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Guangzhou Postal Customs Seized Seven Ivory Figurines and Four Hawksbill Shell Products in Two Inbound Parcels



News Release Date: 4 February 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Postal Customs

Location: Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Seven Ivory Figurines, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; Four Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) shell products, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; 498 g in total

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (declared as "timepieces" and "Wristwatches")

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Daxing Airport Customs Seized Two Giant Clam Shells Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 10 February 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Daxing Airport Customs

Location: Beijing Daxing International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Two Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.) shells, 7.838 kg in total, Class I/II of National Protected Species (Wild population only), CITES II

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

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Huangpu Customs Seized 64 boxes of Undeclared Inbound Agarwood Chips



News Release Date: 10 February 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Huangpu Customs

Location: Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 64 boxes of Agarwood (*Aquilaria* spp.) chips, 1,920 kg in total, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Cargo (mixed with containers declared as "Agarwood Pieces")

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Qingdao Jiaodong Airport Customs Seized Six Fresh Desert-broomrape Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 12 February 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Qingdao Jiaodong Airport Customs

Location: Qingdao Jiaodong International Airport, Shandong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Six Fresh Desert-broomrape (*Cistanche deserticola*), 3.05 kg in total, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Check-in Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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



News Release Date: 12 February 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs

Location: Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Four Ivory Products, including two beaded necklaces, one donut pendant and one square pendant, 133 g in total, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage (taped to the bottom of wine bottles, wrapped in plastic, and hidden in the suitcase)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Shanghai Pudong International Airport Customs Seized Two Ivory Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 13 February 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Shanghai Pudong International Airport Customs

Location: Shanghai Pudong International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Two Ivory Products, Gross Weight 1.239 kg, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel; hidden within two tea containers packed with milk powder)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Arihasate Customs Seized 14 Wolf Patellas and Three Stomachs Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 14 February 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Arihasate Customs

Location: Arihasate Port, New Barag Right Banner, Hulunbuir City, the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 14 Wolf (*Canis lupus*) patellas and three stomachs, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger (Concealed within the hand-sewn lining of a handbag)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Gongbei Customs Seized 226 Dried Tokay Gecko Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 16 February 2025

Seizure Date: 20 January 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Gongbei Customs
Location: Gongbei Port, Xiangzhou District, Zhuangzhai City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (X-ray)

Species: 226 Dried Tokay Gecko (*Gekko gekko*), 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 (Surname YE, Female)

Nationality: Chinese

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Beijing Capital Airport Customs Seized One Giant Clam Shell, One Chambered Nautilus Shell, and One Horned Helmet Shell Carried by an Outbound Passenger



News Release Date: 18 February 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Capital Airport Customs

Location: Beijing Capital International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: One Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.) shell, Class I/II of National Protected Species (Wild population only), CITES II; One Chambered Nautilus (*Nautilus pompilius*) shell, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II; One Horned Helmet (*Cassis cornuta*) shell, Class II of National Protected Species

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

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Xiamen Airport Customs Seized Six Live Chinese Hwamei Carried by an Outbound Passenger



News Release Date: 18 February 2025

Seizure Date: 18 February 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Xiamen Airport Customs

Location: Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

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

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

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The passenger is currently under investigation by the public security department. The six Chinese Hwamei have been handed over to the forestry department for follow-up handling.

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Huanggang Customs Seized One Live Burmese Star Tortoise Carried by an Outbound Passenger



News Release Date: 25 February 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs

Location: Futian Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: One Live Burmese Star Tortoise (*Geochelone platynota*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Outbound Passenger Carry-on Luggage (wrapped in transparent plastic film and placed in a black tote bag)

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Rongcheng Customs Seized 210 Mollusk Specimens in a Batch of Inbound Parcels



News Release Date: 25 February 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Rongcheng Customs

Location: Fuzhou City, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 210 Mollusk Specimens, 51 species in total, including Cuban Painted Snail (*Polymita picta*), CITES I; Serpent's-head Cowry (*Cypraea caputserpentis*); Money Cowrie (*Monetaria moneta*) and others

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Jiuzhou Customs Seized One Bear Tooth Pendant in a Batch of Inbound Parcels



News Release Date: 26 February 2025
Law Enforcement Authority: Jiuzhou Customs
Location: Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection
Species: One Bear (Ursidae spp.) tooth pendant, around 90 g, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (declared as "Amulet")
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Chengdu Shuangliu Airport Customs Seized 131 Ivory Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 26 February 2025
Law Enforcement Authority: Chengdu Shuangliu Airport Customs
Location: Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport, Sichuan Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: 131 Ivory Products, 473.25 g in total, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Check-in Luggage (Concealed inside a mechanical component resembling a "bearing", sealed, and secured with rubber pouring)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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Huaiji County Forestry Bureau Seized Four Dead Wild Birds, Including Siberian Rubythroat, and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 24 February 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Huaiji County Forestry Bureau, Forest Police Brigade of Huaiji County Public Security Bureau

Location: Gonghe Village, Xingfu Street, Huaiji County, Zhaoqing City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: One Dead Siberian Rubythroat (*Calliope calliope*), Class II of National Protected Species; Three Dead Red-whiskered Bulbuls (*Pycnonotus jocosus*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific, and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 2,400

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The Huaiji County Forestry Bureau imposed the following administrative penalties on the suspect surnamed QUAN: confiscation of one Siberian Rubythroat, and three Red-whiskered Bulbul, as well as a fine of five times the total value of the involved animals, totaling CNY 12,000.

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Baoxing County Forestry Bureau Cracked a Case of Illegally Hunting Tufted Deer, and Arrested Four Suspects



News Release Date: 24 February 2025

Seizure Date: 23 December 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Baoxing County Forestry Bureau, Baoxing County Public Security Bureau

Location: Longdong Town, Baoxing County, Ya'an City, Sichuan Province

Species: One Tufted Deer (*Elaphodus cephalophus*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (For consumption purposes)

Estimated Value: CNY 15,000

Number of Offenders: 4

Case Progress: The Forestry Bureau of Baoxing County decided to impose a fine of three times the value of the hunted animals on suspects surnamed GAO, ZHANG, ZHAO, and YANG for illegally killing of nationally protected wildlife, totaling CNY 45,000. Currently, all fines have been paid and the case has been closed.

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Shayang County Public Security Bureau Seized One Black-crowned Night Heron and Two Common Raccoon Dogs, and Arrested Two Suspects



News Release Date: 6 November 2024

Seizure Date: 30 October 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Shayang County Public Security Bureau

Location: Sifang Community, Shayang County, Jingmen City, Hubei Province

Detection Method: Routine Patrol

Species: Two Common Raccoon Dogs (*Nyctereutes procyonoides*), Class II of National Protected Species (Wild population only); One Black-crowned Night Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*), the wildlife with important ecological, scientific, and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Currently, the two suspects, surnamed ZHOU and LIU, have been placed under criminal compulsory measures by police for the crime of illegal hunting, and the case is under further investigation.

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Beijing Fengtai Police Seized 100 Wild Birds Including Bluethroat and Chestnut-flanked White-eye, and Arrested Four Suspects



News Release Date: 1 November 2024

Seizure Date: 23 October 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Police Brigade, Fengtai Branch of the Beijing Municipal Public Security Bureau

Location: Zhangguozhuang Leisure Park Woodland, and Taiziyu Woodland, Fengtai District, Beijing City

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: 100 wild birds including Bluethroat (*Luscinia svecica*), Class II of National Protected Species; Chestnut-flanked White-eye (*Zosterops erythropleurus*), Class II of National Protected Species; and other species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 4

Case Progress: Currently, Li and three other suspects have been criminally detained by Fengtai police for suspected illegal hunting. The seized birds have been rescued and handed over to the Beijing Wildlife Rescue Center, and further actions are underway.

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