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Xiamen Airport Customs Seized Three Sun Conure Nestlings Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 2 April 2025
Law Enforcement Authority: Xiamen Airport Customs
Location: Fujian Xiamen International Airport
Detection Method: Routine Inspection
Species: Three Sun Conure (*Aratinga solstitialis*) Nestlings, Gross Weight 0.034 kg, CITES II
Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger ("Nothing to declare" channel)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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Nanchang Changbei Airport Customs Seized Five Ivory Figures in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 5 April 2025
Seizure Date: 19 March 2025
Law Enforcement Authority: Nanchang Changbei Airport Customs
Location: Jiangxi Nanchang Changbei International Airport
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: Five Ivory Figures, 207 g in total, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (Declare as "musical instrument"; hidden inside the second-hand musical instrument with a damaged cylinder surface and wrapped layer by layer with film and newspapers)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Liantang Customs Seized 46 Stony Corals Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 5 April 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Liantang Customs

Location: Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 46 Stony Corals (*Scleractinia* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger ("Nothing to declare" channel; hidden in the inner pocket of the passenger's waistcoat and the long socks worn on the left and right feet, and separately packed in semi-transparent plastic sealed bags)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Rongcheng Customs Seized 10 Hawksbill Turtle Products in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 6 April 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Rongcheng Customs

Location: Fuzhou City, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Ten Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) Shell Products, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Fuzhou Changle Airport Customs Seized 1.72 Kg of Blue Shark Fin Carried by Two Inbound Passengers



News Release Date: 6 April 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Fuzhou Changle Airport Customs

Location: Fujian Fuzhou Changle International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Blue Shark (*Prionace glauca*) Fin, 1.72 kg, CITES II

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

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 2

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Huanggang Customs Seized Three Asian Arowana Carried by an Outbound Driver



News Release Date: 8 April 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs

Location: Huanggang Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Three Asian Arowana (*Scleropages formosus*), CITES I

Transport Method: Vehicle (No declaration; stored in inflatable and water-filled transparent plastic bags, packed in cartons and hidden on the second-row seats of the car)

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Beijing Capital Airport Customs Seized 913 Shark Fins Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 12 April 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Beijing Capital Airport Customs

Location: Beijing Capital International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 913 Sharks Fins, including Bull Shark (*Carcharhinus leucas*), Spot-tail Shark (*C. sorrah*), Blacktip Shark (*C. limbatus*), Great Hammerhead (*Sphyrna mokarran*), Pigeye shark (*C. amboinensis*), Scalloped Hammerhead (*S. lewini*), Ganges shark (*Glyphis gangeticus*), All Listed in CITES II; Tiger shark (*Galeocerdo cuvier*), 83.45 kg in Total

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

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Huanggang Customs Seized 161 Live Stony Corals Carried by Four Inbound Passengers



News Release Date: 13 April 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs

Location: Futian Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 161 Live Stony Corals (*Scleractinia* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger (bound and concealed with tape around the waist, abdomen, chest, and buttocks)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 4

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Fuzhou Changle Airport Customs Seized 430 Beetles including *Dorcus hermani* Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 17 April 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Fuzhou Changle Airport Customs

Location: Fujian Fuzhou Changle International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 57 species of Beetles, totaling 430 individuals, of which 52 species with 407 live individuals, including *Dorcus herman*, Class II of National Protected Species

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage (Packed in plastic boxes and plastic test tubes)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Fuzhou Customs has lawfully confiscated the above-mentioned intercepted beetles.

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Nanjing Lukou Airport Customs Seized Two Chambered Nautilus Shells



News Release Date: 17 April 2025

Identification Date: 16 April 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Nanjing Lukou Airport Customs

Location: Jiangsu Nanjing Lukou International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Two Chambered Nautilus (*Nautilus pompilius*) shells, 0.7 kg, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Passenger's Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: The customs authority temporarily withholds clearance in accordance with regulations.

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Chengdu Shuangliu Airport Customs Seized 705 g Ivory Products and 164 g Pangolin Scales Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 17 April 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Chengdu Shuangliu Airport Customs

Location: Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport, Sichuan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 19 Ivory Products, 705 g; eight Pangolin (*Manis* spp.) Scales, 164 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage (Hidden in a cup wrapped in aluminium foil)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Mengla Customs Seized 511.91 g Sunda Pangolin Scales Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 22 April 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Mengla Customs

Location: Mohan Highway Port, Kunming City, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Sunda Pangolin (*Manis javanica*) Scales, 511.91 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage (Hidden in tea leaves)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The case has been transferred to the anti-smuggling department for handling.

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Jinshuihe Customs Seized One Live Chinese Hwamei Carried by an Outbound Passenger



News Release Date: 23 April 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Jinshuihe Customs

Location: Kunming City, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

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

Transport Method: Concealed on Outbound Passenger (Packed in birdcage, hidden in the inner lining of the passenger's coat)

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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

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Qingdao Jiaodong Airport Customs Seized 26 Shark Fins Carried by a Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 24 April 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Qingdao Jiaodong Airport Customs

Location: Shandong Qingdao Jiaodong International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 26 pieces of Shark Fin, 3.3 kg, including Blacktip shark (*Carcharhinus limbatus*), Spinner Shark (*C. brevipinna*), Scalloped Hammerhead (*Sphyrna lewini*), Sicklefin Lemon Shark (*Negaprion acutidens*), Silky shark (*C. falciformis*), Grey reef shark (*C. amblyrhynchos*), All Listed in CITES II

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

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The customs agency has filed an administrative case against the party concerned.

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Beijing Daxing Airport Customs Seized Eight Queen Conch Shells Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 28 April 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Beijing Daxing Airport Customs

Location: Beijing Daxing International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Eight Queen Conch (*Strombus gigas*) shells, 4.201 kg, CITES II

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

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Beijing Capital Airport Customs Seized 593 Pieces of Shark Fins and Two Bags of Soft-shelled Turtle Calipash Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 29 April 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Beijing Capital Airport Customs

Location: Beijing Capital International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 593 pieces of Shark Fins, Net Weight 32 kg, including Bull Shark (*Carcharhinus leucas*), Blacktip Shark (*C. limbatus*), Great Hammerhead (*Sphyrna mokarran*), Pigeye shark (*C. amboinensis*), Scalloped Hammerhead (*S. lewini*), all listed in CITES II; Tiger shark (*Galeocerdo cuvier*); 2 Bags of soft-shelled turtle calipash, Net Weight 12.75 kg, including India Peacock Softshell Turtle (*Nilssonina hurum*), CITES I; India Softshell Turtle (*N. gangetica*), CITES I; India Narrow-headed softshell turtle (*Chitra indica*), CITES II

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

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Cheng County Public Security Bureau Seized Over 10 Chinese Hwamei and Arrested Two Suspects



News Release Date: 11 April 2025

Seizure Date: 10 April 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Police Brigade of Cheng County Public Security Bureau
Location: Cheng County, Longnan City, Gansu Province

Detection Method: Special Operation

Species: Over 10 Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Capture

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Both cases are under further investigation.

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Taojiang County Public Security Bureau Seized 10 Chinese Edible Frogs and 20 Chinese Spiny Frogs, and Arrested Four Suspects



News Release Date: 23 April 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Police Brigade of Taojiang County Public Security Bureau
Location: Matangji Town, Taojiang County, Yiyang City, Hunan Province

Detection Method: Tip Off

Species: 15 Chinese edible frogs (*Hoplobatrachus chinensis*), Class II of National Protected Species; 20 Chinese spiny frogs (*Quasipaa spinosa*), Wildlife with Important Ecological, Scientific and Social Value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Capture

Number of Offenders: 4

Case Progress: At present, four criminal suspects including WANG have been taken into criminal compulsory measures, and the case is under further investigation.

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Longhai Police Cracked Down a Case of Illegally Trading of Round Kumquat and Arrested Three Suspects



News Release Date: 27 March 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Police Brigade of Longhai Public Security Bureau

Location: Longhai City, Zhangzhou City, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Routine Patrol

Species: 119 Round Kumquat (*Fortunella venosa*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase, Transport and Sale (Wechat and Tiktok)

Estimated Value: CNY 9,560

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: The criminals WANG * Ming, LIN * Lan and ZHANG * Xing were sentenced to four years and nine months in prison, respectively.

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Hengfeng County People's Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Capture in Chinese Hwamei, One person was Sentenced

News Release Date: 31 March 2025

Seizure Date: April 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Hengfeng County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Hengfeng County People's Court

Location: Hengfeng County, Shangrao City, Jiangxi Province

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Capture (Mist nets)

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

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: The defendant LI was lawfully sentenced to three months of detention, suspended for five months, and fined CNY 3,000. The defendant ZHANG was sentenced to a fine of CNY 3,000. The defendants LI and ZHANG were ordered to jointly bear the cost of ecological resource restoration amounting to CNY 5,000 and the appraisal cost of CNY 2,000 and were also ordered to publicly apologize to the society.

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Quannan County People's Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Harvest in Round Kumquat, Two People Were Sentenced

News Release Date: 14 February 2025

Harvesting Date: March 2022 to March 2024

Judicial Authority: Quannan County People's Court

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

Species: 49 Round Kumquat (*Fortunella venosa*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: The court lawfully sentenced the defendant Long to three years in prison with a four-year probation and a fine of CNY 8,000. The defendant QIANG was sentenced to one year and six months in prison, suspended for two years, and fined CNY 5,000. In September 2024, LONG and QIANG signed an ecological environment damage compensation agreement with the county forestry Bureau. The next day, they moved the surviving Round Kumquat to the nature reserve for restoratory planting by contributing their labor.

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One Person in Dalian City Was Administratively Punished for Illegal Purchase in Tortoises

News Release Date: 14 April 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Dalian Municipal Natural Resources Bureau

Location: Dalian City, Liaoning Province

Species: Afghan Tortoise (*Testudo horsfieldi*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II; Yellow-footed Tortoise (*Chelonoidis denticulata*), CITES II; Hermann's tortoise (*T. hermanni*), CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The Dalian Municipal Natural Resources Bureau lawfully imposed a fine as an administrative penalty on ZHU.

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One Person in Dalian City Was Administratively Punished for Illegally Breeding Macaque

News Release Date: 14 April 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Dalian Municipal Natural Resources Bureau

Location: Dalian City, Liaoning Province

Species: One Macaque (*Macaca mulatta*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Breeding

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The Dalian Municipal Natural Resources Bureau lawfully imposed an administrative penalty on ZHANG, confiscating one illegally bred macaque and imposing a fine.

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One Person in Dalian Was Administratively Punished for Illegally Harvesting Four Protected Ferns

News Release Date: 14 April 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Dalian Municipal Natural Resources Bureau

Location: Dalian City, Liaoning Province

Species: Two Manfern (*Cibotium* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; two *Angiopteris* spp., Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The Dalian Municipal Natural Resources Bureau lawfully imposed an administrative penalty on SHAO, confiscating the purchase of four plants.

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One Person in Dingnan County Was Fined for Illegally Harvesting Eight Filigree Orchids

News Release Date: 29 April 2025

Harvesting Date: 6 August 2023

Judicial Authority: Dingnan County People's Procuratorate

Location: Dingnan County, Ganzhou City, Jiangxi Province

Species: Eight Filigree orchids (*Anoectochilus* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The Dingnan County People's Procuratorat has lawfully brought public prosecution against GUO *jia on suspicion of endangering key protected plants of the state.

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Yongding People's Court Sentenced a Case of Illegally Harvesting Round Kumquat, Three People Were Sentenced



News Release Date: 10 April 2025

Judicial Authority: Yongding Court

Location: Longyan City, Fujian Province

Species: 22 Round Kumquat (*Fortunella venosa*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: The Yongding Court lawfully sentenced the three defendants to fixed-term imprisonment ranging from three years and nine months with probation to three years and three months with probation, and imposed fines ranging from CNY 5,000 to CNY 20,000.

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Chengdu Railway Transport No.2 Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Purchase, Transport and Sale in Chinese Hwamei, Two People Were Sentenced

News Release Date: 10 April 2025

Sentencing Date: 10 April 2025

Judicial Authority: Chengdu Railway Transport No.2 Court

Location: Xishui County, Zunyi City, Guizhou Province

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase, Transport and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 5,000

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: 1. The defendant XU is convicted of endangering precious and endangered wild animals and is sentenced to seven months in prison, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 2,000 (already paid). 2. The defendant YUAN is convicted of endangering precious and endangered wild animals and is sentenced to six months in prison, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 2,000 (already paid). 3. The illegal gains of CNY 600 from the defendants Xu and Yuan (which have been returned) shall be confiscated and turned over to the National Treasury.

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Yongjia County People's Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Purchase in Round Kumquat, One Person Was Sentenced

News Release Date: 22 April 2025

Sentencing Date: 22 April 2025

Judicial Authority: Yongjia County People's Court

Location: Yongjia County, Ningbo City, Zhejiang Province

Species: 26 Round Kumquat (*Fortunella venosa*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase

Estimated Value: CNY 3,900

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The defendant LOU was sentenced to three years in prison, suspended for four years, and fined CNY 30,000 (pre-paid).

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Renhua County People's Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Harvest, Purchase, Process and Sale in Manfern, One Person Was Sentenced

News Release Date: 7 April 2025

Sentencing Date: 7 April 2025

Judicial Authority: Renhua County People's Court

Location: Renhua County, Shaoguan City, Guangdong Province

Species: Manfern (*Cibotium* spp.), about 12,000 individuals in total, about 1,239.35 kg sliced and dried, 44.3 kg saliced but not dried, 1,590.9 kg of Rhizome and 36.1 kg of villus, Cass II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvesting, Purchasing, Processing and Selling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: 1. The defendant Liu Shuyou is convicted of endangering key protected plants of the state and is sentenced to three years in prison, suspended for five years, and fined CNY 8,000. 2. The illegal gains of CNY 4,308 seized in the case shall be confiscated and turned over to the National Treasury. 3. The 1319.75 kg of the "Golden Retriever" and one OPPO mobile phone seized in the case will be confiscated and handled by the seizing authority, Renhua County Public Security Bureau, in accordance with the law.

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Urumqi Railway Transport Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Harvest and Sale in Snow Lotus, Three People Were Sentenced

News Release Date: 17 April 2025

Sentencing Date: 17 April 2025

Judicial Authority: Urumqi Railway Transport Court

Location: Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, Xinyuan County, Yili Kazakh Autonomous State

Species: 818 Snow Lotus (*Saussurea involucrata*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Sale

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: 1. The defendant BA was sentenced to three years in prison, suspended for four years, and fined CNY 6,000. 2. The defendant SAI was sentenced to three years in prison, suspended for three years and seven months, and fined CNY 5,000. 3. The defendant MA was sentenced to three years in prison, suspended for three years and six months, and fined CNY 4,000. 4. The 423 snow lotus plants seized in this case shall be confiscated in accordance with the law and handled by the seizing authority in accordance with the law. 5. The illegal gains of CNY 875 from the defendant BA, CNY 835 from the defendant Sai, and CNY 795 from the defendant Ma shall continue to be recovered. They shall be confiscated in accordance with the law and turned over to the National Treasury.

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Zhaoping County People's Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Hunting and Sale in Wild Birds such as Silver Pheasant and Chinese Hwamei, One Person Was Sentenced

News Release Date: 15 April 2025

Sentencing Date: 15 April 2025

Judicial Authority: Zhaoping County People's Court

Location: Zhaoping County, Hezhou City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

Species: 37 Dead Silver Pheasant (*Lophura nycthemera*), Class II of National Protected Species; 9 Live Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 235,000 (Silver Pheasant CNY 5,000 each, Chinese Hwamei CNY 5,000 each)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: 1. The defendant HE was sentenced to one year and six months in prison, with a two-year probation. 2. The 34 hunting traps, 44 electronic alarm devices, 9 Chinese Hwamei and 37 dead Silver Pheasant that were seized in the case will be dealt with by the public security authorities in accordance with the law.

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Guancheng Hui District People's Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Purchase and Sale in Wild Birds such as Chinese Hwamei and Common Hill Myna, One Person Was Sentenced

News Release Date: 31 March 2025

Sentencing Date: 31 March 2025

Judicial Authority: Guancheng Hui District People's Court

Location: Guancheng Hui District, Zhengzhou City, Henan Province

Species: Three Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; One Common Hill Myna (*Gracula religiosa*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Wildlife with Important Ecological, Scientific and Social Value, including 47 Chinese Blackbird (*Turdus mandarinus*), Four Crested Myna (*Acridotheres cristatellus*) and 1 Long-tailed Shrike (*Lanius schach*)

Transport Method: Logistics

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase, Transport and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 55,000 (8 Common Hill Myna; 3 Chinese Hwamei)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: 1. The defendant OU was sentenced to six months in prison and fined CNY 10,000. 2. The illegal gains of CNY 17,110 that the defendant OU has returned shall be confiscated in accordance with the law and turned over to the National Treasury.

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Funing County People's Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Purchase and Transport in Chinese Hwamei, Five People Were Sentenced

News Release Date: 19 March 2025

Sentencing Date: 19 March 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Funing County Public Security Bureau Police Station

Judicial Authority: Funing County People's Court

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

Species: 79 Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Transport

Estimated Value: CNY 395,000 (CNY 5,000 each)

Number of Offenders: 5

Case Progress: 1. The defendant WANG (a) was sentenced to three years in prison and a fine of CNY 8,000. 2. The defendant WANG was sentenced to two years and eight months in prison, suspended for three years, and fined CNY 5,000. 3. The defendant Wang (b) was sentenced to two years and six months in prison, suspended for three years, and fined CNY 5,000. 4. The defendant YANG (a) was sentenced to two years and four months in prison, suspended for three years, and fined CNY 4,000. 5. The defendant YANG was sentenced to one year in prison, suspended for two years, and fined CNY 3,000. 6. The mobile phone, 79 Chinese Hwamei and 24 birons seized by the defendant WANG (a) in the case shall be confiscated in accordance with the law. 7. The illegal gains of CNY 1,190 from the defendant WANG (b), CNY 1,200 from the defendant WANG, CNY 960 from the defendant YANG (a), and CNY 370 from the defendant YANG shall be lawfully confiscated and turned over to the National Treasury.

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Luancheng District People's Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Purchase and Sale in Chinese Hwamei, One Person Was Sentenced

News Release Date: 12 March 2025

Sentencing Date: 12 March 2025

Seizure Date: 16 November 2023

Judicial Authority: Luancheng District People's Court

Location: Luancheng District, Shijiazhuang City, Hebei Province

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 55,000 (CNY 5,000 each)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: 1. The defendant WU was sentenced to six months in prison, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 3,000. 2. The defendant WU's illegal gains of CNY 3,900 (already recovered) have been confiscated and turned over to the National Treasury.

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Motuo County People's Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Hunting in Alpine Musk Deer, 3 People Sentenced

News Release Date: 30 April 2025

Prosecution Date: 19 May 2021

Judicial Authority: Motuo County People's Court

Location: The Xironggou Forest, 21 kilometers behind the mountain in Gongri Village, Damu Township, Motuo County, Nyingchi City, Tibet Autonomous Region

Species: 1 Dead Alpine Musk Deer (*Moschus chrysogaster*), Class I of National Protected Animals, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: The SANG was sentenced to seven months in prison and fined CNY 4,000. The defendant CHONG was sentenced to six months of detention, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 3,000. The defendant MA was sentenced to five months of detention, suspended for ten months, and fined CNY 2,000. SANG's illegal gains of CNY 800 and CHONG's illegal gains CNY 3,000 shall be recovered. The seized items in the case shall be confiscated in accordance with the law and turned over to the National Treasury. The wire rope sleeves, the tools used in the crime that have been seized in the case, shall be confiscated in accordance with the law.

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Zhengzhou Railway Transport Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Harvest in Faber's Cymbidium, Three People Sentenced

News Release Date: 30 April 2025

Harvesting Date: January to September 2023

Judicial Authority: Zhengzhou Railway Transport Court

Location: Zhengzhou City, Henan Province

Species: Over 600 Faber's Cymbidium (*Cymbidium faberi*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Excavation, Sale (Live-broadcasting Platform)

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: The defendants, QIAO *dong, LI *hong, were sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment with a suspended sentence a fine.

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Zhengzhou Railway Transport Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Purchase in Orchids, One Person Sentenced

News Release Date: 30 April 2025

Seizure Date: 12 June 2024

Judicial Authority: Zhengzhou Railway Transport Court

Location: Zhengzhou City, Henan Province

Species: Noble Orchid (*Cymbidium goeringii*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Faber's cymbidium (*C. faberi*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase (Douyin)

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: The defendant Guo *bin was sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment with a suspended sentence and a fine.

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Zhengzhou Railway Transport Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Sale and Purchase in *Cycas sexseminifera*, Two People Sentenced

News Release Date: 30 April 2025

Trading Date: December 2021 to April 2022

Judicial Authority: Zhengzhou Railway Transport Court

Location: Zhengzhou City, Henan Province

Species: 40 *Cycas sexseminifera*, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Sale (Xianyu, WeChat) and Purchase (Douyin)

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: The defendants, Chen *jun and Shang *nan, were respectively sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment and criminal detention, with a suspended sentence and a fine.

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