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## CHINA'S WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT NEWS DIGEST

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## Hekou Customs Seized Two Lion Bones Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 1 August 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Hekou Customs

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

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

**Species:** Two Lion (*Panthera leo*) bones, total 1.1 kg, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Concealed on Inbound Passenger (Concealed and bound to the thigh)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The case is under further processing.

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## Beijing Daxing Airport Customs Seized Seven Pieces of African Elephant Skins Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 4 August 2024

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

**Location:** Beijing Daxing International Airport

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

**Species:** Seven Pieces of African Elephant (*Loxodonta* spp.) skins, Net Weight 15.3 kg, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Carry-on Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel; Covered with Clothing)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** After explaining the relevant regulations to the passengers, the customs officer handed seized items over to the follow-up department for processing.

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## Zhangjiagang Customs Seized One Green Sea Turtle Shell Carried by an Inbound Crew



**News Release Date:** 4 August 2024  
**Forensic Result Date:** 24 June 2024  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Zhangjiagang Customs  
**Location:** Zhangjiagang City, Jiangsu Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection  
**Species:** One Green Sea Turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) Shell, 43 cm in length, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I  
**Transport Method:** Inbound Crew Luggage  
**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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## Cangyuan Customs Seized Chinese Pangolin Scales and a Piece of Asian Elephant Skin Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 5 August 2024  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Cangyuan Customs  
**Location:** Yonghe Channel, Cangyuan Port, Cangyuan Wa Autonomous County, Lincang City, Yunnan Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection  
**Species:** Chinese Pangolin (*Manis pentadactyla*) Scales, 49.6 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; one piece of Asian Elephant (*Elephas maximus*) Skin, 63.8 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I  
**Transport Method:** Concealed on Inbound Passenger (Concealed in the Pant Back Pocket)  
**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling  
**Number of Offenders:** 1

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## Beijing Capital Airport Customs Seized 2,292 Oahu Tree Snails Shell Specimens in an Inbound Express



**News Release Date:** 5 August 2024

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

**Location:** Beijing Capital International Airport

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

**Species:** 2,292 Oahu Tree Snails (*Achatinella* spp.) Shell Specimens, CITES I

**Transport Method:** Inbound Express

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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

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## Shanghai Postal Customs Seized Five Ivory Products in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 5 August 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shanghai Postal Customs

**Location:** Shanghai City

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

**Species:** Five ivory Products, the heads and hands of two ceramics figurines, Net Weight 219.5 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel (Declared as "Cloisonne figurine")

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** The parcel has now been handed over to the relevant authorities for further processing.

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### Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized One Live Yellow-headed Temple Turtle Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 10 August 2024

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

**Location:** Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, Guangdong Province

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

**Species:** One live Yellow-headed Temple Turtle (*Heosemys annandalii*), about 50 cm in length and 30 cm in width, Weight about 9.7 kg, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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### Fuzhou Changle Airport Customs Seized One Triton's Trumpet Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 12 August 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Fuzhou Changle Airport Customs

**Location:** Fuzhou Changle International Airport, Fujian Province

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

**Species:** One Triton's Trumpet (*Charonia tritonis*), Weight 1.1 kg, Class II of National Protected Species

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage (Wrapped in Layers of Clothing and Plastic wrap)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The Triton's trumpet has been temporarily detained in accordance with the law for further processing.

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## Dongxing Customs Seized Two Horned Helmets Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 15 August 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Dongxing Customs

**Location:** Dongxing (County Level) City, Fangchenggang City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

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

**Species:** Two Horned Helmet (*Cassis cornuta*) Shells, Net Weight 3.66 kg, Class II of National Protected Species

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Carry-on Luggage (Wrapped in Layers of Newspaper and Sponge Paper, Packed in a Red Plastic Bag)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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## Shenzhenwan Customs Seized Four Shells of Endangered Snails Carried by an Outbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 18 August 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shenzhenwan Customs

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

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

**Species:** One Nautilus (*Nautilus* spp.) shell, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II; two Horse Hoof Clam shells (*Hippopus hippopus*), Class II of National Protected Species (Wild population only), CITES II; one Triton's Trumpet (*Charonia tritonis*) shell, Class II of National Protected Species

**Transport Method:** Outbound Passenger Baggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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

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## Beilun Customs Seized 62.18 Tonnes of Bloodwood in Imported Goods



**News Release Date:** 22 August 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Beilun Customs

**Location:** Ningbo City, Zhejiang Province

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

**Species:** Bloodwood (*Pterocarpus tinctorius*), 62.18 tonnes, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Imported Goods (Container)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The business could not provide the import certificate of endangered species, and the customs has detained the goods according to law.

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## Nanjing Lukou Airport Customs Seized about 3.5 kg of Stony Coral Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 22 August 2024

**Seizure Date:** 18 August 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Nanjing Lukou Airport Customs

**Location:** Nanjing Lukou International Airport, Jiangsu Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

**Species:** Stony Coral (*Scleractinia* spp.) Products, Weight about 3.5 kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

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

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The customs temporarily withheld clearance.

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### Shenzhenwan Customs Seized 231 Fins of Shortfin Mako Shark Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 26 August 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shenzhenwan Customs

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

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

**Species:** 231 Shortfin Mako Shark (*Isurus oxyrinchus*) Fins, total 4.8 kg, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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### Zhongshangang Customs Seized 12 Hawksbill Turtle Bangles Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 27 August 2024

**Forensic Result Appraisal Date:** 23 August 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Zhongshangang Customs

**Location:** Zhongshangang Port, Zhongshan City, Guangdong Province

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

**Species:** 12 Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) Bangles, total 298 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel; Packed in a Plastic Bag)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The case is under further processing.

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### Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized One Piece of Agarwood (5.75 kg) Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 27 August 2024

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

**Location:** Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, Guangdong Province

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

**Species:** One Agarwood (*Aquilaria* spp.), 5.75 kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Carry-on Luggage (Packed in a White Packet)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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### Tianjin Postal Customs Seized One Octave Mandolin with Hawksbill Turtle Patches in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 28 August 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Tianjin Postal Customs

**Location:** Tianjin City

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

**Species:** An Octave Mandolin with Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) Patches, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel (Declared as "Violin")

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Cangwu County Forest Public Security Bureau Seized Eleven Chinese Hwameis, Four Suspects Were Arrested



**News Release Date:** 8 August 2024

**Seizure Date:** 6 August 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Cangwu County Forest Public Security Bureau

**Location:** Next to a rented house in Liubao Town, Cangwu County, Wuzhou City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

**Detection Method:** Patrol

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

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting

**Number of Offenders:** 4

**Case Progress:** The people involved have been taken criminal compulsory measures in accordance with the law, and 11 live Chinese Hwameis have been handed over to Wuzhou City Zoo.

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### Tianxin Police Station Cracked a Case of Illegally Hunting One Silver Pheasant, One Suspect Was Arrested



**News Release Date:** 21 August 2024

**Hunting Date:** September 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Tianxin Police Station of Anyuan County Public Security Bureau

**Location:** Anyuan County, Ganzhou City, Jiangxi Province

**Detection Method:** Case Clue

**Species:** One Silver Pheasant (*Lophura nycthemera*), Class II of National Protected Species

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting (Steel Traps and Snares Wire, Rope Sleeve)

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The criminal suspect Lin has been taken criminal compulsory measures by the police for suspected illegal hunting crimes. The case is under further investigation.

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## Weining County Forest Public Security Bureau Cracked a Case of Illegally Hunting One Chinese Hwameis and Other Wild Animals, Four Suspects Were Arrested



**News Release Date:** 23 August 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Weining County Forest Public Security Bureau, Shanqiao Police Station

**Hunting Site:** Shanqiao Street, Weining County, Bijie City, Guizhou Province

**Detection Method:** Tip-off

**Species:** One Chinese Hwameis (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value including one Masked Palm Civet (*Paguma larvata*) and seven Turtle Doves (*Streptopelia turtur*), as well as several lots of Common Pheasants (*Phasianus colchicus*)

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting

**Number of Offenders:** 4

**Case Progress:** Suspect Zhang (a), Zhang (b), Li, Wang and other four suspects have been taken criminal coercive measures by the police according to law. The case is under further processing.

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## Mile Municipal Public Security Bureau Forest Police Brigade Seized Four Chinese Hwameis, One Suspects Was Arrested



**News Release Date:** 26 August 2024

**Seizure Date:** 21 August 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Forest Police Brigade and Jiangbian Police Station of Mile Municipal Public Security Bureau

**Location:** Mille City, Yunnan Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

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

**Transport Method:** Car (Hidden in the trunk)

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Purchase (for Entertainment)

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** Suspect Wang has been placed under investigation according to law. The case is under further processing.

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**Fangshan Public Security Bureau Cracked down a Case of Illegally Selling 13 birds, including African Grey Parrot, Green-cheeked Parakeet, and Sulphur-crested Cockatoo, Three Suspects Were Arrested**



**News Release Date:** 26 August 2024

**Seizure Date:** 26 July 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Fangshan Public Security Bureau

**Location:** Fangshan District, Beijing City

**Species:** African Grey Parrot (*Psittacus erithacus*) CITES I; Green-cheeked Parakeet (*Pyrrhura molinae*), CITES II; Sulphur-crested Cockatoo (*Cacatua galerita*), CITES II; 13 in total

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Selling (Online Transaction)

**Number of Offenders:** 3

**Case Progress:** Suspect Zhao, Wu, and Gu and other three people were detained by Fangshan Public Security Bureau on harming precious and endangered wild animals.

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**Guilin Municipal City Public Security Bureau Cracked down a Case of Illegally Harvesting 15 Paris Polyphylla and 85 Other Wild Plants, Six Suspects Were Arrested**



**News Release Date:** 29 August 2024

**Seizure Date:** 22 August 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Ecological Environment Protection Branch of Guilin Municipal Public Security Bureau, Ecological Environment Protection Brigade of Xing'an County Public Security Bureau, Mao'er Mountain National Nature Reserve Administration

**Location:** Mao'er Mountain National Nature Reserve, Huajiang Township, Xing'an County, Guilin City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

**Detection Method:** Case Clue

**Species:** 15 *Paris polyphylla*, Class II of National Protected Species; 16 *Lysimachia paridiformis*; 69 *Wedelia chinensis*/*Sphagneticola calendulacea*

**Transport Method:** Vehicle

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Harvest

**Number of Offenders:** 6

**Case Progress:** The case is under further processing.

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## Guangzhou Police Cracked a Case of Illegally Harvesting and Selling 1,613 Round Kumquat, Four Suspects Were Arrested

**News Release Date:** 29 August 2024

**Seizure Date:** June 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Zengcheng District Branch of Guangzhou Municipal Public Security Bureau

**Location:** Zengcheng District, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Online Inspection

**Species:** 1,613 Round Kumquat (*Fortunella venosa*), Class II of National Protected Species

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Harvest and Selling (online Internet)

**Estimated Value:** Over CNY 300,000

**Number of Offenders:** 4

**Case Progress:** Four suspects, including Wu and Yang, have been detained in accordance with the law on harming key national protected plants. The case is under further processing.

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## Yongkang Municipal Public Security Bureau Seized Six Chinese Bullfrogs



**News Release Date:** 30 August 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shizhu Police Station Precinct, Public Security Bureau of Yongkang City

**Location:** Yongkang City, Zhejiang Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

**Species:** Six Chinese Bullfrogs (*Hoplobatrachus chinensis*), Class II of National Protected Species (Wild population only)

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

**Case Progress:** On the afternoon of 28 August, the Shizhu Police Station of Yongkang City released six wild Chinese Bullfrogs in Wolongwan Wetland Park in Shizhu Town.

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## Hoxud County Public Security Bureau Seized Four Snow Lotuses, One Suspect Was Arrested



**News Release Date:** 30 August 2024

**Seizure Date:** 30 August 2024

**Harvesting Date:** 4 July 2024

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

**Location:** The suspect's home in Hoxud County, Bayingolin Mongolian Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

**Detection Method:** Patrol

**Species:** Four Snow Lotuses (*Saussurea involucrata*), Class II of National Protected Species

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Harvest

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** Suspect Ai confessed to the illegal facts of harvesting snow lotus. The case is under further processing.

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## Wuchuan Municipal People's Court Heard a Case of Illegally Hunting Siberian Blue Robin and other Wild Animals, One Person Was Sentenced

**News Release Date:** 5 August 2024

**Seizure Date:** 24 November 2024

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

**Location:** A Corn Field in Wuchuan (County level) City, Zhanjiang City, Guangdong Province

**Species:** One Siberian Blue Robin (*Luscinia svecica*), Class II of National Protected Species; the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value, including Grey-backed Thrush (*Turdus hortulorum*), Oriental Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus orientalis*), Little Bunting (*Emberiza pusilla*), Chestnut Bunting (*Emberiza rutila*), Black-faced Bunting (*Emberiza spodocephala*), Dusky Warbler (*Phylloscopus fuscatus*), Yellow-browed Warbler (*Phylloscopus inornatus*); There were also two unidentified species

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting (Net traps, Bird Trap, Remote Control)

**Estimated Value:** CNY 8,100 (19 identified species)

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The Wuchuan Municipal People's Court of Wuchuan City sentenced the defendant Kang to fixed-term imprisonment of one year and six months, suspended for two years; at the same time, Kang was charged to pay CNY 8,100 as the compensation for ecological damage and make a public apology in Zhanjiang's city-level media.

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## Lingchuan County People's Court Heard a Case of Illegally Hunting Leopard Cats and Other Wild Animals, Two People Were Sentenced

**News Release Date:** 15 August 2024

**Sentencing Date:** 18 May 2023

**Judicial Authority:** Lingchuan County People's Court

**Location:** The Residence of the Suspect in Lingchuan County, Jincheng City, Shanxi Province

**Detection Method:** Tip-off

**Species:** Two Leopard Cats (*Prionailurus bengalensis*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Woodpecker (*Picidae* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species; Wild Boar (*Sus scrofa*) the wildlife with important ecological, scientific, and social value, including greater hog badger (*Arctonyx collaris*), Asian roe deer (*Capreolus pygargus*), Tolai Hare (*Lepus tolai*), Common Pheasants (*Phasianus colchicus*); over 100 in total

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting

**Estimated Value:** CNY 42,700

**Number of Offenders:** 2

**Case Progress:** The defendants Shen and Wu truthfully confessed the crime facts of the voluntarily plead guilty, actively repay the loss caused by the destruction of wildlife resources. Comprehensively considering the criminal facts, nature, and circumstances, etc., defendant Shen who received several crimes combined punishment, was sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of one year and eight months, suspended for two years, fined CNY 2,000 for the combined punishment of multiple crimes. Defendant Wu was sentenced for four months of detention and suspended for eight months.

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## Guangze County People's Court Heard a Case of Illegally Hunting Silver Pheasant and Reeves's Muntjac, One Person Was Sentenced



**News Release Date:** 30 August 2024

**Sentencing Date:** 21 August 2024

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

**Location:** A Mountain Field in Guangze County, Nanping City, Fujian Province

**Species:** One Silver Pheasant (*Lophura nycthemera*), Class II of National Protected Species; Reeves's Muntjac (*Muntiacus reevesi*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting (Without Hunting License)

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The court of Guangze County People's Court sentenced defendant Chen to five months of detention and suspended for eight months for illegal hunting.

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## Yu County People's Forest Public Security Bureau Seized Nine Eurasian Skylarks and Other Wild Animals, One Person Was Sentenced



**News Release Date:** 31 August 2024

**Sentencing Date:** 7 August 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Yu County Forest Public Security Bureau

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

**Hunting Site:** 1 km south of Liucun Village, Taohua Town, Yu County, Zhangjiakou City, Hebei Province

**Species:** Nine Eurasian Skylarks (*Alauda arvensis*), Class II of National Protected Species; the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value including one Meadow Pipit (*Anthus pratensis*), Lapland longspur (*Calcarius lapponicus*), Tolai Hare (*Lepus tolai*), Common Pheasants (*Phasianus colchicus*)

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

**Estimated Value:** CNY 31,660

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** Defendant Cao was sentenced to one year in prison, suspended for two years, charged to pay CNY 17,860 as the compensation for the loss of ecological resources.

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