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## CHINA'S WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT NEWS DIGEST

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## Zhakou Customs Seized 19 Live Turtles Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 6 July 2024

**Seizure Date:** 20 June 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Zhakou Customs

**Location:** Gongbei Port, Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

**Species:** Sixteen Tabasco mud turtles (*Kinostemon acutum*), CITES II; two live white-lipped mud turtles (*K. leucostomum*), CITES II; one live Jalisco mud turtle (*K. chimalhuaca*), CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Carry-on Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel; hidden in two plastic bags)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1 (Surname Wu; Female)

**Case Progress:** As the passenger could not provide legal supporting documents, the customs temporarily detained the batch of live turtles in accordance with the law. Next, the endangered live turtles will be handed over to the agricultural department according to law.

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## Shenzhen Customs Seized 107 Fins of Tiger Shark and Graceful Shark in Import Freight



**News Release Date:** 10 July 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shenzhen Customs

**Location:** Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

**Species:** Tiger Shark (*Galeocerdo cuvier*) Fins, CITES II; Graceful Shark (*Carcharhinus amblyrhynchos*) Fins, CITES II; 107 in total (16.6 kg)

**Transport Method:** Truck (Declared as "Unloaded"; Hidden in the cab, wrapped in plastic")

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Chongqing Jiangbei Airport Customs Seized Two Horned Helmet Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 11 July 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Chongqing Jiangbei Airport Customs

**Location:** Chongqing Jiangbei International Airport

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

**Species:** Two Horned Helmet (*Cassis cornuta*), total 4.18 kg, Class II of National Protected Species

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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### Xi 'an Postal Customs Seized 13 Japanese Traditional Musical Instruments 'Shamisen' and Their Accessories in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 11 July 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Xi 'an Postal Customs

**Location:** Xi 'an City, Shaanxi Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

**Species:** Thirteen ivory products, Japanese traditional musical instrument 'Shamisen' and accessories, total 505 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** At present, the parcel has been handed over to the anti-smuggling department for further processing.

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### Tianjin Post Office Customs Seized Six Pairs of Ivory Painting Scroll Head in Six Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 11 July 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Tianjin Postal Customs

**Location:** Tianjin City

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

**Species:** Six pairs of Ivory Painting Scroll Head, Net Weight 316.1 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel (Same recipient)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** At present, the parcel has been detained by the customs and handed over for subsequent disposition according to law.

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### Luohu Customs Seized 62 Stony Corals Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 14 July 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Luohu Customs

**Location:** Luohu Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

**Species:** 62 Stony Corals (Scleractinia spp.), total 526.5 g, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Concealed on Inbound Passenger (A special black belt was tied and hidden around the waist)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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### Luohu Customs Seized One Giant Clam Product Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 16 July 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Luohu Customs

**Location:** Luohu Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

**Species:** One Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.) product, 10.8 kg, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Carry-on Luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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### Xiamen Airport Customs Seized 22 Sunda Pangolin Scales Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 16 July 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Xiamen Airport Customs

**Location:** Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport, Fujian Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

**Species:** 22 Sunda Pangolin (*Manis javanica*) scales, total 85.8 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel; Hidden in a backpack, packed in a plastic bag)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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## Yantai Customs Seized 6.87 kg of Agarwood Pieces in an Outbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 17 July 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Yantai Customs

**Location:** Yantai City, Shandong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

**Species:** Agarwood (*Aquilaria sinensis*) pieces, 6.87 kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Outbound Parcel (Declared as "Clothing and Accessory")

**Country of Export:** China

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Zhakou Customs Seized 116 Live Mexican Musk Turtles Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 18 July 2024

**Seizure Date:** 29 June 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Zhakou Customs

**Location:** Gongbei Port, Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

**Species:** 116 live Mexican musk turtles (*Staurotypus triporcatus*), CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel; Packed in plastic; No legal documents)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1 (Surname Hu)

**Nationality:** Chinese (Macau SAR)

**Case Progress:** The Customs detained the 116 live turtles in accordance with the law, after which the 116 live turtles will be handed over to the relevant local competent departments.

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### Beijing Capital Airport Customs Seized Two Crocodile Specimens Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 19 July 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Beijing Capital Airport Customs

**Location:** Beijing Capital International Airport

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

**Species:** Two Crocodile (*Crocodylia* spp.) specimens, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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### Xiamen Airport Customs Seized Four Cuban Crocodile Paws Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 23 July 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Xiamen Airport Customs

**Location:** Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport, Fujian Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

**Species:** Four Cuban crocodile (*Crocodylus rhombifer*) paws, total 1 kg, CITES I

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel; Wrapped in tinfoil with a fishy smell)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** Customs has detained the seizures in accordance with the law, pending further disposition.

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### Xiamen Airport Customs Seized 758 Dried Hedgehog Seahorses Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 24 July 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Xiamen Airport Customs

**Location:** Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport, Fujian Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

**Species:** 683 Dried Hedgehog Seahorse (*Hippocampus spinosissimus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 75 Dried Great Seahorses (*H. kelloggi*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

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

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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### Wanzai Customs Seized 219 Dried Seahorses in a Batch of Packages



**News Release Date:** 24 July 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Wanzai Customs

**Location:** Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

**Species:** 22 Dried Kelloggi's seahorses (*Hippocampus kelloggi*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 197 other Dried Seahorses (*H. spp.*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Parcel (Declared as "Plastic box")

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Jinan Airport Customs Seized One Chambered Nautilus Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 25 July 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Jinan Airport Customs

**Location:** Jinan Yaoqiang International Airport, Shandong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection (X-ray)

**Species:** One Chambered Nautilus (*Nautilus pompilius*) Shell, total 41 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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### Shanghai Pudong International Airport Customs Seized Two Horned Helmet and One Queen Conch in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 26 July 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shanghai Pudong International Airport Customs

**Location:** Shanghai Pudong International Airport

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection (CT scan)

**Species:** Two Horned Helmet (*Cassis cornuta*), Class II of National Protected Species; 1 Queen Conch (*Strombus gigas*), CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel (Declared as "Plastic shells and knitwear"; Wrapped in layers of blanket and tin foil)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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



**News Release Date:** 27 July 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Beijing Daxing Airport Customs

**Location:** Beijing Daxing International Airport

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

**Species:** Ten ivory products, including one ivory bracelet, two ivory bangles, three fang-shaped pendants, three hangings pendants, one comb, Net Weight 255 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage ("Nothing to declare"; Wrapped in tinfoil hidden in a powdered milk can wrapped in duct tape)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** Customs has detained the seizures in accordance with the law and transferred them to subsequent departments for disposal.

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## Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized Fifteen Butterflies Pupae and Two Larvae Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 29 July 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs

**Location:** Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

**Species:** Ten Rippon's Birdwing (*Troides* spp.) pupae, CITES II; five Birdwing Butterflies (*Ornithoptera* spp.) pupae, CITES II; two Ulysses Swallowtail (*Papilio ulysses*) larvae

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage (packed in several boxes)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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**Huanggang Customs Seized 25 Pieces of Pangolin Scales Carried by an Inbound Passenger**



**News Release Date:** 29 July 2024  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Huanggang Customs  
**Location:** Futian Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)  
**Species:** 25 Pangolin (*Manidae* spp.) scales, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage (Wrapped in tinfoil and layered in clothing)  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling  
**Number of Offenders:** 1 (male)

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**Beijing Daxing Airport Customs Seized 177 Pieces of Giant Clam Go Stone Carried by an Inbound Passenger**



**News Release Date:** 29 July 2024  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Beijing Daxing Airport Custom  
**Location:** Beijing Daxing International Airport  
**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)  
**Species:** 177 pieces of Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.) Go stone, weight 1090 g, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II  
**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Check-in Luggage  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling  
**Number of Offenders:** 1

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## Zhakou Customs Seized One Live African Spurred Tortoise Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 30 July 2024

**Seizure Date:** 23 July 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Zhakou Customs

**Location:** Gongbei Port, Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

**Species:** One live African spurred tortoise (*Centrochelys sulcata*), length about 40 cm, weight 6 kg, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel; Hidden in a backpack; No legal documentation)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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

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## Rong County Forestry Bureau Seized 34 Chinese Hwameis



**News Release Date:** 1 July 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Rong County Forestry Bureau

**Location:** Rong County, Yulin City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

**Detection Method:** Special Action

**Species:** 34 Chinese Hwameis (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting (Bird net trap)

**Case Progress:** At present, the case is under further processing.

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## Nanjing County Public Security Seized Six Live Chinese Hwameis, Two Suspects Were Arrested



**News Release Date:** 9 July 2024

**Seizure Date:** 1 July 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Criminal Investigation Brigade of Nanjing County Public Security

**Location:** Nanjing County, Zhangzhou City, Fujian Province

**Detection Method:** Case Clue

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

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting (Set the net trap) and selling

**Number of Offenders:** 2

**Case Progress:** At present, the two suspects, Lu and Hui, have been taken criminal coercive measures. On 2 July, the police of Nanjing County Public Security Bureau cooperated with the staff of the Forestry Bureau to send six live birds to Zijing Mountain Forest Park for release, so that the birds could return to nature.

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## Rong County Forestry Bureau Seized Five Chinese Cobras and 12 Squirrels

**News Release Date:** 10 July 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Rong County Forestry Bureau

**Location:** Rong County, Yulin City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

**Detection Method:** Special Action

**Species:** Five Chinese Cobras (*Naja atra*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific, and social value, CITES II; 12 Squirrels (*Sciuridae* spp.) (1 live and 11 died)

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting (game alert system, snap traps and net traps)

**Case Progress:** At present, seized live animals have been released into the wild.

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## Hua'an County Public Security Bureau Seized Two Chinese Hwameis, Two Suspects Were Arrested



**News Release Date:** 12 July 2024

**Seizure Date:** 4 July 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Hua 'an County Public Security Bureau

**Location:** Hua 'An County, Zhangzhou City, Fujian Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Patrol

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

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting

**Number of Offenders:** 2

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## Chaling County Forest Public Security Bureau Cracked a Case of Illegally Hunting Wild Animals, 13 Suspects Were Arrested



**News Release Date:** 16 July 2024

**Seizure Date:** 14 June 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Chaling County Forest Public Security Bureau of Zhuzhou City

**Location:** Chaling County, Zhuzhou City, Hunan Province

**Detection Method:** Investigation

**Species:** Silver pheasant (*Lophura nycthemera*), Class II of National Protected Species; Dozens of other wildlife species, including the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value, such as King Ratsnake (*Elaphe carinata*) (Wild population only), Chinese Cobras (*Naja atra*), CITES II, Cantor's rat snake (*Ptyas dhumnades*), Chinese hare (*Lepus sinensis*), Reeves's muntjac (*Muntiacus reevesi*) and Bamboo rats (*Rhizomys* spp.), and unprotected wildlife species, such as Chinese spiny frog (*Quasipaa spinosa*), Wild Boar (*Sus scrofa*); Totally more than 2,000 individuals and over 500 kg

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting (Over 300 sets of hunting tools, such as a shotgun, several steel shot, a dagger, snap traps, net traps, nylon rope, game alert system, and spring traps), Acquisition and Transportation

**Estimated Value:** Over CNY 500, 000

**Number of Offenders:** 13

**Case Progress:** At present, the case is under further processing.

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## Yunyang County Public Security Bureau Seized 35 Live Chinese Hwameis, 15 Suspects Were Arrested



**News Release Date:** 17 July 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Bureau Forest Police Brigade of Yunyang County Public Security and Yunyang County Forestry Bureau

**Location:** Dormitory of a construction site in Yunyang County, Chongqing City

**Detection Method:** Tip-off

**Species:** 35 live Chinese Hwameis (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting (Set up the net traps with bamboo poles, and used a mobile phone to play the chirping of a Chinese Hwameis as bait; For viewing purpose)

**Number of Offenders:** 15

**Case Progress:** At present, the case is under further processing. After being inspected by experts and confirmed to be in good health, the seized Chinese Hwamei have been released back into the wild.

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## Fengshun County Public Security Seized Two Chinese Hwameis, Two Suspects Were Arrested



**News Release Date:** 18 July 2024

**Seizure Date:** 10 July 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Xiaosheng Police Station and Forest Police Brigade of Fengshun County Public Security Bureau

**Location:** On the road from Tianbei Village to Kenkeng Village, near Bankeng area, Fengshun County, Meizhou City, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

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

**Transport Method:** Vehicle

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting (bait traps, bird nets traps, bird cages, etc.)

**Number of Offenders:** 2

**Case Progress:** At present, the polices have made criminal detention of the above two suspects JI \*Ming and JI \*Zhong according to law, and the trial of the case is still in progress. Two Chinese Hwamei have been released back to the wild by the forest police and the wildlife protection department.

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## Longnan Public Security Bureau Seized Three Chinese Cobras, Two Suspects Were Arrested



**News Release Date:** 19 July 2024

**Seizure Date:** 11 July 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Dujiang Police Station and Forest Branch of Longnan Municipal Public Security Bureau

**Location:** Longnan City, Jiangxi Province

**Detection Method:** Case Clue

**Species:** Three snakes, Chinese Cobras (*Naja atra*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific, and social value, CITES II; Many-banded Krait (*Bungarus multicinctus*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting (snap traps, net traps, and cages)

**Number of Offenders:** 2

**Case Progress:** At present, the two suspects, Zhong and Yang, have been taken criminal compulsory measures. The seized wild animals have been handed over to the competent authorities for further investigation.

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## Erliahaote Public Security Bureau Seized 43 Desert Thumbs, One Suspects Was Arrested



**News Release Date:** 19 July 2024

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

**Location:** A deli operated by the suspect in Erliahaote City, Xilin Gol League, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

**Species:** 43 Desert Thumbs (*Cynomorium songaricum*), Class II of National Protected Species

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Harvest (For food consumption)

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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

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## Zepu County Public Security Bureau Seized 10 kg of Chinese Licorice, One Suspect Was Arrested



**News Release Date:** 23 July 2024

**Seizure Date:** 22 July 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Jinhuyang Check Point, Kuiyibage Police Station of Zepu County Public Security Bureau

**Location:** Zepu County, Kashgar Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

**Species:** Chinese Licorice (*Glycyrrhiza uralensis*), 10 kg, Class II of National Protected Species

**Transport Method:** Electric motorbike

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Harvest

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** At present, the case is under further processing.

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## Shiquan County Public Security Seized Four Chinese Hwameis, Two Suspects Were Arrested



**News Release Date:** 25 July 2024

**Seizure Date:** 16 July 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Yingchi Forest Police Station of Shiquan County Public Security Bureau

**Location:** Suspects' home in the Fopingling Key Forest District, Yundou Town, Shiquan County, Ankang City, Shaanxi Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

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

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting (1 Mist-net, 1 hunting snare)

**Number of Offenders:** 2

**Case Progress:** At present, Shiquan County Public Security Bureau decided to file an investigation of Surname Xia and Tu according to law, and the case is still under further investigation.

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### Tongzi County Comprehensive Administrative Law Enforcement Bureau Reviewed a Case of Illegal Harvesting of Two Podocarpus Trees, One Suspects Was Arrested

**News Release Date:** 25 July 2024

**Seizure Date:** October 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Tongzi County Comprehensive Administrative Law Enforcement Bureau

**Harvesting Site:** The suspect's private woodland, Shenlong Village, Shuibatang Town, Tongzi County, Zunyi City, Guizhou Province

**Species:** Two *Podocarpus* spp., Class II of National Protected Species

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Harvest

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The Tongzi County Comprehensive Administrative Law Enforcement Bureau imposed a fine of CNY 19,700 on Surname Feng on 5 February 2024.

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### Daqing Public Security Bureau Cracked a Case of Illegal Hunting of One Pallas's Rosefinch, One Red Crossbill and More Than 40 Other Wild Birds, One Suspects Was Arrested



**News Release Date:** 26 July 2024

**Seizure Date:** 1 July 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Longfeng branch of Daqing Public Security Bureau

**Hunting Site:** Longfeng District, Daqing City, Heilongjiang Province; Wild land near Daqing East Railway Station

**Detection Method:** Case Clue

**Species:** One Pallas's rosefinch (*Carpodacus roseus*), Class II of National Protected Species; 1 Red crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra*), Class II of National Protected Species; More than 40 other wild birds

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting (Trap Cage and Mist-net)

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** At present, the suspect Jian has been taken criminal compulsory measures in accordance with the law, and the case is under further investigation.

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## Hejing County Public Security Bureau Seized 12,899 Snow Lotuses, Six People Were Involved



**News Release Date:** 30 July 2024

**Seizure Date:** 16-27 July 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Hejing County Public Security Bureau

**Location:** Hejing County, Bayingolin Mongol Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

**Detection Method:** Special Action

**Species:** 12,899 Snow lotuses (*Saussurea involucreta*), Class II of National Protected Species

**Transport Method:** Vehicle (In one of the cases)

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Harvesting and Purchase

**Number of Offenders:** 6 (Surname Tian and two others, Surname Re, Surname A, and Surname Ai)

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## Xiufeng District People's Court Heard a Case of Illegally Harvesting and Selling 19 King Ferns, One Person Was Sentenced



**News Release Date:** 9 July 2024

**Sentencing Date:** 9 March 2023

**Judicial Authority:** Xiufeng District People's Court of Guilin City

**Harvesting Site:** A mountain in Fangcheng District, Fangchenggang City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

**Sales Location:** Xiufeng District, Guilin City, Guangxi; Gaoshan Town, Fuqing City, Fujian Province; Guangming District, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province; Pingchuan Town, Wuping County, Fujian Province

**Species:** 19 King Ferns (*Angiopteris evecta*), Class II of National Protected Species

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Harvest and Selling

**Estimated Value:** CNY 1,475 (Illicit profits)

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The court sentenced the defendant Chen to three years in prison, suspended for three years, and imposed a fine. The illegal gains and compensation for ecological damage paid by Chen shall be confiscated and handed over to the state Treasury according to law.

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## Midu County People's Court Heard a Case of Illegal Hunting of 134 Wild Birds, Two People Were Sentenced



**News Release Date:** 16 July 2024

**Seizure Date:** 22 September 2023

**Judicial Authority:** Midu County People's Procuratorate, Midu County People's Court

**Location:** Arilawu Mountain, Yinjie Town, Midu County, Dali Bai Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Patrol

**Species:** 134 wild birds, including Class II of National Protected Species and the wildlife with important ecological, scientific, and social value

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting (For food consumption)

**Estimated Value:** CNY 41,100

**Number of Offenders:** 2

**Case Progress:** Defendants Li and Cha were sentenced to one year in prison, suspended for one year and six months; The two defendants were ordered to pay compensation for ecological damage of CNY 20,550.

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## Gaozhou Municipal People's Procuratorate Investigated a Case of Illegal Harvesting of 54 King Ferns, One Person Was Involved

**News Release Date:** 18 July 2024

**Seizure Date:** August 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Forest Police Brigade of Gaozhou Municipal Public Security Bureau

**Judicial Authority:** Gaozhou Municipal People's Procuratorate

**Location:** A stall run by the suspect and his home near Xianrendong Scenic Area, Gaozhou city, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Patrol

**Species:** 54 King Ferns (*Angiopteris evecta*), Class II of National Protected Species

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Harvest

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** After deliberation, the hearing members unanimously supported the labor compensation plan drawn up by the procuratorial organs and agreed not to prosecute Li \*lan for the crime of endangering the national key protected plants due to minor criminal circumstances. Recently, with the assistance of the Gaozhou Forestry Bureau, the Gaozhou People's Procuratorate has planted the 54 involved King Fern in a suitable "new home" for growth.

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## Nanzhang County People's Procuratorate Investigated a Case of Illegal Harvesting of Six Faber's Cymbidium, One Person Was Involved

**News Release Date:** 19 July 2024

**Sentencing Date:** March 2024

**Judicial Authority:** Nanzhang County People's Procuratorate

**Location:** Nanzhang County High-speed Railway Station, Xiangyang City, Hubei province

**Detection Method:** Routine Patrol

**Species:** Six Faber's cymbidium (*Cymbidium faberi*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** High-speed Railway

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Harvest

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** On 11 July 2024, the Nanzhang County Procuratorate held a hearing for the case, proposing not to prosecute, and the hearing members unanimously agreed with the procuratorial organ's decision not to prosecute. Zhangxian County Procuratorate administrative procuratorial department then issued a procuratorial opinion to the county forestry Bureau, suggesting administrative punishment for Han.

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