phasianus colchicus*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value (Wild populations only)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting, acquisition, transportation and sale (WeChat, QQ)

Estimated Value: Over CNY 2,000,000

Number of Offenders: 12 (Surname CHEN and LAU)

Case Progress: The case is being further investigated.

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Suizhou Public Security Bureau Seized Nearly 10,000 Illegally Harvested Wild Orchids and Arrested 26 Suspects



News Release Date: 23 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Police Detachment of Suizhou Public Security Bureau

Location: Qiufan Village, Luoyang Town, Zengdu District, Suizhou City, Hubei Province

Species: Wild Noble Orchid (*Cymbidium goeringii*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Wild Faber's Cymbidium (*C. faberi*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Nearly 10,000

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest (Transplanted and disguised as artificially cultivated, sold on the webcast)

Estimated Value: N/A (The purchase price of each plant is CNY 10, and the selling price ranges from CNY 20 to 100)

Number of Offenders: 26

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Yingjiang County Public Security Bureau Seized 164 Wild Orchids and Arrested 5 Suspects



News Release Date: 23 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Food, Drug and Environmental Crime Investigation Brigade of Yingjiang County Public Security Bureau

Location: Yingjiang County, Dehong Dai and Jingpo Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

Species: Wild Large-Flower Cymbidium (*Cymbidium hookerianum*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Wild *Bulbophyllum Thouars*, CITES II; Wild Pinecone-like Raceme Dendrobium (*Dendrobium thyrseiflorum*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; total 164

Number of Offenders: 5

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Luanchuan County Public Security Bureau Seized 640 Wild Boat Orchids and Arrested 9 Suspects



News Release Date: 25 April 2024

Seizure Date: 20 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Police Brigade and Heyu Police Station of Luanchuan County Public Security Bureau

Location: Luanchuan County, Luoyang City, Henan Province

Detection Method: Investigation

Species: 640 Wild Boat Orchids (*Cymbidium* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest, acquisition, sale (via a webcast platform)

Number of Offenders: 9 (Surname WANG, etc)

Case Progress: The 9 suspects including WANG have been taken criminal compulsory measures by the Luanchuan Public Security Bureau in accordance with the law for the crime of endangering national key protected plants, and those who provided harvesting assistance for WANG and others to illegally trade also constitute suspected crimes of endangering national key protected plants. The case is being further investigated.

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Naidong District Public Security Bureau Seized 8 Died Tibetan Eared Pheasants and Arrested Three Suspects



News Release Date: 26 April 2024

Seizure Date: 17 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Suozhu Township Police Station of Nêdong District Public Security Bureau, Criminal Police Brigade of Nêdong District Public Security Bureau, and Nêdong District Forestry and Grassland Bureau

Location: Near Sodruk Township, Nêdong District, Shannan, Tibet Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Tip off

Species: Eight died Tibetan Eared Pheasants (*Crossoptilon harmani*), Class II of National Protected Species

Transport Method: Pickup truck

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (For food consumption; bird traps, slingshots and steel balls)

Estimated Value: CNY 40,000 (CNY 5,000 each)

Number of Offenders: 3

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

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Artush City Public Security Bureau Seized 42 Wild Desert-broomrap and Arrested Two Suspects



News Release Date: 29 April 2024

Seizure Date: 24 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Ustun Atush Police Station, Food and Drug Environmental Crime Investigation Brigade of Artush City Public Security Bureau

Location: Suspect's home in Ustun Atush Town, Artush City, Kizilsu Kyrgyz Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: 42 Desert-broomrapes (*Cistanche deserticola*), gross weight 2.1 kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest

Number of Offenders: 2 (Surname A and KE)

Case Progress: Surname A and Surname KE are suspected of endangering national key protected plants, and the case is currently being further processed.

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Yizhou District Public Security Bureau Seized 26 Desert Thumbs and Desert-broomrapes and Arrested Three Suspects



News Release Date: 29 April 2024

Seizure Date: 29 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Xingxingxia Police Station, Yizhou District Public Security Bureau, Yizhou District, Xinjiang

Location: The suspicious vehicle in Xingxingxia Town, Yizhou District, Hami City, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Desert Thumbs (*Cynomorium songaricum*), Class II of National Protected Species; Desert-broomrapes (*Cistanche deserticola*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; total 26

Transport Method: Vehicle

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: After interrogation in accordance with the law, the three suspects confessed to their illegal harvest wild Desert Thumbs and Desert-broomrapes's behavior, and the case is currently under further investigation.

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Bortala Public Security Bureau Seized Six Tonnes of Desert-broomrapes and Arrested Six Suspects

News Release Date: 30 April 2024

Seizure Date: 24 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Jinghe County Public Security Bureau

Location: In the Ebi Lake National Natural Wetland Reserve, Jinghe County, Bortala Mongolian Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: Desert-broomrapes (*Cistanche deserticola*), 6 tonnes, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest and sale (after being dried, air-dried and processed)

Estimated Value: Nearly CNY 400,000

Number of Offenders: 6 (Surname WANG, etc.)

Case Progress: The case is being further investigated.

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Zepu County Public Security Bureau Seized 13 Wild Desert-broomrapess and Arrested Two Suspects



News Release Date: 30 April 2024

Seizure Date: 28 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Food, Drug and Environmental Crime Investigation Brigade and Jinhuyang Inspection Station of Zepu County Public Security Bureau

Location: Near the Jinhuyang National Forest Park in Zepu County, Kashgar Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, Xinjiang

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 13 Desert-broomrapess (*Cistanche deserticola*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Vehicle (hidden in the trunk)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest, concealment and sale

Number of Offenders: 2 (Surname A and his father)

Case Progress: The suspect A and his father are suspected of illegal harvest, concealment, and sale of wild Desert-broomrapess. The relevant persons and items involved in the case have been handed over to the Food, Drug and Environment Investigation Brigade for handling in accordance with the law, and are being further investigation.

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Luoyuan County People's Court Heard a Case of Illegally Hunting One Chinese Serow-One Person Was Sentenced

News Release Date: 8 April 2024

Sentencing Date: 25 March 2024

Judicial Authority: Luoyuan County People's Procuratorate, Luoyuan County People's Court

Location: Luoyuan County, Fuzhou City, Fujian Province

Species: One Chinese Serow (*Capricornis milneedwardsii*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (steel trapes and alarms; dismembered for consumption, sale)

Estimated Value: CNY 1,400 (illegal proceeds)

Number of Offenders: 1 (Surname HUANG)

Case Progress: The Luoyuan County People's Court sentenced Defendant HUANG to one year in prison, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 10,000.

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Nanjian County People's Court Public Heard a Case of Illegally Harvesting and Selling 400 Orchids, One Person Was Sentenced



News Release Date: 10 April 2024

Sentencing Date: 9 April 2024

Judicial Authority: Nanjian County People's Court
Harvest Site: Panmi Mountain, Zhongshan Village Committee, Gonglang Town, Nanjian Yi Autonomous County, Yunnan Province Dali Bai Autonomous Prefecture

Species: 400 *Pleione chunii*, about 2 kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest, sale

Estimated Value: CNY 350 (illegal proceeds)

Number of Offenders: 3 (Sentenced in the separate case, and one defendant was tried this time)

Case Progress: Defendant He committed the crime of endangering national key protected plants, and was sentenced to six months imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 1,000. After the verdict was announced, the defendant expressed that he had no objection to the verdict and was willing to be a volunteer rule of law propagandist.

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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: 16 April 2024

Judicial Authority: Nanqiao District People's Court and Nanqiao District People's Procuratorate

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (electronic fence)

Number of Offenders: 2 (Surname SONG and CHI)

Case Progress: Defendants SONG and CHI confessed to the facts of the crime and voluntarily pleaded guilty and accepted punishment.

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Gongga County People's Court Mediated a Case of Poaching Alpine Musk Deer - One Person was Prosecuted

News Release Date: 18 April 2024

Sentencing Date: 28 March 2024

Judicial Authority: Gongga County People's Procuratorate and Gongga County People's Court

Location: Gongga County, Shannan City, Tibet Autonomous Region

Species: Alpine Musk Deer (*Moschus chrysogaster*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 1 (Surname BA)

Case Progress: On 28 March, 2024, after mediation by the Gongga County People's Court, Defendant BA voluntarily paid CNY 30,000 for the loss of wildlife resources and publicly apologized to the public.

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Wulian County People's Court Public Heard a Case of Illegally Hunting 49 Eurasian Goshawks and Other Wild Animals -Several People Were Sentenced



News Release Date: 18 April 2024

Judicial Authority: Wulian County Procuratorate, Wulian County People's Court

Location: Wulian County, Rizhao City, Shandong Province

Species: Total 49 animals: Eurasian Goshawks (*Accipiter gentilis*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value, including Common Pheasants (*Phasianus colchicus*), Eurasian Tree Sparrows (*Passer montanus*), Mallards (*Anas platyrhynchos*); Cape hare (*Lepus capensis*) (Common Pheasants and Mallards are wild populations only)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (Air guns, slingshots; For food consumption)

Case Progress: Defendant ZHAO and others were sentenced to one year and six months in prison for the crimes of Illegal Hunting terrestrial wild animals, and harming protected wild animals, and some of the defendants were given suspended sentences. At the same time, some public interest litigation defendants also have to bear civil liability for compensation for the loss of wildlife resources.

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Beijing Chaoyang District People's Court Heard a Case of Illegally Hunting 47 Siberian Rubythroats, Bluethroats and Little Buntings, One Person Was Sentenced

News Release Date: 20 April 2024

Hunting Date: September 2023

Judicial Authority: Beijing Chaoyang District People's Court and Beijing Chaoyang District Procuratorate

Location: Chaoyang District, Beijing

Species: Total 47 animals: Siberian Rubythroats (*Calliope calliope*), Class II of National Protected Species; Bluethroats (*Luscinia svecica*), Class II of National Protected Species; Little Buntings (*Emberiza pusilla*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (snare and Mist-nets)

Estimated Value: CNY 29,700

Number of Offenders: 1 (Surname YANG)

Case Progress: The Chaoyang District Court convicted YANG of Illegal Hunting and sentenced him to one year in prison, suspended for one year, to compensate for the loss of wildlife resources and publicly apologize for his damage to biodiversity and the ecological environment. YANG pleaded guilty and repented in court, and said that he voluntarily assumed responsibility for compensation and publicly apologized.

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Qinghai Provincial Public Security Department Seized 20 Wild Yak Calves, Eight People Were Sentenced

News Release Date: 20 April 2024

Seizure Date: 11 June 2022

Sentencing Date: 9-10 May 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Police Corps of Qinghai Provincial Public Security Department

Judicial Authority: Qumalai County People's Procuratorate, Sanjiangyuan District People's Procuratorate, Xining Railway Transport Court

Hunting Site: National Highway 109, Qumalai County, Yushu Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Qinghai Province; Chahuma District, Hoh Xili, Qinghai Province

Detection Method: Investigation

Species: 20 Wild yak (*Bos mutus*) calves (13 died and were sold), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Vehicle

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (Chasing Wild yaks on a motorcycle), sale (to farmers by cash or online transaction)

Estimated Value: CNY 10,000,000 (Price: CNY 13,000 per male yak and CNY 10,000 per female yak)

Number of Offenders: 9 (Surname DUN (died in a car accident), SUO, DAN, DA and BU etc.)

Case Progress: On May 9 and May 10, 2023, the Xining Railway Transport Court tried and pronounced the verdict on the defendant in accordance with the law. They were sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment ranging from four years and six months to 11 years and six months, fined a total of CNY 450,000, compensated more than CNY 790,000 for the loss of ecological resources, and CNY 88,000 for appraisal and evaluation, and publicly apologized to the public.

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Xingtai Intermediate People's Court Heard a Case of Illegally Purchasing and Selling 35 Cycad- Two People Were Sentenced



News Release Date: 22 April 2024

Seizure Date: September 2021

Judicial Authority: Handan Municipal People's Procuratorate and Xingtai Intermediate People's Court

Location: Yongnian District, Handan City, Hebei Province

Species: 35 *Cycas debaoensis* and other species of Cycad (*Cycas* spp.), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal acquisition (via an online platform), sale (via a physical store)

Number of Offenders: 2 (Surname QIU and WEI)

Case Progress: The defendants QIU and WEI were jointly and severally compensated for the loss of service functions of CNY 27,300 and CNY 19,152 for the restoration of the ecological environment during the period from the damage to the ecological environment to the completion of the restoration, totaling CNY 46,452, and jointly and severally paid CNY 2,500 for expert consultation; QIU and WEI publicly apologized to the public in the national news media for their acts of endangering wild plants under national key protection.

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Qingdao Laoshan District People's Court Heard a Illegal Sale Case of Chambered Nautilus, Stony Corals and Other Wildlife Products- One Person Was Sentenced



News Release Date: 22 April 2024

Seizure Date: 14 February 2022

Judicial Authority: Qingdao Laoshan District People's Court and Laoshan District Procuratorate

Location: In a seafood store in Laoshan District, Qingdao City, Shandong Province

Species: Chambered Nautilus (*Nautilus pompilius*) Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II; Stony Corals (*Scleractinia* spp.) Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Organ-pipe coral (*Tubiporidae* spp.) Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Horned helmet (*Cassis cornuta*), Class II of National Protected Species; Giant Clams (*Tridacnidae* spp.), Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Horse Hoof Clam (*Hippopus hippopus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Tiger Cowrie (*Cypraea tigris*) Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal sale (via a seafood store)

Number of Offenders: 1 (Surname FU)

Case Progress: The Laoshan Court ruled that the defendant FU committed the crime of harming protected wild animals, and was sentenced to one year and six months imprisonment, suspended for two years, and fined CNY 10,000. In the attached civil public interest lawsuit, the defendant FU compensated CNY 64,958.25 for the loss of ecological service functions and CNY 5,000 for expert assessment.

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Langxi County People's Court Heard a Case of Illegally Hunting One Asian Barred Owlet and 12 Other Wild Animals- Three People Were Sentenced

News Release Date: 23 April 2024

Judicial Authority: Langxi County People's Court, Xuancheng City, Anhui Province

Species: One Asian Barred Owlet (*Glaucidium cuculoides*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; six Chinese Hares (*Lepus sinensis*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value; six Oriental Turtle Doves (*Streptopelia orientalis*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 3 (Surname DING, CHEN and DUAN)

Case Progress: Comprehensively considering the defendant's motives, goals, means, harmful consequences, and attitude of admitting guilt and repentance, defendant Ding was sentenced to seven months imprisonment with a one-year suspended sentence for the crime of Illegal Hunting; sentenced defendant CHEN to six months imprisonment with a one-year probation; Defendant DUAN was sentenced to six months imprisonment with a one-year probation.

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Jingdong County People's Court Heard Two Cases of Illegally Harvesting 1594 Chun's Pleiones, Two People Were Sentenced



News Release Date: 25 April 2024

Seizure Date: 17 November 2022

Sentencing Date: 25 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Jingdong Management and Conservation Bureau of Ailao Mountain and Wuliang Mountain National Nature Reserve

Judicial Authority: Jingdong County People's Court

Harvest Site: Core Area of Wuliangshan National Nature Reserve, Jingdong Yi Autonomous County, Pu'er City, Yunnan Province

Species: 1594 Chun's Pleiones (*Pleione chunii*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest

Number of Offenders: 2 (Surname of both is HE)

Case Progress: Defendants HE (a) and HE (b) were sentenced to six months imprisonment and fined CNY 2,000 respectively for illegally harvesting wild orchids; Sentenced to confiscate 740 Orchids harvested by Defendant HE (a) and 854 Orchids harvested by HE (b); At the same time, it supported the litigation request filed by the Jingdong County People's Procuratorate, the plaintiff in the attached civil public interest litigation, and sentenced HE (a) to compensate CNY 15,000 for ecological and environmental damages, and HE (b) to compensate CNY 15,120 for ecological and environmental damages.

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Zhijiang County People's Court Public Heard a Case of Illegally Hunting Two Tufted Deer and One Leopard Cat- One Person Was Sentenced



News Release Date: 25 April 2024

Hunting Date: July 2022

Judicial Authority: Zhijiang County People's Court

Hunting Site: In a mountain forest in a village in Zhijiang Dong Autonomous County, Huaihua City, Hunan Province

Species: Two Tufted Deer (*Elaphodus cephalophus*), Class II of National Protected Species; one Leopard Cat (*Prionailurus bengaliensis*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (For food consumption; Hunting traps)

Estimated Value: CNY 37,500

Number of Offenders: 1 (Surname GUO, 56 years old)

Case Progress: Defendant GUO was sentenced to eight months imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 5,000 for the crime of endangering protected wild animals. All hunting tools were confiscated.

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Hong Kong SAR

Traveller jailed for smuggling incense tree wood chips



A traveller who illegally exported incense tree wood chips was convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for 30 months by the District Court today (February 2).

A spokesman for the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) said that an outbound male traveller heading to the Mainland, aged 38, was intercepted by Customs officers at Shenzhen Bay Control Point, and about 9 kilograms of incense tree (*Aquilaria sinensis*) wood chips was seized from his backpack on March 13, 2023. The estimated market value of the incense wood chips was about \$1,350,000.

Upon investigation by the AFCD, the man was charged with illegally exporting endangered species under the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance (PESAPO) (Cap. 586). The AFCD also applied to the court for an increased sentence under the Organized and Serious Crime Ordinance (OSCO) (Cap. 455). He was convicted at the court today. The court set 36-month imprisonment as the starting point for sentencing with 12 months' reduction for his guilty plea. The AFCD applied to raise the sentence by 25 per cent in accordance with OSCO. The defendant was sentenced to immediate imprisonment for 30 months.

This is the first time for the AFCD to apply for an enhanced sentence under OSCO for a relevant offence under PESAPO since the inclusion of certain offences under PESAPO to Schedule 1 of OSCO since August 2021.

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Traveller jailed for smuggling incense tree wood chips



A traveller who illegally exported incense tree wood chips was convicted and sentenced to imprisonment for 30 months at the District Court today (February 8).

A spokesman for the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) said that an outbound male traveller heading to the Mainland, aged 32, was intercepted by Customs officers at the Shenzhen Bay Control Point and about 4.2 kilograms of incense tree (*Aquilaria sinensis*) wood chips was seized from his backpack on March 12, 2023. The estimated market value of the wood chips was about \$630,000.

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HK authorities seize 63 turtles in baggage on flight from Malaysia



Authorities at the Hong Kong International Airport seized 63 live turtles from a passenger arriving on a flight from Malaysia.

The turtles, which are suspected to be endangered species, have an estimated market value of almost half a million ringgit or HK\$819,000.

According to a statement on the Hong Kong Customs and Excise Department website, the 37-year-old male passenger was in transit from Malaysia to the Philippines during the April 1 incident.

The statement said the turtles were found during an inspection of the man's checked baggage.

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