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Qingdao Jiaodong Airport Customs Seized One Fluted Giant Clam Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 2 May 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Qingdao Jiaodong Airport Customs

Location: Qingdao Jiaodong International Airport, Shandong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: One Fluted Giant Clam (*Tridacna squamosa*), 2.25 kg, Class II of National Protected Species (Wild populations only), CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: One

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Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized 622 Marten Furs Carried by Two Accompanying Inbound Passengers



News Release Date: 3 May 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs

Location: Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 483 furs of Sable (*Martes zibellina*), Class I of National Protected Species; 139 furs of Beech Marten (*M. foina*), Class II of National Protected Species

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: Two

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Haikou Meilan Airport Customs Seized Four Live Ball Pythons Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 3 May 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Haikou Meilan Airport Customs

Location: Haikou Meilan International Airport, Hainan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Four live ball pythons (*Python regius*), CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Check-in Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel; Packed in a white cloth bag)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: One

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Guangzhou Postal Customs Seized a Segment of African Elephant Ivory in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 6 May 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Postal Customs

Location: Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: A segment of African Elephant (*Loxodonta africana*) ivory tusk, about the thickness of an adult's forearm, about 20 cm long, net weight 716 g, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (Declared as a "plastic figure")

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Beijing Capital Airport Customs Seized Three Dried Emperor Scorpions Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 10 May 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Capital Airport Customs

Location: Beijing Capital International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Three Dried Emperor Scorpions (*Pandinus imperator*), CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Check-in Luggage (concealed in an old tea caddy; Declared as "medicinal ingredient")

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: One

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Dalian Zhoushuizi Airport Customs Seized One Hawksbill Turtle Folding Fan in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 12 May 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Dalian Zhoushuizi Airport Customs

Location: Dalian Zhoushuizi International Airport, Liaoning Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: One Hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) shell folding fan, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (Packed in a cardboard tube)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Customs has handed over the seizure to the relevant authorities for further disposal.

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Ningbo Meishan Customs Seized 259 Pieces of Ivory Jewelry in an Inbound Freight



News Release Date: 14 May 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Meishan Customs

Location: Meishan Island, Ningbo City, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 259 Pieces of ivory jewelry including beads necklaces, bangles, rings, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Freight (Undeclared ivory jewelry were hidden among the goods declared as "copper teapots")

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Customs has handed over the seizure to the relevant authorities for further disposal.

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Hong Kong Customs Seized Dried Shark Fins, Shark Skins and Wooden Furniture Suspected to be from Protected Species in an Export Shipping Container



News Release Date: 14 May 2024

Seizure Date: 7 May 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Hong Kong Customs

Location: Kwai Chung Container Terminals, Hong Kong SAR

Detection Method: Intelligence Analysis and Risk Control

Species: Dried shark fins, shark skin and wooden furniture suspected from protected species

Transport Method: Export Maritime Cargo Containers ("Nothing to declare" channel)

Country of Export: Hong Kong SAR, China

Destination Country: Kaohsiung, Taiwan, China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Estimated Value: Count with other electronic parts and electronic products, the total value is HK\$160 million (approximately CNY 184.8 million)

Case Progress: Case is under further investigation

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Shenzhen Customs Seized One Dried Crocodile Head in an Inbound Freight



News Release Date: 15 May 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Shenzhen Bay Customs

Location: Shenzhen Bay Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: One dried crocodile head (CROCODYLIA spp.), 1.5 kg, CITES I/II

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

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: One

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Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport Customs Seized 13 Pieces of Ivory Jewelry Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 16 May 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport Customs

Location: Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Six ivory bangles, seven ivory pendants, total 268.19 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel; Concealed in the milk powder can)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: One

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Guangdong Huanggang Customs Seized Two *Ctenactis* spp. Products Carried by an Outbound Passenger Car Driver



N News Release Date: 17 May 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs

Location: Huanggang Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Two *Ctenactis* spp. products, total 2.5 kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Outbound Passenger Car (In a tape-wrapped wooden box, hidden in the trunk of a cross-border bus)

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: One (driver)

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Beijing Daxing Airport Customs Seized 15 Pieces of Ivory Jewelry Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 17 May 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Daxing Airport Customs

Location: Beijing Daxing International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Two ivory bangles, 13 ivory beads, total net weight 210 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Check-in luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel; ivory bangles are wrapped in tin foil and concealed inside sealed quartz tiles; ivory beads are hidden in clothing)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: One

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Harbin Bingcheng Postal Customs Seized Two Sperm Whale Teeth in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 20 May 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Bingcheng Postal Customs

Location: Songbei District, Harbin City, Heilongjiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

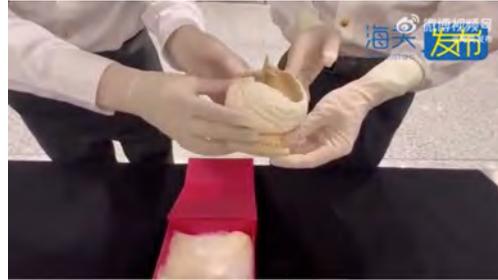
Species: Two Sperm Whale (*Physeter macrocephalus*) teeth, total 67.69 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport Customs Seized One Gray Whale Bone Product Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 23 May 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport Customs

Location: Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: One Gray whale (*Eschrichtius robustus*) bone product, 0.373 kg, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Check-in Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: One

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Yunnan Tianbao Customs Seized Malayan Pangolin Scales Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 23 May 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Tianbao Customs

Location: Tianbao Port, Malipo County, Wenshan Prefecture, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Malayan Pangolin (*Manis javanica*) scales, 987.4 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger (Chest, waist and back)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: One

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Haikou Meilan Airport Customs Seized Malayan Pangolin Scales Carried by Two Accompanying Inbound Passengers



News Release Date: 23 May 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Haikou Meilan Airport Customs

Location: Haikou Meilan International Airport, Hainan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Malayan Pangolin (*Manis javanica*) scales, 104.9 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger ("Nothing to declare" channel; Inside pants pockets and backpacks)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: Two

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Hong Kong West Kowloon Customs Seized 69 Pieces of Hawksbill Turtle Shell Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 27 May 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Hong Kong West Kowloon Station Customs

Location: Hong Kong SAR West Kowloon Station Mainland Area

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 69 Hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) shell products including 49 bangles, four folding fans, two combs, four square pendants, three eyeglass frames and seven eyeglass temples, total about 1,710.1 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel; Wrapped in newspaper)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: One

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Yunnan Menglian Customs Seized Four Tiger Teeth Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 28 May 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Menglian Customs

Location: Mangxin Passenger Inspection Point, Menglian Port, Pu'er City, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Tiger (*Panthera tigris*), Four teeth, total 110 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

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

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: One

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Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized 19 Butterfly Specimens in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 29 May 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs

Location: Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 19 Butterfly specimens, including 15 Rajah Brooke's Birdwings (*Trogonoptera brookiana*), Two Rothschild's birdwings (*Ornithoptera rothschildi*), Two Goliath birdwings (*O. goliath*); all are listed in the CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Liaoning Beilianggang Customs Seized 1,020 Cosmetics Products Containing Sturgeon Caviar Extraction



News Release Date: 30 May 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Beilianggang Customs

Location: Dalian City, Liaoning Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 1,020 cosmetics product containing Sturgeon (*Acipenseriformes* spp.) caviar extraction, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Export Freight

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Funing County Public Security Bureau Seized 32 Chinese Hwamei and Two Chinese Starlings and Arrested Two Suspects



News Release Date: 3 May 2024

Seizure Date: 27 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Food, Drug and Environmental Crime Investigation Brigade and Lida Police Station of Funing County Public Security Bureau

Location: The suspect's a shop and home in Funing County, Wenshan Zhuang and Miao Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Routine Patrol

Species: 32 Chinese hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species/CITES II; Two Chinese starlings (*Acridotheres cristatellus*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific, and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal acquisition

Number of Offenders: Two

Case Progress: The case is currently under further investigation.

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Linhe Police Station Seized Wild Northern Groundcone and Arrested Four Suspects



News Release Date: 4 May 2024

Seizure Date: 24 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Linhe Police Station of Lingwu Municipal Public Security Bureau

Location: East of Hengshan Mountain, Linhe Town, Lingwu City, Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Routine Patrol

Species: Wild Northern Groundcone (*Boschniakia rossica*), 5.7 kg, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest (shovel)

Number of Offenders: Four

Case Progress: The case is currently under further investigation.

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Dabancheng District Bureau of Urumqi Municipal Public Security Bureau Seized 14 Desert-broomrapes and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 8 May 2024

Seizure Date: 4 May 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Criminal Investigation Brigade of Dabancheng District Bureau of Urumqi Municipal Public Security Bureau

Location: Near the Ulanbay Subdistrict, Dabancheng District, Urumqi City, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Tip Off

Species: 14 Desert-broomrapes (*Cistanche deserticola*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest (to make wine for personal use; without a wild plant collection permit)

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: The case is currently under further investigation.

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Yudu County Public Security Bureau Cracked a Case of Illegally Hunting Large Indian Civet, Silver Pheasant and other wildlife and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 6 May 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Yudu County Public Security Bureau

Location: Yudu County, Ganzhou City, Jiangxi Province

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: Large Indian civet (*Viverra zibetha*), Class I of National Protected Species; silver pheasant (*Lophura nycthemera*), Class II of National Protected Species; Barking Deer (*Muntiacus spp.*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific, and social value; Bamboo Partridge (*Bambusicola spp.*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value; Wild Boar (*Sus scrofa*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting (For food consumption), illegal possession of guns (blunderbuss, crossbow, steel traps and related accessories and projectiles)

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: The suspect YE has been criminally detained by the police in accordance with the law on suspicion of illegal hunting, and the case is being further investigated.

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Altay Municipal Public Security Bureau Seized Desert-broomrapes and Desert Thumbs, Arrested Five Suspects



News Release Date: 8 May 2024

Seizure Date: 7 May 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Salhusong Police Station of Altay Municipal Public Security Bureau

Location: A River Valley in Salhusong Township, Altay City, Ili Kazakh Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Tip Off

Species: Desert-broomrapes (*Cistanche deserticola*), 20.32 kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Desert Thumbs (*Cynomorium songaricum*), 3.9 kg, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest

Number of Offenders: Five

Case Progress: After interrogation in accordance with the law, the Five suspects confessed to their illegal harvest behavior, and the case is currently under further investigation.

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Tieling Municipal Public Security Bureau Seized Over 800 Wild Birds in a Series of Illegal Hunting Cases and Arrested 22 Suspects



News Release Date: 10 May 2024

Seizure Date: 15 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Police Detachment of Tieling Municipal Public Security Bureau

Location: Tieling City, Liaoning Province

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: 800 wild birds including Class I/II of National Protected Species and the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value

Transport Method: Express and Passenger Car
Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting, acquisition, and sale (WeChat group, with nearly 200 members, involving Eight provinces and Three municipalities)

Number of Offenders: 22

Case Progress: A total of over 20 cases have been cracked, 22 people have been arrested, three wild bird storage locations have been destroyed, and seized birds have now been released with the cooperation of the natural resources department.

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Derong County Public Security Bureau Seized Two Bharal Corpses and Arrested Two Suspects



News Release Date: 11 May 2024

Seizure Date: 3 May 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Alogon Inspection Point and Food, Drug and Environmental Crime Investigation Brigade of Derong County Public Security Bureau

Location: Alogunka Inspection Point, Waka Town, Derong County, Ganzi Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan Province; Yangla Township, Deqin County, Diqing Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province (Hunting Location)

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Bharal (*Pseudois nayaur*), Two corpses, Class II of National Protected Species

Transport Method: S.U.V (in the trunk)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting (steel traps; for sale)

Number of Offenders: Two

Case Progress: The case has been filed as a criminal case for investigation by the Derong County Public Security Bureau on 7 May 2024.

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Wuhua County Public Security Bureau Seized Eleven Chinese Hwamei and Arrested Four Suspects



News Release Date: 13 May 2024

Seizure Date: 14 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Police Brigade and Wenkui Police Station of Wuhua County Public Security Bureau

Location: Wulian Village and Longzhong Village, Anliu Town, Wuhua County, Meizhou City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: 11 Chinese hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting (nets, traps and lured with bird sounds), acquisition, sale and aviculture

Estimated Value: Transaction price ranging from CNY 100 to CNY 300

Number of Offenders: Four

Case Progress: At present, the suspect ZHANG has been arrested in accordance with the law, and the suspects CHEN, LI and LIAO have been criminally detained by the Wuhua County Public Security Bureau in accordance with the law, and the case is being further processed.

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Mojiang County Public Security Bureau Seized Over 40,000 Dried Seahorses and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 16 May 2024

Seizure Date: 8 April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Mojiang County Public Security Bureau

Location: Mojiang County, Pu'er City, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Dried Spiny Seahorses (*Hippocampus histrix*) Class II of National Protected Species (Wild populations only), CITES II; Dried Pacific seahorse (*H. ingens*), Class II of National Protected Species (Wild populations only), CITES II; total over 40,000 individuals

Transport Method: Vehicle (From Xishuangbanna to Kunming)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal transportation

Estimated Value: Over CNY 6 million

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: The suspect has been criminally detained by the public security agency in accordance with the law, and the police are further investigating the source of the dried seahorse.

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Wuyishan Municipal Public Security Bureau Seized Six Chinese Edible Frog and 37 *Pelophylax nigromaculatus* and Arrested Three Suspects



News Release Date: 21 May 2024

Seizure Date: 19 May 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Wuyishan Municipal Public Security Bureau

Location: Songwa Village, Chong'an Community, Wuyishan City, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Tip Off

Species: 6 Chinese edible frog (*Hoplobatrachus chinensis*), Class II of National Protected Species; 37 *Pelophylax nigromaculatus*

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting

Number of Offenders: Three

Case Progress: In the afternoon of May 20, 2024, seized 43 live wild frogs have been release into the wild by the police. At present, the case is being further processed.

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Quannan County Public Security Bureau Seized Over 400 Round Kumquats and Arrested Two Suspects



News Release Date: 21 May 2024

Harvesting Date: From September 2022 to August 2023

Initiating investigations Date: April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Branch of Quannan County Public Security Bureau

Location: On a mountain of Pitou Town, Quannan County, Ganzhou City, Jiangxi Province

Detection Method: Cyber Patrol

Species: Over 400 Round kumquats (*Fortunella venosa/Citrus japonica*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest and sale (Processed into bonsai tree and sold on Xianyu, a second-hand trading platform)

Estimated Value: Ranging CNY 400 to CNY 800 each bonsai tree

Number of Offenders: Two

Case Progress: At present, 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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Xiangyun County Security Bureau Seized 12 Complete Skins with Feather of the Lady Amherst's Pheasant and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 21 May 2024

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

Location: In the suspect's home in Luming Township, Xiangyun County, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Tip Off

Species: 12 whole feather of Lady Amherst's Pheasant (*Chrysolophus amherstiae*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting (for collection)

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: At present, the suspect has been criminally detained by the Xiangyun County Public Security Bureau in accordance with the law, and the case is being further processed.

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Hechuan Precinct of Chongqing Security Bureau Cracked an Illegal Hunting Case in the Whole Chain and Arrested Three Suspects

News Release Date: 22 May 2024

Initiating investigations Date: March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Food, Drug and Environmental Crime Investigation Brigade of Hechuan Precinct of Chongqing Security Bureau

Location: The aquatic products shop at the farmers' market in Sanhui Town, Hechuan District, Chongqing City, and the home of another suspect

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: One suspected live masked palm civet (*Paguma larvata*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value; 77 died wild animals, including two suspected Barking Deer (*Muntiacus* spp.), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value; one suspected Leopard cat (*Prionailurus bengaliensis*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 70 suspected birds; one suspected Chinese Ferret-badger head (*Melogale moschata*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value; two suspected Barking Deer heads;

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting, acquisition, transportation, and sale (Illegal operation and sale of wildlife purchased from various places under the cover of legal aquatic stores)

Number of Offenders: Three

Case Progress: The case is currently under further investigation.

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Tongzhou Public Security Branch Seized a Total of 11 Chinese hwamei, Bluethroat and Other Wild Birds and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 23 May 2024

Seizure Date: 17 May 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Public Security Brigade of Tongzhou Public Security Branch

Location: A farmer's market in Xiji, Tongzhou District, Beijing

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: Two Chinese hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Two Bluethroat (*Luscinia svecica*), Class II of National Protected Species; Seven wildlife with important ecological, scientific, and social value, including Coal Tit (*Periparus ater*), Eurasian Siskin (*Spinus spinus*), Yellow-bellied Tit (*Parus venustulus*), Turtle Dove (*Streptopelia* spp.)

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

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: The suspect was criminally detained by the Tongzhou police on suspicion of illegal hunting. Seven of the seized birds were released and the other four required rehabilitation.

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Haiyuan County Public Security Bureau Seized 107 Desert Thumbs and 24 Desert-broomrapes and Arrested Two Suspects



News Release Date: 24 May 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Police Station of Haiyuan County Public Security Bureau

Location: In the home of the suspect in Haiyuan County, Zhongwei City, Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: 107 Desert Thumbs (*Cynomorium songaricum*), Class II of National Protected Species; 24 Desert-broomrapes (*Cistanche deserticola*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest, sale

Number of Offenders: Two

Case Progress: The case is currently under further investigation.

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Artushi Municipal Public Security Bureau Seized 103 Desert-broomrapes and Arrested Five Suspects



News Release Date: 27 May 2024

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

Harvesting Site: An orchard in Azak Town, Artush City, Kizilsu Kyrgyz Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Species: 103 Desert-broomrapes (*Cistanche deserticola*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest (used as foot bath herbs)

Number of Offenders: Five

Case Progress: The case is currently under further investigation.

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Artushi Municipal Public Security Bureau Seized 26 Desert Thumbs and Arrested Two Suspects



News Release Date: 27 May 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Food, Drug and Environmental Crime Investigation Brigade of Artushi Municipal Public Security Bureau
Harvesting Site: Gobi Desert, Gedaryan Township, Artush City, Kizilsu Kyrgyz Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region
Species: 26 Desert Thumbs (*Cynomorium songaricum*), 5.16 kg, Class II of National Protected Species
Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest (for food consumption)
Number of Offenders: Two
Case Progress: The case is currently under further investigation.

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Daqing Municipal Public Security Bureau Seized Eight Wild Birds and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 28 May 2024
Seizure Date: 22 May 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Dongguang Branch of Daqing Municipal Public Security Bureau
Location: A village in Longfeng District, Daqing City, Heilongjiang Province
Detection Method: Case Clue
Species: Eight wild birds; Three are listed in Class II of National Protected Species and Five are listed in the wildlife with important ecological, scientific, and social value
Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting (a trap cage)
Number of Offenders: One
Case Progress: At present, the suspect has been taken criminal coercive measures in accordance with the law, and the case is under further investigation.

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Heshuo County Public Security Bureau Seized 50 Desert Thumbs and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 29 May 2024

Seizure Date: 28 May 2024

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

Location: Near the Bosten Lake, Ushtala Township Heshuo County, Bayin'golin Mongolian Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Routine Patrol

Species: 50 Desert Thumbs (*Cynomorium songaricum*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: After collecting evidence, confiscating, and investigating, the police backfilled the excavated potholes. At present, the case is being further processed.

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Chagantunge Police Station in Beitun City Seized 93 Desert-broomrapes and Arrested Two Suspects



News Release Date: 30 May 2024

Seizure Date: 20 May 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Chagantunge Police Station of the 10th Division of Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps Public Security Bureau Bali Bagai Precinct

Location: In the home of the suspect in Beitun City, the 10th Division of Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Case Clue (short video platforms)

Species: 93 Desert-broomrapes (*Cistanche deserticola*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest

Number of Offenders: Two

Case Progress: The case has been transferred to the Forestry Branch for further investigation.

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Tongde County Public Security Bureau Seized One Snow Leopard Corpse and Arrested Three Suspects



News Release Date: 30 May 2024

Seizure Date: 1 May 2024

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

Location: In the suspect's home in Xiuma Township, Tongde County, Hainan Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Qinghai Province
Detection Method: Routine Patrol

Species: A corpse of Snow leopard (*Panthera uncia*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Vehicle

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting (steel ring traps; intended to sale for a profit), transportation, sale

Number of Offenders: Three

Case Progress: On 2 May 2024, the Tongde County Forest Police Brigade took criminal coercive measures against three suspects in accordance with the law, two of whom were criminally detained, and one was released on bail pending trial. At present, the case is under further proceedings.

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Zhushan County People's Court Heard a Case of Illegal Purchasing and Selling in One Leopard Cat and Two Chinese Gorals, One Person Was Sentenced



News Release Date: 11 May 2024

Judicial Authority: Zhushan County People's Court, Shiyang City, Hubei Province

Location: Freezer in the suspect's home

Species: One Leopard cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Two Chinese gorals (*Naemorhedus griseus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I

Reason for Seizure: Illegal acquisition and sale

Estimated Value: CNY 1,300 (the sale price for Two Chinese gorals)

Number of Offenders: Two

Case Progress: Defendant ZHU was sentenced to one year and ten months in prison and fined CNY 3,000.

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Hanting District People's Court Heard a Case of Illegally Hunting 53 Wild Birds, One Person Was Sentenced

News Release Date: 13 May 2024

Hunting Date: From 25 September to 18 October 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Hanting Precinct of Weifang Municipal Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Hanting District People's Court

Location: Hanting District, Weifang City, Shandong Province

Species: One Siberian Rubythroat (*Calliope calliope*), Class II of National Protected Species; Eight Chestnut-flanked white-eye (*Zosterops erythropleurus*), Class II of National Protected Species; 44 wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value, including six Eurasian Siskins (*Spinus spinus*), 14 Bramblings (*Fringilla montifringilla*), three Japanese Grosbeaks (*Eophona personata*), five Dusky Thrushes (*Turdus eunomus*), three Chinese Bulbuls (*Pycnonotus sinensis*), 10 Yellow-throated Buntings (*Emberiza elegans*) and three Common Rosefinches (*Carpodacus erythrinus*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting (Mist-nets, trap cages)

Estimated Value: CNY 26,700

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: The Hanting Public Security Bureau seized defendant LI's Mist-nets and trapping tools in accordance with the law and handed 53 wild birds over to the Weifang Municipal Wildlife Conservation Association. The court finally convicted the defendant of illegal hunting and sentenced him to one year in prison and suspended for one year.

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Dingjie County People's Court Heard a Case of Illegally Hunting Two Alpine Musk Deer and One Bharal, Four People Were Sentenced



News Release Date: 14 May 2024

Hunting Date: 23 September to 6 December 2023

Judicial Authority: Dingjie County People's Court

Location: A village in Dingjie County, Shigatse City, Tibet Autonomous Region

Species: Two Alpine Musk Deer (*Moschus chrysogaster*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II; One Bharal (*Pseudois nayaur*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting (Trap made of wire and branches)

Number of Offenders: Four

Case Progress: Defendant LUO was sentenced to one year and three months imprisonment and a fine of CNY 2,000 for the crime of harming precious and endangered wild animals. Defendant NI was sentenced to one year and two months' imprisonment, suspended for two years, and fined CNY 2,000 for the crime of harming precious and endangered wild animals. The defendant DA was sentenced to one year's imprisonment, suspended for two years, and fined CNY 1,000. The defendant TA was sentenced to one year imprisonment, suspended for two years, and fined CNY 1,000.

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Shidian County People's Procuratorate Reviewed a Case of Illegally Harvesting 32 Wild Orchids, One Person Was Prosecuted

News Release Date: 16 May 2024

Sentencing Date: 25 July 2023

Judicial Authority: Shidian County People's Procuratorate

Location: A market in Shidian County, Baoshan City, Yunnan Province

Species: 31 Noble orchids (*Cymbidium goeringii*), Class II of National Protected Species; One suspected wild orchid (*Cymbidium* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest and sale

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: The Shidian County People's Procuratorate prosecuted YANG on suspicion of endangering national protected plants to the counterpart court, and at the same time, the public interest litigation department of the procuratorate filed a civil public interest lawsuit against YANG, liable for the restoration of ecological damage.

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Riwoche County People's Court Heard a Case of Illegally Hunting Four Chinese Forest Musk Deer, Three People Were Sentenced



News Release Date: 16 May 2024

Hunting Date: October 2023

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

Hunting Site: On the mountain of Duorika Summer Pasture, Shangka Township, Riwoche County, Changdu City, Tibet Autonomous Region

Species: Four Chinese Forest Musk Deer (*Moschus berezovskii*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting (steel traps)

Estimated Value: CNY 120,000

Number of Offenders: Three

Case Progress: Riwoche County People's Court sentenced the three defendants to two years and three months in prison and a fine for the crime of harming endangered wild animals. At the same time, it supported all the requests of the public prosecution for the civil public interest litigation attached and ordered the three defendants to compensate for the loss of national wildlife resources totaling CNY 120,000 jointly and severally, and publicly apologize in the media at or above the county level.

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Poyang County People's Court Heard a Case of Illegally Hunting 33 Wild Birds, Three People Were Sentenced



News Release Date: 17 May 2024

Sentencing Date: 2 January 2024

Judicial Authority: Poyang County People's Court

Hunting Site: Yaquehu Township, Poyang County, Shangrao City, Jiangxi Province

Detection Method: Routine Patrol

Species: Two Common Kestrels (*Falco tinnunculus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 31 wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value, including 20 Chinese Hares (*Lepus sinensis*), five Common pheasants (*Phasianus colchicus*), two Eastern Spot-billed Ducks (*Anas zonorhyncha*), four Oriental Turtle-doves (*Streptopelia orientalis*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting (For food consumption)

Estimated Value: CNY 30,000 (the value of Two Common Kestrels)

Number of Offenders: Three

Case Progress: Defendants were convicted of the crime of harming endangered wild animals and illegal hunting. Defendant GUO *yao was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment and a fine of CNY 10,000. Defendant XIONG *peng was sentenced to seven months in prison and fined CNY 5,000 yuan; Defendant XIONG *you was sentenced to six months in prison and fined CNY 3,000.

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Zhenba County People's Court Heard a Case of Illegally Hunting Tree Chinese Gorals and One Greater Hog Badger, One Person Was Sentenced



News Release Date: 21 May 2024

Hunting Date: From April 2021 to February 2023

Judicial Authority: Zhenba County People's Procuratorate, 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; One Greater hog badger (*Arctonyx collaris*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific, and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting (self-made snare trap and steel traps; for food consumption)

Estimated Value: CNY 150,800

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: Defendant XIANG was sentenced to two years and six months in prison, suspended for four years, and fined CNY 8,000 for the crime of harming endangered wild animals. In the attached civil public interest litigation attached, it was ordered to publicly apologize to the news media at or above the municipal level and compensate CNY 150,800 for the loss of wildlife resources.

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Shuangbai County People's Court Seized Eagle Claws, Leopard Cat Furs, Lady Amherst's Pheasant feathers and Squirrel Furs, One Person Was Sentenced

News Release Date: 22 May 2024

Seizure Date: July 2023

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

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

Location: The suspect's home in Shuangbai County, Chuxiong Yi Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Tip Off

Species: Eagle (*Accipitridae* spp.) claw, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; Leopard Cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*) fur, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Lady Amherst's Pheasant (*Chrysolophus amherstiae*) feather, Class II of National Protected Species; Squirrel (*Sciurus vulgaris*) fur, the wildlife with important ecological, scientific, and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting (steel traps), illegal possession of guns

Number of Offenders: One (Surname YIN, residents of Tudian Town, Shuangbai County)

Nationality: Chinese

Case Progress: Yin was sentenced to prison and fined and asked to pay compensation for the loss of ecological resources and apologized to the public in the city-level media.

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Guangde Municipal People's Court Heard a Case of Illegally Hunting One Collared Scops Owl, Two Reeves's muntjacs and Four Chinese Hares, Three People Were Prosecuted



News Release Date: 22 May 2024

Hunting Date: November 2023

Seizure Date: December 2023

Court Date: 22 May 2024

Judicial Authority: Guangde Municipal People's Court

Hunting Site: In a nature reserve in Taiping Village, Sihe Township and in the area of Lvlin Village, Xujie Town Guangde City, Anhui Province

Seizure Site: Suspect ZENG (a)'s car and LI's office

Species: One Collared Scops Owl (*Otus lettia*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Two Reeves's muntjacs (*Muntiacus reevesi*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific, and social value; Four Chinese Hares (*Lepus sinensis*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific, and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting

Estimated Value: Over CNY 21,600

Number of Offenders: Three

Case Progress: Defendant ZENG (a), LI, and ZENG (b) were ordered to compensate a total of CNY 21,641 for the loss of wildlife resources, which has been fulfilled by the parties involved. The criminal case will be sentenced at a later date.

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Liuzhi Special Administrative Region People's Court Pronounced a Case of illegal harvest 12 Wild Orchids, One Person Was Sentenced



News Release Date: 22 May 2024

Harvesting Date: 22 May 2024; from April to September 2023

Judicial Authority: Liuzhi Special Administrative Region People's Court

Harvesting Site: Judu Village and Niupo Village, Guanzhai Town, Liuzhi Special Administrative Region, Liupanshui City, Guizhou Province

Species: Six Faber's cymbidium (*Cymbidium faberi*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Six Noble orchid (*C. goeringii*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: WANG was sentenced to three years in prison, suspended for four years, and fined CNY 3,000.

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Nanjiang County People's Court Heard a Case of Illegally Hunting Tufted Deer and other wildlife, Three People Were Sentenced



News Release Date: 22 May 2024

Hunting Date: From March to September 2023

Indictment Date: 7 April 2024

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

Location: Nanjiang County, Bazhong City, Sichuan Province

Species: Tufted Deer (*Elaphodus cephalophus*), Class II of National Protected Species; the wildlife with important ecological, scientific, and social value, including northern red muntjac (*Muntiacus vaginalis*), masked palm civet (*Paguma larvata*) (Wild populations only), greater hog badger (*Arctonyx collaris*), porcupine (*Hystrix hodgsoni*) (Wild populations only), Siberian weasel (*Mustela sibirica*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting (snare traps and steel traps; killed for food consumption or refrigerate)

Estimated Value: Over 12,000

Number of Offenders: Three

Case Progress: Surname YANG, HUANG, XIAN were sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment ranging from two years and eight months to two years and four months for the crime of harming endangered wild animals and illegal hunting and were also fined. The seizures were confiscated in accordance with the law.

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Jingmen Police Seized 662 pieces of dead wildlife and their body parts, 19 People Were Sentenced

News Release Date: 27 May 2024

Seizure Date: March 2023

Court Date: 6 May 2024

Sentencing Date: 22 May 2024

Judicial Authority: Duodao District Procuratorate, Duodao District People's Court

Location: In the suspect's car and warehouse in the Duodao District of Jingmen City, Hubei Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: One Chinese forest musk deer (*Moschus berezovskii*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II; One Eurasian beaver (*Castor fiber*), Class I of National Protected Species; Seven Yellow-throated Martens (*Martes flavigula*), Class II of National Protected Species; Seven Leopard Cats (*Prionailurus bengalensis*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; One Long-eared Owl (*Asio otus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; One Upland Buzzard (*Buteo hemilasius*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Two Mainland Serows (*Capricornis milneedwardsii*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I; 625 wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value

Transport Method: Vehicle (on the way back to Jingmen City from other places)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal acquisition, transportation, sale

Estimated Value: Over CNY 510,000 (The total value of endangered wildlife is more than CNY 250,000; The wildlife with important ecological, scientific, and social value is worth more than CNY 260,000)

Number of Offenders: 19

Case Progress: The 19 defendants have been sentenced to either fine, or fixed-term imprisonment ranging from eight months to five years and six months, and compensation of more than CNY 1.61 million for the loss of wildlife resources.

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Suichuan County People's Court Pronounced Two Cases of Illegally Harvesting and Selling Round kumquat, One Person Was Sentenced and the Other Person Was Arrested



News Release Date: 28 May 2024

Judicial Authority: Suichuan County People's Court

Location: Suichuan County, Ji'an City, Jiangxi Province

Species: Round kumquat (*Fortunella venosa/Citrus japonica*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest, sale

Number of Offenders: Two

Case Progress: Defendant GUO (a) was sentenced to two years and six months imprisonment, suspended for three years, and fined CNY 30,000 for the crime of harming national key protected plants. Defendant GUO (b) was sentenced to eight months of public surveillance and fined CNY 2,000.

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Jingyuan County People's Court Heard a Case of Illegally Hunting Chinese Forest Musk Deer, Three People Were Sentenced

News Release Date: 29 May 2024

Hunting Date: From May to October 2022

Judicial Authority: Jingyuan County People's Court

Location: Jingyuan County, Guyuan City, Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region

Species: Chinese forest musk deer (*Moschus berezovskii*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal hunting (Trap made of snare and branches; cuts off the musk sac)

Number of Offenders: Three (Surname LAN (a), his son LAN (b) and his younger brother Surname YU)

Case Progress: The three defendants were sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment ranging from eight months to one year and six months with fine.

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Dongchuan District People's Court Heard a Case of illegal harvest, and Sale 220 Rhododendron Urophyllum, One Person Was Sentenced

News Release Date: 30 May 2024

Judicial Authority: Dongchuan District People's Court

Harvesting Site: On the mountains around the "222 Forest Farm" in Dongchuan District, Kunming City, Yunnan Province

Location: The suspect's home in Dongchuan District, Kunming City, Yunnan Province

Species: 220 *Rhododendron urophyllum*, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal harvest, sale (online platform: Xianyu and Taobao)

Estimated Value: CNY 280 (Illegal proceeds)

Number of Offenders: One

Case Progress: Defendant ZHANG committed the crime of harming national key protected plants, and was sentenced to three years imprisonment, suspended for four years, and fined CNY 3,000. The CNY 280 of illegal gains have been confiscated and handed over to the state treasury in accordance with the law, and the CNY 2,720 of the excess recovered has been returned to the defendant. The harvesting tool and a mobile phone for physical evidence were confiscated.

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