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Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport Customs Seized 61 Ivory Products Carried by Two Inbound Passengers



News Release Date: 1 March 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport Customs

Location: Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 61 Ivory products, including bangles, beaded bracelets, pendants, combs, chopsticks, 1,077.92 g in total, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Check-in Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel; Wrap tightly in tinfoil)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: The relevant items have been transferred to the competent authorities for further processing.

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Shenzhen Postal Customs Seized 20 Giant Clam Necklaces in an Outbound Parcel



News Release Date: 2 March 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Shenzhen Postal Customs

Location: Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 20 Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.)

necklaces, 915.5 g in total, Class I/II of National Protected Species (Wild population only), CITES II

Transport Method: Outbound Parcel (declared as "Artificial wood doll")

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: The batch of necklaces is currently prohibited from export.

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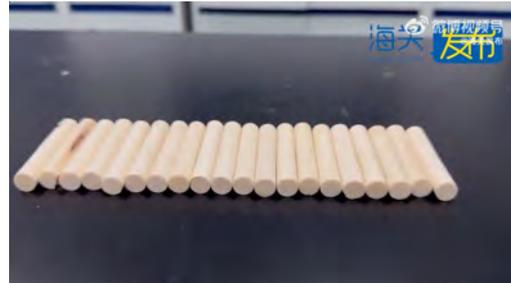
Longhu Customs Seized Over 300 Arapaima Scales in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 2 March 2025
Law Enforcement Authority: Longhu Customs
Location: Shantou City, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: Over 300 Arapaima (*Arapaima gigas*) scales, 950 g in total, CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (The recipient claimed it a raw material used in making crafts)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Case Progress: The case is now under legal investigation.

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Guangzhou Postal Customs Seized 20 Ivory Products in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 5 March 2025
Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Postal Customs
Location: Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection
Species: 20 Ivory products, about 6 cm long each, 222 g in total, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (Declared as "stamps")
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Quanzhou Customs Seized 34 Stony Corals Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 5 March 2025
Law Enforcement Authority: Quanzhou Customs
Location: Quanzhou City, Fujian Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: 34 Stony Corals (*Scleractinia* spp.) remnant skeletons, net weight 3.195 kg in total, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Luzhou Customs Seized Three Ivory Canes in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 5 March 2025
Law Enforcement Authority: Luzhou Customs
Location: Hefei City, Anhui Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection
Species: Three Ivory Canes, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound Parcel
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Zhangjiajie Customs Seized 18 Giant Clams and Four Stony Corals Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 6 March 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhangjiajie Customs

Location: Zhangjiajie City, Hunan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 18 Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.), 2.677 kg in total, Class I/II of National Protected Species (Wild population only), CITES II; Four Stony Corals (*Scleractinia* spp.), 0.567 kg in total, 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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Daxing Airport Customs Seized 472 g of Ivory Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 7 March 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Daxing Airport Customs

Location: Beijing Daxing International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Ivory products, net weight 472 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel; One of the ivory bracelets was hidden in a shampoo bottle)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Gongbei Customs Seized 43 Hippo Teeth Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 9 March 2025

Seizure Date: 14 February 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Gongbei Customs

Location: Gongbei Port, Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 43 Hippo (*Hippopotamus amphibius*) teeth, net weight 1.4 kg in total, CITES II

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

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Huanggang Customs Seized 15 Live Reptiles Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 12 March 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs

Location: Futian Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 10 Chameleon (*Chamaeleonidae* spp.), CITES II; Four Frilled Lizard (*Chlamydosaurus kingii*); One Viviparous lizard (*Zootoca vivipara*)

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger (Placed in a cloth bag, wrapped in a plastic bag and hidden on both sides of the passenger's waist and back)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Zhongchuan Airport Customs Seized 22 Giant Clam Products Carried by Three Inbound Passengers



News Release Date: 13 March 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhongchuan Airport Customs

Location: Lanzhou Zhongchuan International Airport, Gansu Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 22 Giant Clam (*Tridacna gigas*) products, 834.13 g in total, including necklace, beaded bracelet, bangles, Class I of National Protected Species (Wild population only), CITES II

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

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: The batch of giant clam products has been lawfully seized.

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Chengdu Postal Customs Seized 247 Ivory Tablewares in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 15 March 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Chengdu Postal Customs

Location: Chengdu, Sichuan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 247 Ivory Tableware, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Shenzhen Postal Customs Seized 16.4 kg of Agarwood and Its Products in Outbound Parcels



News Release Date: 17 March 2025
Law Enforcement Authority: Shenzhen Postal Customs
Location: Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: 16.4 kg of Agarwood (*Aquilaria* spp.) and its 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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Tengchong Customs Seized 385.3 g of Pangolin Scales Powder Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 19 March 2025
Law Enforcement Authority: Tengchong Customs
Location: Tengchong City, Yunnan Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection
Species: 385.3 g of Pangolin (*Manidae* spp.) scales powder, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I
Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger's carry-out luggage (a hand carried plastic bag with clothing wrapped around its base; claimed to be Chinese medicine powder purchased overseas)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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



News Release Date: 23 March 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport Customs

Location: Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Two Ivory bangles, one ivory pendant and one ivory name seal, 191.17 g in total, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Check-in Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel; Bracelets were sewn inside eye masks, pendants and seals were wrapped in snack bags)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Beijing Capital Airport Customs Seized One Live Greek Tortoise, One Ivory Product and 31 Dried Seahorse Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 24 March 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Beijing Capital Airport Customs

Location: Beijing Capital International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: One Live Greek Tortoise (*Testudo graeca*), CITES II; One ivory product, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; 31 Dried Seahorse (*Hippocampus* spp.) Products, Class II of National Protected Species (Wild population only), CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Wenzhou Customs Seized Two Rhino Horn Products in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 26 March 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Wenzhou Customs

Location: Wenzhou City, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Two Black Rhino (*Diceros bicornis*) horn products, 181.24 g in total, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (Declared as "chocolate")

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: The items were lawfully withheld from release at the scene and transferred for subsequent disposition.

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Liantang Customs Seized 28 Live Yellow-footed Tortoise Carried by Two Inbound Passengers



News Release Date: 26 March 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Liantang Customs

Location: Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 28 Live Yellow-footed Tortoise (*Chelonoidis denticulata*), CITES II

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger (Tied around the waist and abdomen)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 2

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Shenzhenwan Customs Seized One Stony Coral Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 26 March 2025
Law Enforcement Authority: Shenzhenwan Customs
Location: Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: One Stony Coral (*Scleractinia* spp.), 220 g, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1
Case Progress: It has been transferred to the Customs anti-smuggling department.

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Xiamen Airport Customs Seized 20.9 kg of Agarwood Carried by Two Inbound Passengers



News Release Date: 27 March 2025
Law Enforcement Authority: Xiamen Airport Customs
Location: Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport, Fujian Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: 20.9 kg of Agarwood (*Aquilaria* spp.) pieces, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 2

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Kunming Postal Customs Seized Eight Ivory Products and One Hawksbill Turtle Product in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 28 March 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Kunming Postal Customs

Location: Kunming City, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Eight Ivory products, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; One Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) product, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; 291.5 g in total

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (Declared as "coats")

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Beijing Capital Airport Customs Seized Two Chambered Nautilus Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 28 March 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Beijing Capital Airport Customs

Location: Beijing Capital International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Two Chambered Nautilus (*Nautilus pompilius*) products, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage (Wrapped in tinfoil)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Nanjing Lukou Airport Customs Seized Two Ivory Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 28 March 2025

Forensic Result Date: 26 March 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Nanjing Lukou Airport Customs

Location: Nanjing Lukou International Airport, Jiangsu Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Two Ivory products, 1.06 kg in total, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The customs office has temporarily withheld release of the items in accordance with regulations.

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Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized 36 Hawksbill Turtle Bangles Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 30 March 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs

Location: Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 36 Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) bangles, 724 g in total, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

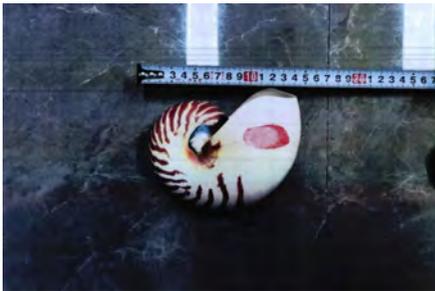
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Hangzhou Xiaoshan District Public Security Bureau Seized One Chambered Nautilus Shell and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 23 March 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Food, Drug and Environmental Investigation Brigade of Xiaoshan District Public Security Bureau

Location: Xiaoshan District, Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: One Chambered Nautilus (*Nautilus pompilius*) shell, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Express Delivery ("Taohuo" online shopping)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Trade

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Suspect LI is under criminal compulsory measures by Xiaoshan Police. The trader involved in selling nautilus products has been investigated by local police, and the case is under further processing.

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Shicheng County Public Security Bureau Seized One Live Eastern Grass Owl and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 13 March 2025

Seizure Date: 9 March 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Qinjiang Police Station of Shicheng County Public Security Bureau

Location: Shicheng County, Ganzhou City, Jiangxi Province

Detection Method: Routine Patrol

Species: One Live Eastern Grass Owl (*Tyto longimembris*), about 1 kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegally Hunting and Sale

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The eastern grass owl was rescued by the local forest department and released into the wild.

Suspect WEN is under compulsory measures for illegal hunting, and the case is under further investigation.

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Jinzhai County Public Security Bureau Seized 19 Orchids and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 3 March 2025

Seizure Date: 25 February 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Qingshan Police Station of Jinzhai County Public Security Bureau

Location: Jinzhai County, Liu'an City, Anhui Province

Detection Method: Routine Patrol

Species: 19 Orchids (*Orchidaceae* spp.), Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Suspect YU has been apprehended, and the case is under further investigation.

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Qionghu Police Station Seized Several Carcasses of Wild Animals Including One Leopard Cat, and Arrested Three Suspects



News Release Date: 21 March 2025

Seizure Date: 18 March 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Qionghu Police Station of Yuanjiang City Public Security Bureau

Location: The Flood Control Dam of Tonghua Town, Yuanjiang City, Hunan province

Detection Method: Tip off

Species: One Leopard Cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Several Wildlife with Important Ecological, Scientific and Social Value, including four Common Pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus*) (Wild population only), seven Spotted Doves (*Spilopelia chinensis*), and one Chinese Hare (*Lepus sinensis*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: Suspects HUANG, ZHOU, ZHENG are under criminal compulsory measures by public security authorities for suspected illegal hunting. The case is under further processing.

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Luotian County Public Security Bureau Seized Over 800 *Cymbidium faberi* and Arrested Two Suspect



News Release Date: 13 March 2025

Seizure Date: 25 December 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Shengli Police Station of Luotian County Public Security Bureau

Location: A Village in the Shengli Town of Luotian County, Huanggang City, Hubei Province

Detection Method: Tip off

Species: Over 800 *Cymbidium faberi*, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest (Sold to Wenzhou City, Zhejiang Province and other places)

Estimated Value: Prices range from CNY 4 to 80 in each

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Two suspects have been criminally detained by police, and the case is under further investigation.

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Xianning Police Seized Over 300 *Cymbidium goeringii* and Arrested Three Suspects



News Release Date: 17 March 2025

Seizure Date: 11 March 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Food, Drug and Environmental Investigation Brigade of Xian'an District

Location: Xian'an District, Xianning City, Hubei Province

Detection Method: Routine Patrol

Species: Over 300 *Cymbidium goeringii*, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest, Acquisition and Sale

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: Suspects WU and GUO have been criminally detained by the public security authorities, and the case is under further investigated.

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Xiangshan County People's Court Sentenced a Case of Endangering Rare and Endangered Wild Animals, Three People Were Sentenced



News Release Date: 19 March 2025

Sentencing Date: 18 March 2025

Judicial Authority: Xiangshan County People's Court, Xiangshan County People's Procuratorate

Location: Ningbo City, Zhejiang Province

Species: One dead Loggerhead Turtle (*Caretta caretta*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Fishing vessel to port

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Fishing and Trade

Estimated Value: CNY 150,000

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: The court sentenced defendant JIANG to one year and ten months imprisonment with a two-year probation period and a fine of CNY 10,000; defendant WANG to one year and four months imprisonment with a one-year-and-six-month probation period and a fine of CNY 10,000; defendant ZHANG to ten months imprisonment with a one-year probation period and a fine of CNY 10,000. All three defendants were ordered to fulfill civil liabilities for ecological restoration and jointly bear public interest damages of CNY 150,000.

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Shengzhou Police Seized Two Live Chinese Hwamei and Administratively Punished One person

News Release Date: 27 March 2025

Forensic Result Date: April 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Shengzhou Comprehensive Administrative Law Enforcement Bureau, Public Security Bureau, Market Regulatory Authority and Forestry Department

Location: Bamboo Forest Near Nijiadu Village, Ganlin Town, Shengzhou City, Shaoxing City, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Special Operation

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 10,000 (CNY 5,000 in each)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The seized birds were transferred to the Shaoxing Wildlife Rescue Center. Pursuant to relevant laws and regulations, the following administrative penalties were imposed: 1. Confiscation of hunting gains (two Chinese Hwamei); 2. A fine of twice the value of the seized items, totaling CNY 20,000.

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Shengzhou Police Seized Two Collared Scops-Owls and One Crested Goshawk and Administratively Punished One Person

News Release Date: 27 March 2025

Filing Date: 26 August 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Shengzhou Comprehensive Administrative Law Enforcement Bureau, Public Security Bureau, Market Regulatory Authority and Forestry Department

Location: Mountain near Yingguiyan Village, Chongren Town, Shengzhou City, Shaoxing City, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Special Operation

Species: Two Collared Scops-Owl (*Otus lettia*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; One Crested Goshawk (*Accipiter trivirgatus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 55,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: An administrative penalty was imposed: a fine of twice the value of the hunting gains, totaling CNY 110,000.

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Quannan County People's Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Hunting, One Person Was Sentenced

News Release Date: 25 February 2025

Seizure Date: September 2024

Judicial Authority: Quannan County People's Court

Location: A Mountain Farm in Quannan County, Ganzhou City, Jiangxi Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: One Silver Pheasant (*Lophura nycthemera*) Dead Body, Class II of National Protected Species; Two Chinese ferret-badger (*Melogale moschata*), the Wildlife with Important Ecological, Scientific and Social Value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 6,600 (Silver Pheasant: CNY 5,000 in each; Chinese ferret-badger: CNY 800 in each)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Two Chinese ferret-badger were transferred to the County Forestry Bureau and released into the wild. Defendant TAN was sentenced to one year imprisonment with a two-year probation. In November 2024, the County Forestry Bureau signed an ecological damage compensation agreement with Tan, who paid CNY 5,000 in ecological damages.

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Yichun Municipal People's Court Sentenced a Case of Harming Rare and Endangered Wild Animals, Three Persons Were Sentenced

News Release Date: 25 February 2025

Judicial Authority: Yichun Municipal People's Court

Location: Yichun City, Jiangxi Province

Species: Two Oriental Storks (*Ciconia boyciana*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; Tundra Swan (*Cygnus columbianus*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Acquisition, Processed and Sell as Dishes

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: The Municipal People's Court ruled that defendant HUANG illegally sold nationally protected endangered wildlife valued over CNY 200,000, constituting a severe offense; defendants LI and SHEN illegally purchased the same, also deemed severe offenses. All three were convicted of harming precious and endangered wildlife. LI cooperated with authorities (disclosed facts), while SHEN and HUANG surrendered voluntarily, pleaded guilty, paid CNY 200,000 in ecological restoration funds, and demonstrated remorse. Sentences:
Defendant LI: Three years and three months imprisonment, CNY 10,000 fine;
Defendant SHEN: Two years and six months imprisonment with a three-year probation, CNY 3,000 fine;
Defendant HUANG: One year and five months imprisonment, CNY 1,000 fine.

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Beijing Fengtai District People's Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Hunting, Two People were Sentenced

News Release Date: 3 March 2025

Prosecution Date: January 2025

Judicial Authority: Fengtai District People's Procuratorate

Location: Fengtai District, Beijing City

Species: Two Chestnut-flanked White-eye (*Zosterops erythropleurus*), Class II of National Protected Species; 12 Wildlife with Important Ecological, Scientific and Social Value, including Marsh Tit (*Poecile palustris*); Yellow-bellied Tit (*Pardaliparus venustulus*); Cinereous tit (*Parus cinereus*); Coal Tit (*Periparus ater*); Swinhoe's White-eye (*Zosterops simplex*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Defendants LI *A and LI *B were sentenced to eight months imprisonment (one-year probation) and four months detention (six-month probation), respectively.

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Shimian County People's Court Sentenced a case of Endangering Precious and Endangered Wild Animals, Six People were Sentenced



News Release Date: 3 March 2025

Sentencing Date: 28 February 2025

Judicial Authority: Shimian County People's Court

Location: Wanggangping Township, Shimian County, Ya 'An City, Sichuan Province

Species: One Asian Black Bear (*Ursus thibetanus*) and black bear bile products, CITES I; Two Takin (*Budorcas* spp.), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II; Red Panda (*Ailurus fulgens*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I; One Forest Musk deer (*Moschus berezovskii*) and musk sac, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting and Trade

Estimated Value: CNY 1,126,000 (Two Takins: CNY 1,000,000; One Asian Black Bear: CNY 40,000; The black bear bile products: CNY 32,000 in total; One Forest Musk Deer: CNY 30,000; The musk sac: CNY 24,000 in total.)

Number of Offenders: 6

Case Progress: Defendants LUO, WU, MA, NI, TAO and TANG received varying sentences. Civil liabilities: LUO, WU, MA, NI, TAO were jointly liable for CNY 1,040,000 in ecological damages (TANG bore CNY 8,000 joint liability). All six defendants were ordered to issue public apologies in municipal-level media.

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Tianzhu County People's Court Sentenced a Case of Endangering Precious and Endangered Wild Animals, One People was Sentenced



News Release Date: 21 March 2025

Seizure Date: 12 September 2023

Judicial Authority: Tianzhu County People's Court

Location: Tianzhu County, Qiandongnan Miao and Dong Autonomous Prefecture, Guizhou Province

Species: Five Tufted Deer (*Elaphodus cephalophus*), Class II of National Protected Species; One Leopard Cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Eight Masked palm civet (*Paguma larvata*), Wildlife with Important Ecological, Scientific and Social Value; 157 Snakes

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Acquisition and Sale

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant HUANG was sentenced to one year and six months imprisonment and a CNY 10,000 fine, with additional administrative penalties pending.

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Motuo County People's Court Sentenced a Case of Endangering State Key Protected Plants, 10 People were Sentenced

News Release Date: 3 March 2025

Judicial Authority: Motuo County People's Court

Location: Nan'an Mountain near Marangkang Village, Damu Township, Medog County, Nyingchi City, Tibet Autonomous Region

Species: 15,377 Orchid (*Pleione bulbocodioides*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 10

Case Progress: Following the incident, defendant A and nine others replanted all illegally harvest orchids, achieving partial ecological restoration. Sentences: Three years imprisonment with probation periods ranging from three years and one month to three years and six months, CNY 2,000 fines each, and confiscation of criminal tools.

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Lingshui Li Autonomous County People's Court Sentenced a Case of Endangering State Key Protected Plants, One People was Sentenced

News Release Date: 12 March 2025

Judicial Authority: Lingshui Li Autonomous County People's Court

Location: Wuzhishan City, Hainan Province

Species: 641 Tree ferns, including *Alsophila gigantea* and *A. latebrosa*, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Logging

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant LI was convicted of endangering state-protected plants and sentenced to five years imprisonment with a CNY 50,000 fine.

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