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## CHINA'S WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT NEWS DIGEST

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## Nanjing Lukou Airport Customs Seized One Crocodile Skull Specimen Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 2 January 2025

**Seizure Date:** 30 December 2024

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

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

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

**Species:** One Crocodile (*Crocodylia* spp.) head, weight 0.85 kg, CITES I/II

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

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** Customs has temporarily withheld the items in accordance with regulations.

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## Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized 31 Ivory Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 2 January 2025

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

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

**Detection Method:** Risk Monitoring and Control + Machine Inspection

**Species:** 31 Ivory Products, including beaded necklaces, beaded bracelets and beads, 843 g in total, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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## Shanghai Pudong International Airport Customs Seized 355 Plants Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 3 January 2025

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

**Location:** Shanghai Pudong International Airport

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

**Species:** 355 plants that came with soil, 183 species in total, including *Anathallis* spp., CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Check-in Luggage (concealed in 4 foam boxes)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** At present, Shanghai Pudong International Airport Customs has temporarily detained the above plants in accordance with the law and handed them over for subsequent disposal.

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## Shenzhenwan Customs Seized Two Fluted Giant Clams Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 8 January 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shenzhenwan Customs

**Location:** Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

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

**Species:** Two Fluted Giant Clams (*Tridacna squamosa*), 3.1 kg in total, Class II of National Protected Species (Wild population only), CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Huangpu Xingang Customs Seized 1.04 Tonnes of Over-imported Queen Conch Shells



**News Release Date:** 9 January 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Huangpu Xingang Customs

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

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

**Species:** Queen Conch (*Aliger gigas*) shells, exceeded the declared weight by 1.04 tonnes, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Cargo (The declared weight is 25.95 tonnes, while the actual weight is 26.99 tonnes)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** The customs has returned the excess portion of the Queen Conch shells in accordance with the law.

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## Huanggang Customs Seized Eight Live Ball Pythons Carried by Four Inbound Passengers



**News Release Date:** 10 January 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Huanggang Customs

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

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

**Species:** 8 Live Ball Pythons (*Python regius*), CITES II

**Transport Method:** Concealed on Inbound Passenger (wrapped in socks and hidden in the upper underwear)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 4

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## Kunming Postal Customs Seized 28 Pieces of Agarwood in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 10 January 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Kunming Postal Customs

**Location:** Kunming City, Yunnan Province

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

**Species:** 28 pieces of Agarwood (*Aquilaria* spp.), 5.41 kg in total, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel (declared as "personal belongings")

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Changchun Postal Customs Seized Five Carved Ivory Products Successively in Two Inbound Parcels



**News Release Date:** 10 January 2025

**Seizure Date:** 6 January 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Changchun Postal Customs

**Location:** Changchun City, Jilin Province

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

**Species:** One Ivory carving, four Ivory ornaments, 134.1 g in total, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** The case has been transferred to the relevant departments for further handling.

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### Qingdao Jiaodong Airport Customs Seized Two Queen Conch Shells in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 14 January 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Qingdao Jiaodong Airport Customs

**Location:** Qingdao Jiaodong International Airport, Shandong Province

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

**Species:** Two Queen Conch (*Aliger gigas*) shells, net weight 3.7 kg, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel (declared as "shells")

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Changchun Postal Customs Seized 13 Hawksbill Turtle Products and Three Ivory Products in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 14 January 2025

**Seizure Date:** 8 January 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Changchun Postal Customs

**Location:** Changchun City, Jilin Province

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

**Species:** 13 Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) products, 1134.2 g in total, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; 3 Ivory products, 145 g in total, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** The case has been transferred for subsequent handling.

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## Ruili Customs Seized 331.7g of Pangolin Scales in an Inbound Private Car



**News Release Date:** 16 January 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Ruili Customs

**Location:** Ruili Port, Dehong Dai and Jingpo Autonomous Prefecture

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

**Species:** Indian Pangolin (*Manis crassicaudata*), Chinese Pangolin (*M. pentadactylal*) and Sunda Pangolin (*M. javanica*) scales, 331.7 g in total, all listed in Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

**Transport Method:** Private Car (wrapped in plastic bags and hidden in personal luggage)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** The case has been criminally filed and is under further investigation.

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## Fuzhou Changle Airport Customs Seized Shark Fins and Rosewood Pieces Carried by Two Inbound Passengers



**News Release Date:** 19 January 2025

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

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

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

**Species:** Blacknose Shark (*Carcharhinus acronotus*) and Blue Shark (*Prionace glauca*) fins, 16.38 kg in total, CITES II; 18 pieces of Cocobolo (*Dalbergia retusa*) and Honduras Rosewood (*D. stevensonii*), 30.74 kg in total, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 2

**Case Progress:** At present, the above items have been handed over to the handling department for disposal.

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### Changchun Postal Customs Seized 23 Ivory Products and a Red Coral Product in Three Inbound Parcels



**News Release Date:** 21 January 2025

**Seizure Date:** 16 January 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Changchun Postal Customs

**Location:** Changchun City, Jilin Province

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

**Species:** 23 Ivory Products, 1854 g in total, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; one Red Coral (*Coralliidae* spp.) Products, weight 91 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES III (four native species in China)

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** The case has been transferred to the relevant departments for further handling.

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### Khorgos Customs Seized a Suspected Bear Gallbladder Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 22 January 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Khorgos Customs

**Location:** Khorgos City, Ili Kazak Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang Province

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

**Species:** One suspected bear (*Ursus* spp.) gallbladder, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage (hidden in well-packaged black tea)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Nationality:** Kazakhstani

**Case Progress:** The case has been transferred to the comprehensive department for subsequent handling.

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## Wuhan Postal Customs Seized Two Giant Clam Shells in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 23 January 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Wuhan Postal Customs

**Location:** Wuhan City, Hubei Province

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

**Species:** Two Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.) shells, 478.3 g in total, Class II of National Protected Species (Wild population only), CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Huanggang Customs Seized 12 Hawksbill Turtle Gua Sha Tools and 4.9 kg of Green Sea Turtle Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 27 January 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Huanggang Customs

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

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

**Species:** 12 Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) gua sha tools, 0.2 kg in total, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; Green Sea Turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) products, 4.9 kg in total, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel; hidden in cans, plastic boxes and plastic bags)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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## Guangzhou Postal Customs Seized 11 kg of Agarwood Pieces in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 29 January 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Postal Customs

**Location:** Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

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

**Species:** Agarwood (*Aquilaria* spp.) pieces, 11 kg in total, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Guanghe County Public Security Bureau Seized Four Przevalski's Partridges and 29 Alpine Stream Salamanders and Arrested Two Suspects



**News Release Date:** 3 January 2025

**Seizure Date:** 2 January 2025

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

**Location:** Guanghe County, Linxia Hui Autonomous Prefecture, Gansu Province

**Detection Method:** Case Clue

**Species:** Four Przevalski's Partridges (*Alectoris magna*), Class II of National Protected Species; 29 Alpine Stream Salamander (*Batrachuperus tibetanus*) products, Class II of National Protected Species

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting

**Number of Offenders:** 2

**Case Progress:** At present, the two suspects, MA \*a and MA \*b, have been taken criminal coercive measures by the Guanghe County Public Security Bureau in accordance with the law, and the case is under further investigation.

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### Qimen County Public Security Bureau Seized One Live Pangolin and Arrested Two Suspects



**News Release Date:** 7 January 2025

**Seizure Date:** 6 January 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shanli Police Station and Forest Police Brigade of Qimen County Public Security Bureau; Fuliang Police of Jiangxi Province

**Location:** Qimen County, Huangshan City, Anhui Province

**Detection Method:** Police Cooperation

**Species:** One Live Chinese Pangolin (*Manis pentadactyla*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting (with steel traps) and Sale

**Number of Offenders:** 2

**Case Progress:** At present, the two suspects, JIANG and HU, have been taken criminal compulsory measures in accordance with the law. The case is under further investigation. The rescued pangolin was injured on its right leg by a clamp and has been sent to the National Wildlife Rescue Center in southern Anhui Province for treatment and further observation.

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### Gongshan County Public Security Bureau Seized 20 Musk Sacs and Arrested Four Suspects



**News Release Date:** 8 January 2025

**Seizure Date:** 4 January 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Food, Drug and Environmental Investigation Brigade of Gongshan County Public Security Bureau and Bingzhongluo Border Checkpoint of Gongshan County

**Location:** Bingzhongluo Border Checkpoint, Gongshan County, Nuijiang Lisu Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

**Species:** Musk deer (*Moschus spp.*), 20 Musk Sacs, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II

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

**Number of Offenders:** 4

**Case Progress:** At present, the four suspects, \*Ciren, XIANG \*jiangcun, KONG \*jun and DUAN \*hui, have taken criminal compulsory measures pending trial on bail following the law, and the case is being further investigated.

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## Nayong County Public Security Bureau Seized Seven Chinese Hwamei and Arrested One Suspect

**News Release Date:** 22 January 2025

**Seizure Date:** 18 May 2023

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

**Judicial Authority:** Nayong County People's Procuratorate; Nayong County People's Court

**Location:** Nayong County, Bijie City, Guizhou Province

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

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Trade

**Estimated Value:** CNY 3,5000 (5,000 each)

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** After reviewing the case, the court accepted the sentencing recommendation proposed by the procuratorate and rendered a judgment against DONG, along with a fine. The involved Hwamei were released promptly.

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