



## CHINA'S WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT NEWS DIGEST

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## Shenzhen Postal Customs Seized 24 Pieces of Agarwood and Chinese Rosewood Products in an Outbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 3 December 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shenzhen Postal Customs

**Location:** Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

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

**Species:** 24 pieces of wood products, including 22 Agarwood (*Aquilaria* spp.) products and two Chinese Rosewood (*Dalbergia odorifera*) products, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Outbound Parcel

**Country of Export:** China

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Liantang Customs Seized a Total of 127 Pieces of Hawksbill Turtle, Giant Clam and Black Coral Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 4 December 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Liantang Customs

**Location:** Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

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

**Species:** Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), 100 pieces of bracelets and wooden-based chess, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; 27 pieces of shell beaded bracelets, including Black Coral (*ANTIPATHARIA* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II and Giant Clams (*Tridacnidae* spp.), Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Vehicle (in the trunk)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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## Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport Customs Seized a Total of 461.52 g of Black Rhino Horn Pieces and Powder Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 9 December 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport Customs

**Location:** Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport, Zhejiang Province

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

**Species:** Black Rhino (*Diceros bicornis*), horn pieces and powder, 461.52 g, CITES I

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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## Huanggang Customs Seized Six Pieces of Dried Manta Ray Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 9 December 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Huanggang Customs

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

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

**Species:** Six pieces of Flying Rays (*Mobula spp.*), 0.6 kg, CITES II (Mobulidae spp. upgraded to CITES I at the CITES COP 20)

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Carry-On Luggage (Nothing to declare Channel)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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## Manzhouli Airport Customs Seized Two Wolf Teeth and Six Bear Claws Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 9 December 2025

**Seizure Date:** 4 December 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Manzhouli Airport Customs

**Location:** Manzhouli Xijiao Airport, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region

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

**Species:** Wolf (*Canis lupus*), two pieces of teeth, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; Bear (*Ursidae* spp.), six pieces of bear claws, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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## Kunming Changshui Airport Customs Seized a Total of 41 Pieces of Protected Wildlife Products Carried by Two Inbound Passengers



**News Release Date:** 11 December 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Kunming Changshui Airport Customs

**Location:** Kunming Changshui International Airport, Yunnan Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** 22 pieces of ivory products, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; Black Rhino (*Diceros bicornis*), seven pieces of horn, CITES I; White Rhino (*Ceratotherium simum*), one piece of horn product and one bag of horn powder, CITES I/II; Malayan Pangolin (*Manis javanica*), four pieces of scales and one bag of scale powder, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; four bags of mixed powder of Malayan Pangolin scales and Reindeer (*Rangifer tarandus*) horn

**Transport Method:** Concealed on Inbound Passenger (around the neck, wrists and ankles) and Carry-on Luggage

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 2

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## Gongbei Customs Seized 317 Pieces of Blue Shark Fins in an Outbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 12 December 2025

**Seizure Date:** 22 November 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Gongbei Customs

**Location:** Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** Blue Shark (*Prionace glauca*), 317 pieces (approximately 26.5 kg) of Shark fins, about 26.5 kg, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Exported goods via cross-border e-commerce (declared as "packaging film")

**Country of Export:** China

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Huangdao Customs Seized 267 Pieces of Ivory Scroll Heads in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 14 December 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Huangdao Customs

**Location:** Qingdao City, Shandong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** 267 pieces of ivory scroll heads, about 5.75 kg, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel (Nothing to declare Channel)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Haikou Meilan Airport Customs Seized Two Saiga Antelope Horns Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 14 December 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Haikou Meilan Airport Customs

**Location:** Haikou Meilan International Airport, Hainan Province

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

**Species:** Saiga Antelope (*Saiga tatarica*), two pieces of horns, 340 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II

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

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** On-site Customs has handed over the case to the relevant authorities for handling in accordance with the law.

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## Luzhou Customs Seized Two Pieces of Ivory Scrolls in Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 15 December 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Luzhou Customs

**Location:** Hefei City, An Hui Province

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

**Species:** Two pieces of ivory painting scrolls, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Shatoujiao Customs Seized 57 Pieces of Rosewood Beaded Bracelets Carried by Two Inbound Passengers



**News Release Date:** 17 December 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shatoujiao Customs

**Location:** Shatoujiao Frontier Special Administration Zone, Yantian District, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

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

**Species:** Dalbergia (*Dalbergia* spp.), 57 pieces of beaded bracelets, 2.1 kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Carry On Luggage (Nothing to declare Channel)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 2

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## Dalian Zhoushuizi Airport Customs Seized Three Pieces of Queen Conch Shells Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 17 December 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Dalian Zhoushuizi Airport Customs

**Location:** Dalian Zhoushuizi International Airport, Liaoning Province

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

**Species:** Queen Conch (*Strombus gigas*), three pieces of shells, 2.49 kg in total, Verified as 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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## Taiyuan Airport Customs Seized 116 Pieces of Protected Wildlife Products in Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 20 December 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Taiyuan Airport Customs

**Location:** Taiyuan Wusu International Airport, Shanxi Province

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

**Species:** 91 pieces of ivory products, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; Four pieces of whale products, including Sperm Whale (*Physeter macrocephalus*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I, and Humpback Whale (*Balaenopteridae spp.*), Class I of National Protected Species (Antarctic Humpback Whale is verified as Class II of National Protected Species), CITES I/II; Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), seven pieces of shell products, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; Red Sandalwood (*Pterocarpus santalinus*) and Burma Padauk (*P. macrocarpus*), 14 pieces of wood products in total, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Case Progress:** The seizures have been detained in accordance with the law and will be transferred to the forestry department for harmless disposal in accordance with relevant regulations; the customs are further tracing the source and flow of the goods and will severely crack down on the illegal acts of smuggling endangered species and their products.

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## West Kowloon Station Customs Seized Three Vietnamese Three-striped Box Turtles Carried by an Outbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 25 December 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** West Kowloon Station Customs

**Location:** West Kowloon Station Checkpoint of Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong High-speed Railway, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

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

**Species:** Three live Vietnamese Three-striped Box Turtles (*Cuora cyclornata*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Outbound passengers' carry-on luggage (Nothing to Declare Channel; contained in mineral water bottles)

**Country of Export:** China

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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## Guangzhou Postal Customs Seized 11 Pieces of Ivory Products and 12 Pieces of Hawksbill Turtle Products in Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 26 December 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Customs

**Location:** Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

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

**Species:** 11 pieces of ivory products, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), 12 pieces of shell products, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; 112 g in total

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel (all declared as "copper ornaments")

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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## Luohu Customs Seized a Total of 22 Pieces of Stony Corals and Other Coral Stones Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 26 December 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Luohu Customs

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

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

**Species:** 13 pieces of Scleractinia (SCLERACTINIA spp.) corals, CITES II; Nine Pieces of Other Coral Stones

**Transport Method:** Inbound passenger Carry-On Luggage (Nothing to Declare Channel; contained in transparent plastic bags)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Luohu Customs Seized 23 Pieces of Agarwood Bracelets Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 28 December 2025

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**Law Enforcement Authority:** Luohu Customs

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

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

**Species:** Agarwood (*Aquilaria* spp.), 23 pieces of beaded bracelets, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Carry-on Luggage (Nothing to declare Channel)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Dalian Pulandian Public Bureau Seized Over 1500 Protected Birds Including Yellow-breasted Buntings, and Arrested Nine Suspects



**News Release Date:** 12 November 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Pulandian Sub-branch of Dalian Police Bureau

**Location:** Pulandian District, Dalian City, Liaoning Province

**Detection Method:** Criminal Reconnaissance

**Species:** Over 1,200 Yellow-breasted Bunting (*Emberiza aureola*), Class I of National Protected Species; over 350 other species with important ecological, scientific and social value

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting, Purchase and Sell

**Estimated Value:** Over CNY 10,000,000

**Number of Offenders:** 9

**Case Progress:** The rescued birds have been transferred to professional institutions for release work; all nine criminal suspects involved in the case have been imposed criminal compulsory measures in accordance with the law, and the case is under further investigation.

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## Luoping County Police Bureau Seized Seven Wild Orchids and Arrested One Suspect (1)



**News Release Date:** 1 December 2025

**Seizure Date:** 28 November 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Banqiao Public Security Checkpoint, Luoping County Police Bureau

**Location:** Luoping County, Qujing City, Yunnan Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** Seven Orchids (*Cymbidium* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Vehicle (with items wrapped in plastic bags concealed inside)

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Transportation

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** This case has been transferred to the Environmental, Food and Drug Crime Investigation Brigade of Luoping County Police Bureau for further handling.

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## Luoping County Police Bureau Seized About 200 Wild Orchids and Arrested One Suspect (2)



**News Release Date:** 5 December 2025

**Seizure Date:** 3 December 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Banqiao Public Security Checkpoint, Luoping County Police Bureau

**Location:** Luoping County, Qujing City, Yunnan Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** About 200 Orchids (*Cymbidium* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Pickup Vehicles (in the trunk)

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Transportation

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The involved vehicles and plants have all been detained in accordance with the law, and the case has been transferred to the Environmental, Food and Drug Crime Investigation Brigade of the County Police Bureau for further investigation.

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## Longchuan Police Continuously Seized 30 Wild Orchids and Arrested Four Suspects



**News Release Date:** 28 November 2025

**News Release Date:** 9 December 2025

**Seizure Date:** 6 November 2025, 16 November 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Environmental, Food and Drug Crime Investigation Brigade, Longchuan Police Bureau

**Location:** Husa Achang Ethnic Township, Longchuan County, Dehong Dai and Jingpo Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province (Mangdong Farmer's Market, Township Road, Suspect's Residence)

**Detection Method:** Routine Patrol

**Species:** 30 Orchids, including Noble Orchid (*Cymbidium goeringii*), Pinecone-like Raceme Dendrobium (*Dendrobium thyrsiflorum*), Ward's Dendrobium (*D. wardianum*), Devon's Dendrobium (*D. devonianum*) and Bulging Flower Dendrobium (*D. strongylandrum*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Pickup Vehicles (in the trunk)

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Harvest, Purchase, Transportation and Sell

**Number of Offenders:** 4

**Case Progress:** Four suspects have been imposed compulsory measures in accordance with the law, and the case is under further investigation.

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## Xinluo District Urban Management and Comprehensive Law Enforcement Bureau Handled a Case of Illegal Purchase and Breeding of Ball Pythons



**News Release Date:** 11 December 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Xinluo District Urban Management and Comprehensive Law Enforcement Bureau

**Location:** Xinluo District, Longyan City, Fujian Province

**Detection Method:** Case Clue

**Species:** One Ball Python (*Python regius*), verified as Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

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

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** A fine of 15,000 Yuan was imposed on Ye. The seized ball python has been confiscated in accordance with the law and safely transferred for professional acceptance and follow-up placement.

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## Banqiao Police Seized Four Live Chinese Hwamei and Arrested One Suspect



**News Release Date:** 15 December 2025

**Seizure Date:** 8 December 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Banqiao Public Security Checkpoint, Luoping County Police Bureau

**Location:** Luoping County, Qujing City, Yunnan Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

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

**Transport Method:** Vehicle (in the trunk)

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Transportation

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The case has been transferred to the Environmental, Food and Drug Crime Investigation Brigade for further investigation and handling.

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## Qixia Police Seized Two Northern Goshawks and Arrested Three Suspects



**News Release Date:** 16 December 2025

**Seizure Date:** 28 November 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Environmental, Food and Drug Crime Investigation Brigade, Qixia City Police Bureau

**Location:** Yantai City, Shandong Province

**Detection Method:** Case Clue

**Species:** Two Northern Goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting, Sale and Purchase (for Specimen Making)

**Number of Offenders:** 3

**Case Progress:** The three suspects have been arrested by the police on suspicion of harming precious and endangered wild animals.

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## Guilin Public Security Bureau Seized 193 Bags of Golden Chicken Fern and Arrested Seven Suspects



**News Release Date:** 19 December 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guilin Municipal Police Bureau Lingui Branch

**Location:** Guilin City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

**Detection Method:** Case Clue

**Species:** Golden Chicken Fern (*Cibotium barometz*), 193 Bags (over 5,000 Plants), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Vehicle

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Excavation, Transportation and Purchase

**Number of Offenders:** 7

**Case Progress:** All seven suspects have been brought to justice, criminal compulsory measures have been taken against each of them, and the case is under further investigation.

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## Nanning Long'An East Railway Police Seized Seven Chinese Hwamei and Arrested Three Suspects

**News Release Date:** 20 December 2025

**Seizure Date:** 16 December 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Long'an East Station Police Station, Nanning Police Bureau

**Location:** Long'an East Station, Nanning City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

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

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Carry On Luggage

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

**Number of Offenders:** 3

**Case Progress:** Three suspects have been arrested by the police on suspicion of harming precious and endangered wild animals, and the case is currently under further investigation.

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**Xiapu County Police Security Bureau Seized Two Chinese Hwamei and Arrested a Suspect**



**News Release Date:** 22 December 2025

**Seizure Date:** 19 December 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Forest Police Brigade, Xiapu County Police Bureau

**Location:** Xiapu County, Ningde City, Fujian Province

**Detection Method:** Case Clue

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

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The suspect Yang has been imposed criminal compulsory measures in accordance with the law, and the case is under further investigation.

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**Jishishan County Police Security Bureau Seized a Total of 347 Pieces of Northeast China Salamanders and Shangcheng Stout Salamander**



**News Release Date:** 18 November 2025

**News Release Date:** 23 December 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Forest Police Bureau, Jishishan County Police Bureau

**Location:** Jishishan Bonan, Dongxiang and Sala Autonomous County, Linxia Hui Autonomous Prefecture, Gansu Province

**Detection Method:** Case Clue

**Species:** Northeastern China Salamander (*Hynobius leechii*) and Shangcheng Stout Salamander (*Pachyhynobius shangchengensis*), total 347 individuals, 1 kg, Class II of National Protected Species

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

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The case is currently under further investigation.

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## Baotou Market Supervision Department Seized One Green-cheeked Parakeet

**News Release Date:** 25 December 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Baotou Municipal Market Supervision Department

**Location:** Baotou City, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region

**Detection Method:** Routine Examination

**Species:** One Green-cheeked Parakeet (*Pyrrhura molinae*), verified as Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

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

**Estimated Value:** 500 CNY (Purchase Price)

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The market supervision department confiscated the seized parrots in accordance with the law and imposed an administrative penalty of 2,000 yuan on the person concerned.

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## Longlin Police Security Bureau Seized Seven Chinese Hwamei and Arrested a Suspect



**News Release Date:** 26 December 2025

**Seizure Date:** 24 December 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Environmental, Food and Drug Crime Investigation Brigade, Longlin Multi-ethnic Autonomous County Police Security Bureau

**Location:** Longlin Multi-ethnic Autonomous County, Baise City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

**Detection Method:** Case Clue

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

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Purchase

**Estimated Value:** CNY 35,000

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The Chinese Hwamei involved in the case have been released into the wild jointly with the staff of the county wildlife competent department. The relevant case of Yang's illegal purchase of national Class II protected wild animals is under further investigation.

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## Qianshan Primary People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegal Purchase of Chestnut-Flanked White-eye

**News Release Date:** 1 December 2025

**Judgment Date:** 13 November 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Anshan Municipal Forest Police Detachment, Tiexi Branch of Anshan Municipal Police Bureau, Anshan Municipal Natural Resources Bureau

**Judicial Authority:** Qianshan Primary People's Court

**Location:** Tiexi District, Anshan City, Liaoning Province

**Species:** 22 Chestnut-Flanked White-eye (*Zosterops erythropleurus*), Class II of National Protected Species; Species with important ecological, scientific and social value, including two Yellow-bellied Tit (*Parus venustulus*) and three Willow Tit (*Poecile montanus*); and five other birds

**Detection Method:** Joint Law Enforcement Operation

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Purchase

**Estimated Value:** CNY 36,000

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** Defendant Wang was convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wild animals, sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of six months, with one year's probation, and fined CNY 3,000 (prepaid). The seized birds have been released into the wild.

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## She County Primary People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegal Hunting of Chinese Hwamei

**News Release Date:** 1 December 2025

**Judgment Date:** 13 November 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** She County Police Bureau

**Judicial Authority:** She County Primary People's Court

**Location:** Shangfeng Township, She County, Huangshan City, Anhui Province

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

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

**Estimated Value:** CNY 30,000

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** Defendant Xu was convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wild animals, sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of six months, with one year's probation, and fined CNY 1,000. Two birdcages were confiscated, and the two live Chinese Hwamei have been released into the wild.

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## Gulin Primary People's Court Convicted Two Defendants of Illegal Hunting of Chinese Hwamei

**News Release Date:** 2 December 2025

**Judgment Date:** 9 October 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Gulin County Police Bureau

**Judicial Authority:** Gulin Primary People's Court

**Location:** Zhangde Street, Shuangsha Town and other places, Gulin County, Luzhou City, Sichuan Province

**Species:** 17 Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

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

**Estimated Value:** CNY 85,000

**Number of Offenders:** 2

**Case Progress:** Defendant Cai A was convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wild animals, sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of one year, with one year's probation, and fined CNY 3,000; Defendant Cai B was convicted of the same crime, sentenced to criminal detention of six months, with six months' probation, and fined CNY 1,500. The involved Chinese Hwamei have been released into the wild, the tools used in the offense were confiscated, and both defendants shall publicly apologize through Gulin County-level media.

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## Gulin Primary People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegal Hunting of Chinese Hwamei and Big-eyed Ratsnake

**News Release Date:** 2 December 2025

**Judgment Date:** 9 October 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Gulin County Police Bureau

**Judicial Authority:** Gulin Primary People's Court

**Location:** Zhangde Street, Shuangsha Town and other places, Gulin County, Luzhou City, Sichuan Province

**Species:** Eight Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Two Big-eyed Ratsnake (*Zaocys dhumnades*), species with important ecological, scientific and social value

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting

**Estimated Value:** CNY 40,600

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** Defendant Li was convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wild animals, sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of eight months, with one year's probation, and fined CNY 2,000. The involved animals have been released into the wild, the tools used in the offense were confiscated, and the defendant shall publicly apologize through Gulin County-level media.

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## Ximeng Wa Primary People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Theft of Myriocarpa Terminalia Planks

**News Release Date:** 4 December 2025

**Judgment Date:** 31 July 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Mengshuo Police Station of Ximeng County Police Bureau

**Judicial Authority:** Ximeng Wa Primary People's Court

**Location:** Ximeng Wa Autonomous County, Puer City, Yunnan Province

**Species:** East Indian almond (*Terminalia myriocarpa*), two pieces of planks, Class II of National Protected Species

**Reason for Seizure:** Theft

**Estimated Value:** CNY 1,800

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** Defendant Yan was convicted of theft, sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of eight months, with one year's probation, and fined CNY 2,000. The involved planks have been returned to the victim, and the tools used in the offense were confiscated.

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## Junlian Primary People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegal Hunting of Red-billed Leiothrix

**News Release Date:** 4 December 2025

**Judgment Date:** 29 September 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Junlian County Police Bureau

**Judicial Authority:** Junlian Primary People's Court

**Location:** Xunci Town, Junlian County, Yibin City, Sichuan Province

**Species:** Seven Red-billed Leiothrix (*Leiothrix lutea*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 13 Other Wild Bird Species and Three Rodents

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting

**Estimated Value:** CNY 35,000

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** Defendant Liu was convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wild animals, sentenced to criminal detention of four months, and fined CNY 1,000. The corpses of the involved animals have been buried on-site, and the tools used in the offense were confiscated.

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## Xiqing Primary People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegal Purchase of Protected Birds Including Chinese Hwamei

**News Release Date:** 4 December 2025

**Judgment Date:** 14 November 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Xiqing Branch of Tianjin Police Bureau

**Judicial Authority:** Xiqing Primary People's Court

**Location:** Xiqing District, Tianjin Municipality

**Species:** Eight Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; One Swinhoe's White-eye (*Zosterops japonicus*) and Two Coal Tit (*Periparus ater*), species with important ecological, scientific and social value

**Detection Method:** Express

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Purchase (Online) and Breeding

**Estimated Value:** CNY 40,000 (value of Chinese Hwamei)

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** Defendant Wei was convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wild animals, sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of ten months, with one year's probation, and fined CNY 2,000. The involved birds have been transferred to the Wildlife Rescue and Breeding Center, and the tools used in the offense were confiscated.

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## Mojiang Hani Primary People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegal Purchase of Chinese Hwamei

**News Release Date:** 4 December 2025

**Judgment Date:** 18 November 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Mojiang County Police Bureau

**Judicial Authority:** Mojiang Hani Primary People's Court

**Location:** Lianzhu Town, Mojiang County, Puer City, Yunnan Province

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

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

**Estimated Value:** CNY 25,000

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** Defendant Bai was convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wild animals, sentenced to criminal detention of five months, with eight months' probation, and fined CNY 3,000. The involved Chinese Hwamei have been released into the wild, and the seized birdcages have been destroyed.

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## Shunyi Primary People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegal Purchase and Sale of Protected Exotic Pets

**News Release Date:** 6 December 2025

**Judgment Date:** 28 September 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shunyi Branch of Beijing Police Bureau

**Judicial Authority:** Shunyi Primary People's Court

**Location:** Shunyi District, Beijing Municipality

**Species:** Two Green Tree Python (*Morelia viridis*); One Emerald Monitor (*Varanus prasinus*); 44 Veiled Chameleon (*Chamaeleo calyptratus*); 27 Argentine Black and White Tegu (*Salvator merianae*); all verified as Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

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

**Estimated Value:** CNY 119,000

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** Defendant Lu was convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wild animals, sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of one year, with one year's probation, and fined CNY 15,000. The involved wild animals have been transferred to the rescue department, and the illegal gains of CNY 3,700 have been confiscated and turned over to the state treasury.

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## Guangnan Primary People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegal Purchase and Sale of Chinese Hwamei and Lady Amherst's Pheasant

**News Release Date:** 8 December 2025

**Judgment Date:** 6 November 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangnan County Police Bureau

**Judicial Authority:** Guangnan Primary People's Court

**Location:** Guangnan County, Wenshan Zhuang and Miao Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

**Species:** Three Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; One Lady Amherst's Pheasant (*Chrysolophus amherstiae*), Class II of National Protected Species

**Detection Method:** N/A

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

**Estimated Value:** CNY 20,000

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** Defendant Tao was convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wild animals, sentenced to criminal detention of four months, with six months' probation, and fined CNY 4,000. The involved animals have been confiscated and handled by the public security organ in accordance with regulations.

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## **Qionghai Primary People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegal Processing and Sale of Giant Clams**

**News Release Date:** 18 December 2025

**Judgment Date:** 27 November 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Qionghai Municipal Comprehensive Law Enforcement Bureau

**Judicial Authority:** Qionghai Primary People's Court

**Location:** Jiaji Town, Qionghai City, Hainan Province

**Species:** Giant Clams (Tridacnidae spp.), 7190 kg of shell pieces and products, Class II of National Protected Species (Field Populations Only), CITES II

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

**Estimated Value:** CNY 105,085

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** Defendant Zhu Chaowen was convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wild animals, sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of ten months, with one year's probation, and fined CNY 10,000. The illegal gains of CNY 38,200 have been confiscated and turned over to the state treasury. The involved giant clam fragments and products have been confiscated, and the seized mobile phone has been returned to the defendant.

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## **Wenshan Primary People's Court Convicted Two Defendants of Illegal Purchase and Transportation of Chinese Hwamei**

**News Release Date:** 19 December 2025

**Judgment Date:** 1 December 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Wenshan Municipal Police Bureau

**Judicial Authority:** Wenshan Primary People's Court

**Location:** Kaihua Street, Wenshan City, Yunnan Province

**Species:** 22 Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

**Detection Method:** Motorcycle

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

**Estimated Value:** CNY 110,000

**Number of Offenders:** 2

**Case Progress:** Defendant Zeng was convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wild animals, sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of one year, with one year and six months' probation, and fined CNY 2,000; Defendant Shi was convicted of the same crime, sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of ten months, with one year's probation, and fined CNY 1,000. The involved Chinese Hwamei have been transferred to the forestry department for disposal, and the tools used in the offense were confiscated.

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## Fugong Primary People's Court Convicted Two Defendants of Illegal Hunting, Purchase and Sale of Chinese Serow

**News Release Date:** 26 December 2025

**Judgment Date:** 28 November 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Fugong County Police Bureau

**Judicial Authority:** Fugong Primary People's Court

**Location:** Guke Village Forest Area, Pihe Township, Fugong County, Nujiang Lisu Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

**Species:** One Chinese Serow (*Capricornis milneedwardsii*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I

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

**Estimated Value:** CNY 40,000

**Number of Offenders:** 2

**Case Progress:** Defendant Bo was convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wild animals, sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of one year, with two years' probation, and fined CNY 1,000; Defendant San was convicted of the same crime, sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of eight months, with one year's probation, and fined CNY 1,000. Both defendants shall jointly and severally compensate for the wildlife resource damage of CNY 40,000, the illegal gains have been confiscated, and the tools used in the offense were confiscated.

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## Zhecheng Primary People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegal Purchase of Mongolian Lark

**News Release Date:** 26 December 2025

**Judgment Date:** 10 December 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Zhecheng County Police Bureau

**Judicial Authority:** Zhecheng Primary People's Court

**Location:** Zhecheng County, Shangqiu City, Henan Province

**Species:** Six Mongolian Larks (*Melanocorypha mongolica*), Class II of National Protected Species

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Purchase

**Estimated Value:** CNY 30,000

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** Defendant Sun was convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wild animals, sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of six months, with one year's probation, and fined CNY 2,000.

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