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Shanghai Pudong International Airport Customs Seized 14 Ornamental Turtles Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 2 September 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Pudong International Airport Customs

Location: Shanghai Pudong International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: One McCord's Box Turtle (*Cuora mccordi*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 10 Spotted Turtles (*Clemmys guttata*), CITES II; 3 Florida box turtles (*Terrapene carolina bauri*), CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Check-in Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Quanzhou Customs Seized 1.52 kg of Agarwood Chips Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 2 September 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Quanzhou Customs

Location: Quanzhou City, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Agarwood (*Aquilaria* spp.) chips, 1.52 kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

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

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Nanjing Lukou Airport Customs Seized a Piece of Ivory Product Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 4 September 2024
Forensic Result Date: 2 September 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Nanjing Lukou Airport Customs
Location: Nanjing Lukou International Airport, Jiangsu Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: One Ivory Product, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1
Case Progress: The customs has temporarily withheld clearance for the passenger in accordance with the regulations and sent the product to professional agencies for identification.

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Beijing Daxing International Airport Customs Seized 25 Shark Fins Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 5 September 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Daxing International Airport Customs
Location: Beijing Daxing International Airport
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: Twenty-five Shark Fins, net weight 1315 g, including Graceful shark (*Carcharhinus amblyrhynchoides*), oceanic whitetip shark (*C. longimanus*), grey reef shark (*C. amblyrhynchos*), Silky shark (*C. falciformis*), all listed in CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Check-in Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1
Case Progress: The customs officer handed seized items over to the follow-up department for further processing.

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Hulunbuir Hailar Airport Customs Seized Two Wolf Teeth Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 8 September 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Hailar Customs
Location: Hulunbuir Hailar Airport, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: Two Wolf (*Canis lupus*) teeth, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage (Hidden in the toe area of a sneaker in a suitcase)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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Shenzhen Luohu Customs Seized 21 Live Stony Corals Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 9 September 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Luohu Customs
Location: Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: Twenty-one Live Stony Corals (*Scleractinia* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II
Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger (Placed in a plastic bag containing water, hidden in a specially designed pocket in the black shorts)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport Customs Seized Five Ivory Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 9 September 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport Customs

Location: Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Five ivory Products, including two bangles, one seal and one comb, total 282.5 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel; two bracelets and two seals were wrapped with cloth strips and tape, placed in two shoes, and the comb was placed in the backpack)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Shenzhen Bay Customs Seized Five kg of Ganges Softshelled Turtle Products in a Coach



News Release Date: 9 September 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Shenzhenwan Customs

Location: Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Ganges Softshelled Turtle (*Nilssoniana gangetica*) Products, 5 kg, CITES I

Transport Method: Cross-border Passenger Coach ("Nothing to declare" channel; Hidden in rear trunk)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Chengdu Shuangliu Airport Customs Seized 70 Ivory Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 10 September 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Chengdu Shuangliu Airport Customs

Location: Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport, Sichuan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Seventy Ivory Products (Comb, Pendant, bead bracelets, Bangles, Ring etc.), net weight 1118.55 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Check-in Luggage (Dispersed in shoes, iron boxes, plastic boxes)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The above items were identified by Chengdu Customs Technology Center as live elephant ivory products and handed over to anti-smuggling department for the further investigation.

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Shenzhen Dapeng Customs Seized 30 Python Skin Erhus in the Export Cargo



News Release Date: 11 September 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Dapeng Customs

Location: Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Thirty Python (Pythonidae spp.) Skin Erhus, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Declared for export under general trade

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Shenzhenwan Customs Seized 57 Chinese Agarwood Bead Bracelets Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 12 September 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Shenzhenwan Customs
Location: Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: Fifty-seven incense tree/Chinese agarwood (*Aquilaria sinensis*) Bead Bracelets, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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Shenzhen Huanggang Customs Seized 39 Butterfly Specimens Carried by Two Inbound Passengers



News Release Date: 12 September 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs
Location: Futian Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: Thirty-nine Butterfly Specimens, including common green birdwing (*Ornithoptera priamus*), Goliath birdwing (*O. goliath*) and paradise birdwing (*O. paradisea*), all listed in CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Carry-on Luggage
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 2 (1 male 1 female)

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Beijing Capital Airport Customs Seized Seven Queen Conches Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 14 September 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Capital Airport Customs

Location: Beijing Capital International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Seven Queen Conches (*Strombus gigas*), 9.3 kg in total, CITES II

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

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Beijing Daxing Airport Customs Seized Six Bontebok Horns Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 16 September 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Daxing Airport Customs

Location: Beijing Daxing International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Six Bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus*) Horns, CITES II

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

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Shenzhen Huanggang Customs Seized Three Pairs of Ivory Scroll Heads Carried by an Outbound Driver



News Release Date: 16 September 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs
Location: Huanggang Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection
Species: Three pairs of Ivory Scroll Heads, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II
Transport Method: Passenger Coach (wrapped in white plastic bag and hidden in rear trunk)
Country of Export: China
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized 23 Agarwood Products



News Release Date: 17 September 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport Customs
Location: Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection
Species: Twenty-three Agarwood (*Aquilaria* spp.) products, including one Ornament and 22 Bead Bracelets, total 3.62 kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (declared as "wooden beads, wooden ornaments")
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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Shenzhen Luohu Customs Seized 25 Protected Bird Carcasses Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 20 September 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Luohu Customs
Location: Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: 25 Bird carcasses, including Black-headed Conure (*Nandayus nenday*) and Red-crested Cardinal (*Paroaria coronata*), all listed in CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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Shenzhen Huanggang Customs Seized 102 Live Fries and 23 Stony Corals Carried by an Inbound Driver



News Release Date: 23 September 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs
Location: Huanggang Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: 23 Stony Corals (*Scleractinia* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 102 live fries, including 10 Royal Gramma (*Gramma loreto*), 6 Longsnout butterflyfish (*Prognathodes aculeatus*), 5 Clarion angelfish (*Holacanthus clarionensis*), CITES II, 9 Gray angelfish (*Pomacanthus arcuatus*), 7 flame hawkfish (*Neocirrhites armatus*), 5 Scribbled angelfish (*Chaetodontoplus duboulayi*), 9 Multicolor angelfish (*Centropyge multicolor*), 14 Spotted tang (*Zebrosoma gemmatum*), 14 Flame angelfish (*Centropyge loricula*), 10 Barrier Reef chromis (*Chromis nitida*), 10 Lemonpeel angelfish (*Centropyge flavissima*) and 3 harlequin tuskfish (*Choerodon fasciatus*)
Transport Method: Passenger Coach ("Nothing to declare" channel; The fries were separately packed in several transparent plastic water bags, which are bound by rubber bands and hidden in luggage)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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Shenyang Postal Customs Seized Six Ivory Bachi in an Inbound Express



News Release Date: 23 September 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Shenyang Postal Customs

Location: Shenyang City, Liaoning Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Six Ivory Bachi, 330.9 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (Declared as "musical instrument")

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: The above items have been temporarily detained in accordance with the law for further processing.

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Hong Kong Customs Seized about 100 kg of Silky shark, oceanic whitetip shark, Spiny shark fins Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 23 September 2024

Seizure Date: 23 December 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Hong Kong Customs

Location: Hong Kong S.A.R

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 100 kg of shark fins, including Silky shark (*Carcharhinus falciformis*), oceanic whitetip shark (*C. longimanus*) and Hammerhead sharks (Sphyrnidae spp.), CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Check-in Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Estimated Value: About HK\$ 440,000 (about CNY 403,010)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: On 23 September 2024, the defendant was sentenced to imprisonment for 12 months.

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Beijing Capital Airport Customs Seized Pangolin Scales and Two Ivory Bangles Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 25 September 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Capital Airport Customs
Location: Beijing Capital International Airport
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: Pangolin (*Manidae* spp.) Scales, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; two Ivory Bangles, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Check-in Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel; Hidden in tin cans of tea leaves and milk powder, ivory bracelets wrapped in tinfoil)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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Beijing Capital Airport Customs Seized Two Giant Clam Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 25 September 2024
Law Enforcement Authority: Capital Airport Customs
Location: Beijing Capital International Airport
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: Two Giant Clams (*Tridacnidae* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species (Wild population only), CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport Customs Seized Owe Ivory Beads Bracelet and Seven Ivory Bangles Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 28 September 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport Customs

Location: Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: One Ivory beads bracelet, seven ivory bangles, total 410.52 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel; wrapped in tin foil and mixed with tea leaves hidden in tin cans of tea leaves and biscuits)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Liancheng County Public Security Bureau Seized King Cobra, Kellog's coral snake, Live Chinese Moccasin and other Wild Animals, One Suspect Was Arrested



News Release Date: 13 September 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Miaoqian Police Station of Liancheng County Public Security Bureau

Location: The Suspect's home in Liancheng County, Longyan City, Fujian province

Detection Method: Tip-off

Species: Big-headed Turtle (*Platysternon megacephalum*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I; Live King Cobra (*Ophiophagus hannah*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value, including live Kellog's coral snake (*Sinomicrurus kelloggi*) (Protected Species in Fujian Province), live Chinese Moccasin (*Deinagkistrodon acutus*), frozen Masked palm civet (*Paguma larvata*), frozen Reeves's muntjac (*Muntiacus reevesi*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Sale

Number of Offenders: 1 (Surname Liu)

Case Progress: On 11 September, Miaoqian Police Station and Forestry Department staff selected a suitable natural environment to release wild snakes into nature.

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Huize County Public Security Bureau in Yunnan Province Cracked down Multiple Illegally Hunting Cases, Three Suspects Were Arrested



News Release Date: 23 September 2024

Seizure Date: 17 July 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Luna Police Station of Huize county Public Security Bureau joint the Food, Drug and Environmental Investigation Brigade

Location: The road near Zuoshe Village committee in Luna Township, Huize County, Qujing City, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Routine Patrol

Species: Lady Amherst's Pheasant (*Chrysolophus amherstiae*), Class II of National Protected Species; the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value including Reeves's muntjac (*Muntiacus reevesi*) and Hares (*Lepus* spp.); wild boar (*Sus scrofa*)

Transport Method: SUV

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (Steel trap)

Estimated Value: Over CNY 20,000

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: Suspects Zhang *Hai, Zhang *Zhong, Zhang *Hua have been taken criminal coercive measures by the public security organs according to law, and the case is being further investigated.

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Ningbo Daqi Police Station Seized 11 Chinese Hwameis, One Suspect Was Arrested



News Release Date: 26 September 2024

Seizure Date: 20 September 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Daqi Police Station in Beilun District

Location: Daqi Street, Beilun District, Ningbo City, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Patrol

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (Bird trap)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Suspect Yang has been taken criminal compulsory measures in accordance with the law.

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Xinjiang Aktao County Public Security Bureau Seized 10 kg of Goitered Gazelle Meat



News Release Date: 27 September 2024

Seizure Date: 25 September 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Aktao County Public Security Bureau

Location: Aktao County, Kizilsu Kirgiz Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Routine Patrol

Species: 10 kg of Goitered gazelle (*Gazella subgutturosa*) meat, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (1 Knife, 1 leg-hold trap)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The case is under further processing.

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Longquan Public Security Bureau Cracked a Case of Illegally Hunting Wild Animals, Nine Suspects Were Arrested



News Release Date: 30 September 2024

Seizure Date: 12 August 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Shangyang Police Station Joint Food, Drug and Environmental Investigation Brigade

Location: Baoxi Township, Longquan City, Lishui City, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Special Operation

Species: Three Silver pheasant (*Lophura nycthemera*), Class II of National Protected Species; the wildlife with important ecological, scientific and social value, including Chinese hare (*Lepus sinensis*) and eight of Reeves's muntjac (*Muntiacus reevesi*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (Air gun)

Case Progress: A total of 9 suspects including Zeng and Liao were arrested. On 30 September, 5 of them were prosecuted, and the remaining 4 were under criminal detention. The case is under further investigation.

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Longnan People's Court Heard a Case of Illegally Harvesting Round Kumquat-Four People Were Sentenced

News Release Date: 5 September 2024

Judicial Authority: Longnan City People's Court

Harvesting Site: A Mountain in Longnan Town, Ganzhou City, Jiangxi Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Thirty-seven Round Kumquats (*Fortunella venosa*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvesting

Number of Offenders: 4

Case Progress: Defendants Chen, Tang, Zhong, and Liao illegally harvested national key protected wild plants, with serious circumstances, constituting the crime of endangering national key protected plants. Based on the defendant's criminal facts, criminal nature, circumstances and social harm and guilty repentance, corresponding criminal penalties and fines were imposed. The 13 round kumquats harvested by Chen, Tang, and Zhong were all seized by the public security authorities and handed over to the Longnan City Forestry Bureau for rescue planting. On 11 April 2024, Liao cooperated with the public security organs to transplant 18 round kumquats to the mountain within the jurisdiction of the Jiulianshan National Nature Reserve Administration on Longxiang Avenue, Longnan City.

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Shucheng County People's Court Heard a Case of Illegally Hunting, Selling Chinese Hwameis-Three People Were Sentenced

News Release Date: 20 September 2024

Judicial Authority: Shucheng County People's Court

Hunting Site: Shucheng City and Jin 'An District of Lv 'An City, Anhui Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 99 Chinese Hwameis (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (Traps, Bird-catching nets) and Selling

Estimated Value: CNY 5,510 (Illegal profit)

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: In May 2024, the People's Procuratorate of Shucheng County filed a public prosecution against three defendants, Zhuang, Wang, and Jiang for the crime of harming precious and endangered precious wild animals. After the three defendants were apprehended, they truthfully confessed their criminal acts, returned the illegal gains and actively fulfilled the ecological compensation responsibility.

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Xinyi Municipal People's Court Heard a Case of Illegally Harvesting Anoectochilus japonicus-Three People Were Sentenced

News Release Date: 25 September 2024

Sentencing Date: 24 September 2024

Judicial Authority: Xinyi Municipal People's Court, Xinyi Municipal People's Procuratorate

Location: Yuanzhu Mountain, Yunnan County, Yunfu City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Patrol

Species: Over 500 individuals of *Anoectochilus* spp., Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvesting

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: After the trial, the Xinyi Court finally sentenced the three defendants to fixed-term imprisonment ranging from eight months to three months of criminal detention, with the application of suspended sentences and fines.

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