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Beijing Daxing Airport Customs Seized Eight Ivory Bangles Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 2 October 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Beijing Daxing Airport Customs

Location: Beijing Daxing International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: Eight Ivory Bangles, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage (wrapped in a cigarette box and tin foil, hidden in the middle of the tie rod under the lining of the passenger's suitcase)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The case has been transferred to the Customs Anti-Smuggling Department for further processing.

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Zhongshangang Customs Seized 35 Ivory Products and 11 Pangolin Scales Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 3 October 2025

Seizure Date: 5 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhongshangang Customs

Location: Zhongshan City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: 35 Ivory products, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; Pangolin (*Manis* spp.) 11 pieces of scales, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage (Concealed in a dispersed manner through multiple methods such as adhesion, hidden in suitcase compartments, coloring, and wrapping)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Beijing Daxing Airport Customs Seized 13 Saiga Antelope Horns Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 3 October 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Beijing Daxing Airport Customs

Location: Beijing Daxing International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: Saiga Antelope (*Saiga tatarica*), 13 pieces of horns, net weight 0.355 kg in total, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II (A zero export quota for wild specimens traded for commercial purposes)

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage (concealed in the suitcase and carry-on backpack)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The case has now been transferred to the Customs Anti-Smuggling Department for further processing.

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Dalian Zhoushuizi Airport Customs Seized Two Protected Corals in an Outbound Express Mail



News Release Date: 6 October 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Dalian Zhoushuizi Airport Customs

Location: Zhoushuizi International Airport, Dalian City, Liaoning Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: One Organ Pipe Coral (*Tubipora musica*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; One Stony Coral (Scleractinia), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Two Cleoniceras, Ordinarily Protected Paleontological Fossils

Transport Method: Outbound Express Mail

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Hong Kong Customs Seized 10 Live Parrots and 43 Other Live Birds Carried by an Inbound Passenger

News Release Date: 10 October 2025

Seizure Date: 9 October 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Hong Kong Customs

Location: Lo Wu (Luohu) Control Point, Hongkong SAR

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: 10 Live Parrots (Psittaciformes), CITES I/II; 43 other Live Birds

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage (Concealed in the suitcase and backpack)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Estimated Value: HKD 11,000 (approximately CNY 10,000)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The case has been handed over to the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department for follow-up.

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Luzhou Customs Consecutively Seized Six Ivory Products in Inbound Parcels



News Release Date: 13 October 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Luzhou Customs

Location: Hefei City, Anhui Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (CT Scanner)

Species: 6 Ivory Products, 646.2 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Luohu Customs Seized Two Horse's Hoof Clam Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 14 October 2025
Law Enforcement Authority: Luohu Customs
Location: Luohu Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)
Species: Horse's Hoof Clam (*Hippopus hippopus*), two shell products, Class II of National Protected Species (Only wild population), CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport Customs Seized 18 Ivory Products Carried by Four Inbound Passengers



News Release Date: 15 October 2025
Law Enforcement Authority: Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport Customs
Location: Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport, Zhejiang Province
Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)
Species: 18 Ivory products, including beads bracelets, bangles and square plaques, total 609.66 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 4

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Mengding Customs Seized One Chinese Serow Hoof Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 17 October 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Mengding Customs

Location: Qingshuihe Port, Gengma County, Lincang City, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: Chinese Serow (*Capricornis milneedwardsii*), a hoof, 200 g, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Carrying (concealed in the trouser pocket)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Huanggang Customs Seized Four Panther Chameleons Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 24 October 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs
Location: Fuzhou Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: 4 Panther Chameleon (*Furcifer pardalis*), CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Carrying (concealed within two white cloth bags in the left trouser pocket)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Hengqin Customs Seized 182 Pieces of Shark Fins Carried by an Inbound Driver



News Release Date: 26 October 2025

Seizure Date: 2 October 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Hengqin Customs
Location: Hengqin Port, Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Intelligence

Species: 182 Pieces of Shark Fins, 14 kg in total, all identified as species listed under CITEIS II, including Bull Shark (*Carcharhinus leucas*), Bignose Shark (*C. altimus*), Grey Reef Shark (*C. amblyrhynchos*), Gracefull Shark (*C. amblyrhynchoides*), White-spotted Wedgefish (*Rhynchobatus australiae*), Spottail Shark (*C. sorrah*)

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Vehicle (concealed in two black shopping bags in the car trunk)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Hong Kong Customs Seized a Batch of Shark Fins on an Inland Vessel Departing for Macau



News Release Date: 27 October 2025

Seizure Date: 3 October 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Hong Kong Customs
Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: Unspecified Species, Shark Fins, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inland Vessel

Country of Export: China (Hong Kong SAR)

Intermediate Country: China (Macau SAR)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Wuhan Tianhe Airport Customs Seized 24 Red Sandalwood Beads Bracelets Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 28 October 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Wuhan Tianhe Airport Customs

Location: Wuhan Tianhe International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: Red Sandalwood (*Pterocarpus* spp.), 24 pieces of beaded bracelets, 0.886 kg in total, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: At present, the Custom has detained the aforementioned items temporarily pending further disposal.

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Luodian Police Bureau Seized Six Chinese Hwamei, and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 11 October 2025

Seizure Date: 9 October 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Luodian County Police Bureau

Location: Luodian County, Qiannan Buyi and Miao Autonomous Prefecture, Guizhou Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting and Domestication

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The case is currently under further investigation. The birds were released back into their native habitat by the joint task force on 9 October.

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Zhuji Police Bureau Seized 28 Chinese Hwamei, and Arrested 12 Suspects



News Release Date: 16 October 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhuji Police Bureau

Location: Provinces of Zhejiang, Fujian and Jiangxi

Detection Method: Intelligence

Species: 28 Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting, Purchase, Transport, and Sale (Setting up hunting devices such as "step cages" and "flip nets" attracting birds by playing bird sounds and ambushing to capture them. Building online communication and trading platforms, conducting detailed negotiations with buyers through private messaging features, and then delivering the goods by courier or through face-to-face transactions at agreed locations)

Estimated Value: Over CNY 120,000

Number of Offenders: 12

Case Progress: A total of 12 individuals involved in the case have been apprehended. Among them, five have been placed under criminal detention by the public security organs on suspicion of the crime of harming precious and endangered wildlife. The case is currently under further investigation.

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Yima Forestry Police Patrol Seized 30 Protected Birds, Including Siberian Rubythroats and Bluethroats, and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 23 October 2025

Seizure Date: 21 October 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Yima Municipal Forestry Police Patrol

Location: Yima City, Henan Province

Detection Method: Intelligence

Species: 30 live protected birds, including Siberian Rubythroat (*Calliope calliope*), Class II of National Protected Species; Bluethroat (*Luscinia svecica*), Class II of National Protected Species; and other protected species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Domestication

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The birds involved in the case have been properly placed, and the case is under further investigation.

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Xishui Police Bureau Seized 24 Chinese Hwamei, and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 23 October 2025

Seizure Date: 21 October 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Xishui County Police Bureau

Location: Xishui County, Zunyi City, Guizhou Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: 24 Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting, Sale and Domestication

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The suspect Yang has been placed under criminal detention by the public security authorities on suspicion of harming precious and endangered wildlife.

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Urumqi Railway Transportation Intermediate Court Convicted 14 Defendants of Smuggling and Illegally Purchasing and Selling Saiga Antelope Horns

News Release Date: 10 October 2025

Judgment date: 11 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Khorgos Customs Anti-Smuggling Branch

Judicial Authority: Urumqi Railway Transportation Intermediate Court

Location: A basement in a residential complex of Regiment 61 and the China-Kazakhstan Horgos International Border Cooperation Center, in Horgos City, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region; an international logistics park in Qiaocheng District, Bozhou City, Anhui Province

Species: Saiga Antelope (*Saiga tatarica*), 678 horns (499 were seized), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II (A zero export quota for wild specimens traded for commercial purposes)

Transport Method: Smuggling by concealing on the perpetrators' legs with tape; domestically trafficking via bus and private car

Country of Export: Kazakhstan

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling; Illegal Acquisition and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 54,640,000 (CNY 80,000 each)

Number of Offenders: 14

Case Progress: Three defendants were convicted of the crime of smuggling precious animal products and the crime of harming precious and endangered wildlife, sentenced a combined fixed-term imprisonment of 10-12.5 years and fined CNY 30,000 to 40,000. One defendant was convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of nine years, and fined CNY 30,000. Ten defendants were convicted of the crime of smuggling precious animal products and sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment ranging from one year and five months to six years, and fined CNY 3,000 to 10,000. The 499 saiga antelope horns seized in the case were confiscated; all illegal gains were recovered.

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Urumqi Railway Transportation Intermediate Court Convicted Seven Defendants of Illegally Harvesting and Selling *Arnebia Euchroma*

News Release Date: 11 October 2025

Judgment date: 17 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Western Tianshan Branch of the Food, Drug and Environmental Crime Investigation Bureau

Judicial Authority: Urumqi Railway Transportation Intermediate Court

Location: Tekes County, Ili Kazakh Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Species: *Arnebia euchroma*, 561 kg, Class II of National Protected Species

Transport Method: Horses

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Sale

Number of Offenders: 7

Case Progress: Seven defendants were convicted of the crime of endangering nationally protected plants and sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment ranging from eight to fifteen months, with probation of one to two years, and fined CNY 4,000 to 8,000; all illegal gains were recovered and confiscated according to law and turned over to the state treasury; three mobile phones seized were returned to three defendants.

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Urumqi Railway Transportation Intermediate Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Hunting and Selling Elks

News Release Date: 11 October 2025

Judgment date: 12 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Eastern Tianshan Branch of the Food, Drug and Environmental Crime Investigation Bureau

Judicial Authority: Urumqi Railway Transportation Intermediate Court

Location: Shawan City, Tacheng Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Species: Three Elks (*Cervus canadensis*), Class II of National Protected Species (Only wild species)

Transport Method: Motorcycle

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (Homemade rifles, knives and saws) and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 45,000

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: Two individuals were not prosecuted; defendant A was convicted of illegal possession of firearms and harming precious and endangered wildlife, sentenced a combined fixed-term imprisonment of two years and fined CNY 10,000; all illegal gains of CNY 7,000 were continually recovered and confiscated according to law and turned over to the state treasury; all seizures were confiscated and disposed of by the seizing authority according to law.

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Jinyang Primary People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Harvesting and Selling Mythologies

News Release Date: 11 October 2025

Judgment date: 11 August 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Jinyang County Police Bureau

Judicial Authority: Jinyang Primary People's Court

Harvest Location: Madian Village, Luoju Town, Jinyang County, Liangshan Yi Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan Province

Species: About 2,142 Mythologies (*Pleione* spp.), 4.2 kg in total, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Sale

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant A was convicted of the crime of endangering nationally protected plants and sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of three years, with three years' probation, and fined CNY 1,000; the defendant was ordered to purchase and plant 7,390 artificially propagated mythologies seedlings in accordance with the "Vegetation Restoration Plan for A" issued by the Forestry and Grassland Bureau of Jinyang County, to be executed under the Bureau's arrangement. If the ecological restoration plan is not implemented or fails to pass acceptance, the defendant shall bear the total restoration cost of CNY 20,630.

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Jinyang Primary People's Court Convicted Two Defendants of Illegally Harvesting and Selling Orchids

News Release Date: 11 October 2025

Judgment date: 23 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Jinyang County Police Bureau

Judicial Authority: Jinyang Primary People's Court

Location: The vegetable plot beside the residence of a suspect in Jiayang County, Liangshan Yi Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan Province

Species: 1,362 Mythologies (*Pleione bulbocodioides*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 37 Hancock's Dendrobiums (*Dendrobium hancockii*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Shuttle bus (wrapped in black plastic bags)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Sale

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Two defendants were convicted of the crime of endangering nationally protected plants and sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of three years, with three years' probation, and fined CNY 1,500. The illegal gains of CNY 20,000 were confiscated and turned over to the state treasury; two black binoculars, nine safety ropes, and four safety harnesses were returned; 206 live plant specimens and 1,156 plant rhizomes were handled by the public security authorities after fixing the evidence, in accordance with the law. Defendants were ordered to conduct ecological restoration in accordance with the "Vegetation Restoration Plan" issued by the Forestry and Grassland Bureau of Jinyang County, by purchasing 4,699 Mythologies seedlings and 111 Hancock's Dendrobiums to restore the damaged ecological environment, measured by survival rate, and executed under the Bureau's arrangement. If the restoration is not completed according to the plan, the defendants shall bear the total restoration cost of CNY 19,400.

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Urumqi Railway Transportation Intermediate Court Convicted Six Defendants of Illegally Harvesting and Selling *Arnebia Euchroma*

News Release Date: 11 October 2025

Judgment date: 19 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Western Tianshan Branch of the Food, Drug and Environmental Crime Investigation Bureau

Judicial Authority: Urumqi Railway Transportation Intermediate Court

Harvest Location: A state-owned forest farm in Zhaosu County, Ili Kazakh Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Species: *Arnebia euchroma*, 1,138 kg, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 260/kg (2022)

Number of Offenders: 6

Case Progress: Six defendants were convicted of the crime of endangering nationally protected plants and sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment ranging from 15 to 20 months, either without probation or with probation ranging from two years to two years and three months, and fined CNY 6,000 to 8,000; all illegal gains were continually recovered and confiscated according to law and turned over to the state treasury; four mobile phones seized were returned to the defendants; three T-shaped specially made iron shovels used in the commission of the offense were confiscated according to law and disposed of by the seizing authority.

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Urumqi Railway Transportation Intermediate Court Convicted Five Defendants of Illegally Harvesting and Selling *Arnebia Euchroma*

News Release Date: 11 October 2025

Judgment date: 18 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Western Tianshan Branch of the Food, Drug and Environmental Crime Investigation Bureau

Judicial Authority: Urumqi Railway Transportation Intermediate Court

Harvest Location: A state-owned forest farm in Zhaosu County, Ili Kazakh Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Species: *Arnebia euchroma*, 521.55 kg, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Sale

Number of Offenders: 5

Case Progress: Five defendants were convicted of the crime of endangering nationally protected plants and sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment ranging from 14 to 18 months, with two years' probation, and fined CNY 4,000 to 8,000; all illegal gains were continually recovered and confiscated according to law and turned over to the state treasury.

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Urumqi Railway Transportation Intermediate Court Convicted Three Defendants of Illegally Harvesting and Selling *Arnebia Euchroma*

News Release Date: 11 October 2025

Judgment date: 17 September 2025

Judicial Authority: Urumqi Railway Transportation Intermediate Court

Location: Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Species: *Arnebia euchroma*, 273 kg, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 40,950

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: Three defendants were convicted of the crime of endangering nationally protected plants and sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment ranging from eight months to one year, with probation ranging from one year to one year and six months, and fined CNY 4,000 to 4,500; all illegal gains were continually recovered and confiscated according to law and turned over to the state treasury; one specially made iron shovel seized from defendant BA were confiscated according to law and disposed of by the seizing authority.

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Xishuangbanna Dai Intermediate People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Smuggling Sunda Pangolin Scales

News Release Date: 13 October 2025

Judgment date: 5 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Mengla Customs; Xishuangbanna Anti-Smuggling Branch

Judicial Authority: Xishuangbanna Dai Intermediate People's Court

Location: Mohan Port, Mengla County, Xishuangbanna Dai Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

Species: Sunda Pangolin (*Manis javanica*), scales, net weight 705.16 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Vehicle (Laos license plate: 6,840; Concealed in the center console box between the front seats)

Country of Export: Laos

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Estimated Value: CNY 125,184

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Yan Wenjiao was convicted of the crime of smuggling precious animal products and sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of one year and six months, with two years' probation, and fined CNY 20,000 (already paid); the seized 705.16 grams of pangolin scales were confiscated according to law and disposed of by the seizing authority.

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Muli Tibetan Primary People's Court Convicted Two Defendants of Illegally Purchasing, Selling and Trafficking Eurasian Otters

News Release Date: 14 October 2025

Judgment date: 25 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Muli Tibetan Autonomous County Police Bureau

Judicial Authority: Muli Tibetan Primary People's Court

Location: On the way from Litang County to Tangyang Township, Muli County, Garze Prefecture, Sichuan Province

Species: Four Dead Eurasian Otters (*Lutra lutra*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Vehicle

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Sale, Purchase and Trafficking

Estimated Value: CNY 36,000

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Two defendants were convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wildlife and were sentenced respectively to fixed-term imprisonment of one year, with one year and six months' probation, and fixed-term imprisonment of one year and six months with two years' probation; each was fined CNY 3,000; four otters (dead) seized in the case were confiscated and destroyed by the seizing authority according to law; defendant Hariri compensated for the loss of national wildlife resources in the amount of CNY 27,000 (already paid), and defendant Ashi bore joint and several liability.

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Shanyang Primary People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Hunting and Selling Chinese Goral and Reeves's Muntjac

News Release Date: 14 October 2025

Judgment date: 15 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Shanyang County Police Bureau

Judicial Authority: Shanyang Primary People's Court

Location: Shanyang County, Shangluo City, Shaanxi Province

Species: One Chinese Goral (*Naemorhedus griseus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I; One Reeves's Muntjac (*Muntiacus reevesi*), Species with important ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting and Sale

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Chen Zhengyou was convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of eight months, with the probation of one year, and fined CNY 2,000; one sickle and two homemade wire snares were confiscated; the illegal gains of CNY 275 were confiscated and turned over to the state treasury; the ecological compensation payment of CNY 53,000 paid by defendant were turned over to the state treasury by the seizing authority.

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Ningling Primary People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Hunting and Selling Chinese Hwamei

News Release Date: 15 October 2025

Judgment date: 18 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Chengxi Police Station, Wucheng Branch of the Jinhua Municipal Police Bureau, Zhejiang Province; Ninling County Police, Henan Province

Judicial Authority: Ningling Primary People's Court

Location: Wucheng District, Jinhua City, Zhejiang Province

Species: Over 20 Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 5,000 Each

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Wen was convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of one year, with one year's probation, and fined CNY 4,000 (already paid); the illegal gains of CNY 1,000 returned by defendant Wen to the public security authorities were confiscated according to law and turned over to the state treasury.

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Dongguan Second Primary People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Hunting, Purchasing and Selling Chinese Hwamei

News Release Date: 17 October 2025

Judgment date: 8 September 2025

Judicial Authority: Dongguan Second Primary People's Court

Location: Houjie Community, Dongguan City, Guangdong Province

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting, Purchase and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 55,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Wang was convicted of the crime of endangering precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of one year and six months, with two years' probation, and fined CNY 5,000; one mobile phone and CNY 2,000 in illicit proceeds transferred with the case were confiscated and turned over to the state treasury by this court.

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Fengshun Primary People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Hunting and Selling Chinese Hwamei

News Release Date: 17 October 2025

Judgment date: 22 August 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Fengshun County
Police Bureau

Judicial Authority: Fengshun Primary People's
Court

Location: Shunfeng County, Meizhou City,
Guangdong Province

Species: 27 Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*) (11
were Seized and 16 were Sold), Class II of National
Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 5,000 Each

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Dai was convicted of the
crime of harming precious and endangered wildlife
and sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of ten
months, with one year's probation, and fined CNY
5,000; the illegal gains of CNY 1,300 were
confiscated and turned over to the state treasury; one
birdcage, seven sets of snare ropes (gallows), and
one bird-calling amplifier seized with the case were
confiscated and destroyed according to law.

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Hedong Primary People's Court Convicted Five Defendants of Illegally Purchasing, Transporting and Selling Helmeted Hornbills Products

News Release Date: 21 October 2025

Judgment date: 29 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Jiangyuan District
Police Bureau, Baishan City, Jilin Province; Hedong
Branch of the Tianjin Municipal Police Bureau

Judicial Authority: Hedong Primary People's Court,
Tianjin

Detection Method: Intelligence

Species: Helmeted Hornbills (*Rhinoplax vigil*), four
Products, Class I of National Protected Species,
CITES I

Transport Method: Express delivery

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Sale (Kuaishou
livestreaming), Purchase and Transporting

Estimated Value: CNY 1,240,000

Number of Offenders: 5

Case Progress: Five defendants were convicted of
the crime of harming precious and endangered
wildlife. Four of them were sentenced to fixed-term
imprisonment ranging from eight to 18 months, with
probation ranging from one to two years, and fined
CNY 2,000 to 4,000; One defendant was sentenced
to criminal detention of four months, with six months'
probation, and fined CNY 2,000; Three mobile
phones seized in the case were returned to the
defendants; the seizures and all illegal gains were
confiscated according to law. The five defendants
were ordered to carry out alternative restoration of the
damaged public interest through public service
activities (including publicity), and to publicly
apologize to the public through media at or above the
provincial (autonomous region, municipality) level for
their acts.

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Zhengzhou Railway Transportation Intermediate Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Harvesting and Selling Faber's Cymbidiums

News Release Date: 21 October 2025

Judgment date: 29 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Luanchuan County Police Bureau, Luoyang City

Judicial Authority: Zhengzhou Railway Transportation Intermediate Court

Location: A hotel room in Luoyang City, Henan Province

Species: 59 Faber's Cymbidiums (*Cymbidium faberi*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Sale (Online livestreaming)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Chen was convicted of the crime of harming nationally protected plants and sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of one year and four months, with one year and eight months' probation, and fined CNY 1,000; the illegal gains of CNY 75 were recovered and turned over to the state treasury by the seizing authority, the Luanchuan County Public Security Bureau.

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Jiajiang Primary People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Logging Zhennan Trees (2)

News Release Date: 21 October 2025

Judgment date: 9 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Jiajiang County Police Bureau

Judicial Authority: Jiajiang Primary People's Court

Location: Jianfeng Village, Huatou Town, Jiajiang County, Leshan City, Sichuan Province

Species: Three Zhennan (*Phoebe zhennan*) trees, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Logging

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Shen was convicted of the crime of endangering nationally protected plants and sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of ten months, with one year and six months' probation, and fined CNY 3,000. All seizures were confiscated according to law. In the attached civil public interest litigation, defendant Shen was required to restore the ecological environment as instructed; failure to do so will result in payment of ecological restoration costs of CNY 1,095 according to law.

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Jiajiang Primary People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Logging and Purchasing Zhennan Trees

News Release Date: 22 October 2025

Judgment date: 9 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Jiajiang County
Police Bureau

Judicial Authority: Jiajiang Primay People's Court

Location: Jiajiang County, Leshan City, Sichuan
Province

Species: Four Zhennans (*Phoebe zhennan*), Class
II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Logging

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Zhou was convicted of the crime of endangering nationally protected plants and sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of one year and six months, with two years and six months' probation, and fined CNY 5,000. All seizures were confiscated according to law. In the attached civil public interest litigation, defendant Zhou was required to restore the ecological environment as instructed; failure to do so will result in payment of ecological restoration costs of CNY 1,220 according to law.

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Zhengzhou Railway Transportation Intermediate Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Harvesting Faber's Cymbidiums

News Release Date: 23 October 2025

Judgment date: 16 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Lushi County Police
Bureau, Sanmenxia City

Judicial Authority: Zhengzhou Railway Transportation
Intermediate Court

Location: Lushi County, Sanmenxia City, Henan
Province

Species: 20 Faber's Cymbidiums (*Cymbidium faberi*),
Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Geng was convicted of the crime of endangering nationally protected plants and sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of three years, with three years and six months' probation, and fined CNY 1,000. The 20 Faber's Cymbidiums involved in the case have been transplanted and planted in the Lushi County Forest Farm.

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Zhengzhou Railway Transportation Intermediate Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Harvesting Faber's Cymbidiums (2)

News Release Date: 23 October 2025

Judgment date: 16 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Lushi County Police Bureau, Sanmenxia City

Judicial Authority: Zhengzhou Railway Transportation Intermediate Court

Location: Lushi County, Sanmenxia City, Henan Province

Species: 14 Faber's Cymbidiums (*Cymbidium faberi*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Liu was convicted of the crime of endangering nationally protected plants and sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of three years, with three years and three months' probation, and fined CNY 1,000. The 14 Faber's Cymbidiums involved in the case have been transplanted and planted in the Lushi County Forest Farm.

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Linjiang Primary People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Logging Manchurian Ashes and Amur Lindens

News Release Date: 27 October 2025

Judgment date: 28 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Jiangyuan County Police Bureau, Baishan City

Judicial Authority: Linjiang Primary People's Court

Location: Chengqiang Community, Jiangyuan District, Linjiang City, Jilin Province

Species: Two Manchurian Ashes (*Fraxinus mandschurica*), Class II of National Protected Species; Seven Amur Lindens (*Tilia amurensis*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Logging

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Hu was convicted of the crime of endangering nationally protected plants and sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of six months, with one year's probation, and fined CNY 1,000; the chainsaw seized in the case as a tool used in the offense was confiscated according to law and turned over to the state treasury by the Jiangyuan District Public Security Bureau of Baishan City.

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Jiaocheng Primary People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Trafficking and Selling Chinese Goral and Goitered Gazelle Horns

News Release Date: 28 October 2025

Judgment date: 1 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Jiaocheng County Police Bureau

Judicial Authority: Jiaocheng Primary People's Court

Location: Jiaocheng County, Lvliang City, Shanxi Province

Species: Chinese Goral (*Naemorhedus griseus*), 2 horns, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I; Goitered gazelle (*Gazella subgutturosa*), 10 horns, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Sale and Trafficking

Estimated Value: CNY 90,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Duan was convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of one year and three months, with two years' probation, and fined CNY 8,000; the seized horns were disposed of by the seizing authority according to law; of the two seized mobile phones, one was returned to the defendant, and the other was confiscated according to law and sealed for record.

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Xinfu Primary People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Purchasing and Selling Amur Cork Tree

News Release Date: 29 October 2025

Judgment date: 13 October 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Fushun Municipal Forestry Police Patrol

Judicial Authority: Xinfu Primary People's Court, Liaoning Province

Location: Fushun City, Liaoning Province

Species: Amur Cork Tree (*Phellodendron amurense*), 6,307 kg, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 300,305

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Li was convicted of the crime of endangering nationally protected plants and sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of three years, with three years' probation, and fined CNY 50,000; the funds and items involved in the case that were seized by the public security authorities shall be handled by the public security authorities according to law.

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Urumqi Railway Transportation Intermediate Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Purchasing and Selling Chinese Liquorice Seeds

News Release Date: 31 October 2025

Judgment date: 31 October 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Western Tianshan Branch of the Food, Drug and Environmental Crime Investigation Bureau

Judicial Authority: Urumqi Railway Transportation Intermediate Court

Location: Gongliu County, Ili Kazakh Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Species: Chinese Liquorice (*Glycyrrhiza uralensis*) Seeds, 3.5 tons (including 171.55 kg of Seeds and 2800 kg of Seed Shells), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 105,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Ju was convicted of the crime of endangering nationally protected plants and sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of two years, with three years' probation, and fined CNY 10,000; the illegal gains of CNY 58,897 obtained by defendant Ju were continually recovered and confiscated according to law and turned over to the state treasury; the seized mobile phone was returned to the defendant.

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Urumqi Railway Transportation Intermediate Court Convicted Five Defendants of Illegally Harvesting and Selling *Arnebia Euchroma*

News Release Date: 31 October 2025

Judgment date: 31 October 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Xinyuan County Police Bureau

Judicial Authority: Urumqi Railway Transportation Intermediate Court

Location: Xinyuan County, Ili Kazakh Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Species: *Arnebia euchroma*, 339.9 kg, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 135,960 (CNY 400/kg)

Number of Offenders: 5

Case Progress: Five defendants were convicted of the crime of endangering nationally protected plants and sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment ranging from six to 18 months, with probation ranging from one to two years, and fined CNY 2,000 to 6,000; All illegal gains were continually recovered and confiscated according to law and turned over to the state treasury; The 162 kg of *Arnebia euchroma* (dried purple gromwell) involved in the case were confiscated according to law and handled by the seizing authority.

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