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Jinan Postal Customs Seized Four Ivory Balls in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 3 May 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Jinan Postal Customs

Location: Jinan City, Shandong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Four Ivory Balls, 908 g in total, Class I of National Protected Animals, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (Mixed and hidden among the billiards balls)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Qianjiang Customs Seized 10 Hawksbill Turtle Shell Products in Five Inbound Parcels



News Release Date: 3 May 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Qianjiang Customs

Location: Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 10 Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) Shell Products, gross weight 274.6 g, including a structured handbag, two rigid watch straps, seven accessories, Class I of National Protected Animals, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized 136 Parrot Eggs Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 4 May 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs

Location: Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 136 Parrot Eggs, including Five Species Listed in CITES I: Yellow-naped Amazon (*Amazona auropalliata*); Blue-winged Macaw (*Propyrrhura maracana*); Salmon-crested Cockatoo (*Cacatua moluccensis*); Echo Parakeet (*Psittacula echo*); African Grey Parrot (*Psittacus erithacus*); 14 Species Listed in CITES II: Yellow-collared Macaw (*Pr. auricollis*); Yellow-crowned Amazon (*A. ochrocephala*); Solomons Cockatoo (*C. ducorpsii*); Eclectus Parrot (*Eclectus roratus*); White-bellied Parrot (*Pionites leucogaster*); Sun Conure (*Aratinga solstitialis*); Coconut Lorikeet (*Trichoglossus rubritorquis*) et al.

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage (wrapped in cotton and paper towels and contained in four cylindrical biscuit boxes)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Guangzhou Postal Customs Seized One Ivory "Chinese Puzzle Ball" in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 4 May 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Postal Customs

Location: Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: African Elephant (*Loxodonta* spp.), one ivory carving "Chinese Puzzle Ball", net weight 290 g, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Daluo Customs Seized 944.34 g of Sunda Pangolin Scales Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 5 May 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Daluo Customs

Location: Daluo Port, Menghai County, Xishuangbanna Dai Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Three bags of Sunda Pangolin (*Manis javanica*) Scales, net weight 944.34 g, Class I of National Protected Animals, CITES I

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger (Tied with tape and hidden in the waist and abdomen)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Tianjin Binhai Airport Customs Seized Nine Ivory Products in an Inbound Express



News Release Date: 5 May 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Tianjin Binhai Airport Customs

Location: Tianjin Binhai International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Nine Ivory Products, including instrument fittings, seals and mahjong, 234 g in total, Class I of National Protected Animals, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Express

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Jinan Postal Customs Seized 21 Ivory Products in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 7 May 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Jinan Postal Customs

Location: Jinan City, Shandong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 21 Ivory Products, 765.7 g in total, Class I of National Protected Animals, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (Hidden in the packaging box of the musical instrument)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Guangzhou Postal Customs Seized Two Ivory Folding Fans in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 7 May 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Postal Customs

Location: Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: African Elephant (*Loxodonta* spp.), two ivory folding fans, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Chengdu Postal Customs Seized One Chambered Nautilus Shell and One Queen Conch Shell in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 13 May 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Chengdu Postal Customs

Location: Chengdu City, Sichuan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: One Chambered Nautilus (*Nautilus pompilius*) Shell, Class I of National Protected Animals, CITES II; One Queen Conch (*Aliger gigas*) Shell, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Chengdu Shuangliu Airport Customs Seized Two Ivory Beaded Bracelets Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 14 May 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Chengdu Shuangliu Airport Customs

Location: Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport, Sichuan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Two Ivory Beaded Bracelets, gross weight 144 g, Class I of National Protected Animals, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Check-in Luggage (Wrapped in tin foil, and hidden in two unopened and well-packaged boxes of coffee powder)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The relevant items have been transferred for subsequent disposal.

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Beijing Daxing Airport Customs Seized 15 Ivory Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 17 May 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Beijing Daxing Airport Customs

Location: Beijing Daxing International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 15 Ivory Products, net weight 129 g, Class I of National Protected Animals, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel; Hidden in the mobile phone box and the medicine box)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Shibali Customs Seized 12 Walrus Ivories Carried by an Inbound Driver



News Release Date: 19 May 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Shibali Customs

Location: Manzhouli City, Hulun Buir City, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 12 Walrus (*Odobenus rosmarus*) Ivories, 14.7 kg in total, CITES III (Canada)

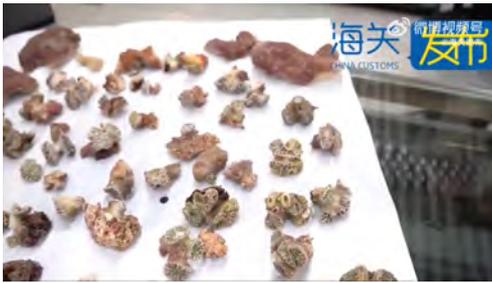
Transport Method: Inbound Freight Vehicle (Hidden in the pillow of the Truck's cab)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Liantang Customs Seized 56 Live Stony Corals Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 20 May 2025
Law Enforcement Authority: Liantang Customs
Location: Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection
Species: 56 Live Stony Corals (*Scleractinia* spp.), Class II of National Protected Animals, CITES II
Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger ("Nothing to declare" channel; Concealed inside eight white sealed bags within the hidden compartment of a traveler's black lumbar support belt)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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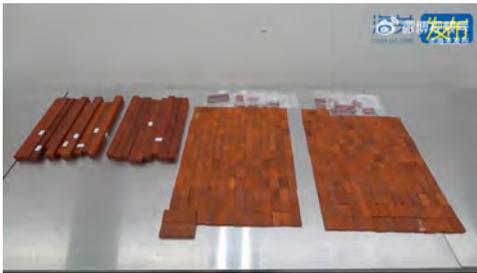
Liantang Customs Seized One Live Chinese Hwamei in an Inbound Passenger Vehicle



News Release Date: 20 May 2025
Law Enforcement Authority: Liantang Customs
Location: Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection
Species: One Live Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Animals, CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Vehicle ("Nothing to declare" channel"; Placed in a yellowish-brown square birdcage and hidden under the gap between the rear seats of the car)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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Huanggang Customs Seized 28.8 Kg of Red Sanders Pieces Carried by Four Inbound Passengers



News Release Date: 23 May 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs

Location: Futian Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 28.8 kg of Red Sanders (*Pterocarpus santalinus*) pieces, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Carry-on Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 4

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Zhongshan Port Customs Seized Two Giant Clams Shells Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 25 May 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhongshan Port Customs

Location: Zhongshan Port, Zhongshan City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: One Boring Clam (*Tridacna crocea*) Shell, Class II of National Protected Animals (Wild Populations Only), CITES II; One Small Giant Clam (*T. maxima*) Shell, Class II of National Protected Animals (Wild Populations Only), CITES II; 0.81 kg in total

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Shenzhen Bao'an Airport Customs Seized 402 Pieces of Shark Fins in a Shipment of Transshipped Goods



News Release Date: 25 May 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Shenzhen Bao'an Airport Customs

Location: Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 402 Pieces of Shark Fins, including Bull Shark (*Carcharhinus leucas*), Dusky Shark (*C. obscurus*), Great Hammerhead (*Sphyrna mokarran*), Silky shark (*C. falciformis*), all listed in CITES II

Transport Method: Air Freight (Wrapped with transparent cling film and contained within a dilapidated cardboard box)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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

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Huanggang Customs Seized 30 Live Tortoises Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 26 May 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs

Location: Futian Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Red-footed Tortoise (*Chelonoidis carbonaria*), CITES II; Yellow-footed Tortoise (*C. denticulata*), CITES II; 30 live individuals in total

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger ("Nothing to declare" channel); concealed between the layers of two form-fitting trousers worn by the traveler, after being tightly bound with black stockings)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The batch of live tortoises has been transferred to the Futian Administration Bureau of the Shenzhen Municipal Bureau of Planning and Natural Resources for accommodation and rescue.

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Xinjiang Public Security Department Seized Over 18,000 Kg of Chinese Liquorice, and Arrested 22 Suspects

News Release Date: 22 May 2025

Seizure Date: August 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: The Tianshan Western Branch of Food, Drug and Environmental Crime Investigation Bureau of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region Public Security Department

Location: Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: Over 18,000 kg of Chinese Liquorice (*Glycyrrhiza uralensis*) Seeds, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Trade

Number of Offenders: 22

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Lucheng District Comprehensive Administrative Law Enforcement Bureau Seized Six Manferns, One Person was Administratively Punished

News Release Date: 23 May 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Lucheng District Comprehensive Administrative Law Enforcement Bureau

Location: Lucheng District, Wenzhou City, Zhejiang Province

Species: Six Manferns (*Cibotium* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The Lucheng District Comprehensive Administrative Law Enforcement Bureau lawfully confiscated the involved manferns, imposed administrative penalties on the suspect, and initiated subsequent ecological protection and disposal work.

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Linkou Branch of Heilongjiang Provincial Forest Public Security Bureau Seized Two Manchurian Ash, and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 28 May 2025

Seizure Date: 27 May 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhandou Police Station, Linkou Branch of Heilongjiang Provincial Forest Public Security Bureau

Location: Zhandou Forest Farm, Linkou Forestry Bureau, Hailin City, Mudanjiang City, Heilongjiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Patrol

Species: Two Manchurian Ash (*Fraxinus mandshurica*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The suspect GUO has been lawfully taken into criminal compulsory measures by the Linkou Branch. The case is still under further investigation.

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Yingchun Branch of Heilongjiang Forest Public Security Bureau Seized Four Amur Cork Tree and One Manchurian Ash, and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 25 May 2025

Seizure Date: 23 May 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Wupao Police Station, Yingchun Branch of Heilongjiang Forest Public Security Bureau

Location: Wupao Forest Farm, Yingchun Forestry Bureau, Baoqing County, Shuangyashan City, Heilongjiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Patrol

Species: Four Amur Cork Tree (*Phellodendron amurense*), Class II of National Protected Species; One Manchurian Ash (*Fraxinus mandshurica*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The suspect YU has been lawfully taken into criminal compulsory measures, and the case is under further investigation.

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Xiapu County Public Security Bureau Seized Seven Chinese Hwamei, and Arrested Two Suspects



News Release Date: 26 May 2025

Seizure Date: 21 May 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Police Brigade of Xiapu County Public Security Bureau

Location: Xiapu County, Ningde City, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Case Clue

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

Transport Method: Vehicles

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (Net Trape)

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: The criminal suspects YANG *hui and YANG *fu have been lawfully taken into criminal compulsory measures by the Xiapu police on suspicion of harming precious and endangered wild animals. The case is still under further investigation.

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Dongjingcheng Branch of Heilongjiang Provincial Forest Public Security Bureau Seized Two Amur Cork Tree, and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 15 May 2025

Seizure Date: June 2021 to June 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Investigation Brigade, Dongjingcheng Branch of Heilongjiang Provincial Forest Public Security Bureau

Location: Erzhan No. 2 and No. 3 Forest Farms, Dongjingcheng Forestry Bureau, Ning'an City, Mudanjiang City, Heilongjiang Province

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: Two Amur Cork Tree (*Phellodendron amurense*), Class II of National Protected Species; 54 other trees

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Damaging

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The criminal suspect CHEN has been placed under compulsory measures of bail pending trial by the Dongjingcheng Police Station on suspicion of harming national protected plants. The case is currently under further investigation.

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Hongkong SAR Court Convicted a Thai Defendant of Smuggling Parrot Eggs



News Release Date: 19 May 2025
News Release Date: 1 March 2025
Sentencing Date: 16 May 2025
Law Enforcement Authority: Hongkong Customs
Judicial Authority: Hongkong Court
Location: Hongkong International Airport
Detection Method: Routine Inspection
Species: Of 188 Parrot Eggs, 187 originated from species listed in the CITES Appendices, including Salmon-crested Cockatoo (*Cacatua moluccensis*), CITES I, and Yellow-crowned Amazon (*Amazona ochrocephala*), CITES II, etc.
Transport Method: Inbound Passengers Luggage
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Estimated Value: HK\$ 1,400,000 (about CNY 1,282,000)
Number of Offenders: 1 (male, 30 years old)
Nationality: Thai
Case Progress: The man involved was sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

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Changning County People's Procuratorate Charged a Defendant with Illegally Trading *Paramichelia baillonii*



News Release Date: 20 May 2025
Judicial Authority: Changning County People's Procuratorate
Location: Changning County, Baoshan City, Yunnan Province
Species: Eight *Paramichelia baillonii*, Class II of National Protected Species
Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Sale
Number of Offenders: 1
Case Progress: Defendant ZHANG has been charged by the Changning County People's Procuratorate on suspicion of harming national protected plants.

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Three People Were Convicted for Illegal Harvest and Trade of *Rhododendron dauricum*

News Release Date: 15 May 2025

Prosecution Date: 1 April 2021

Species: 13,623 branches of *Rhododendron dauricum*, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Trade (WeChat)

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: Defendant TIAN was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment, suspended for 18 month, and fined CNY 10,000. Defendant LI was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment, suspended for 18 months, and fined CNY 10,000. Defendant WANG was sentenced to six months' imprisonment and fined CNY 5,000.

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A Local Court in Guangdong Province Convicted Three Defendants for Illegal Harvest and Trade of Ferns

News Release Date: 15 May 2025

Sentencing Date: 26 December 2023

Seizure Date: 23 July 2023

Location: Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 100 Manfern (*Cibotium* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 60 *Angiopteris* spp., Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Trade

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: Defendants YANG *xing, XIAN *jin and ZHANG *guo were each sentenced to three years' imprisonment, suspended for ranging from three to four years, and fined. The court further orders all three defendants to: (a) Issue a public apology to society through state-level media; (b) Pay ecological damage compensation in the respective amounts of CNY 2,490 to CNY 43,701.

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Heshan District People's Court Convicted a Defendant for Illegal Purchase and Sale of Protected Wild Animals

News Release Date: 29 May 2025

Seizure Date: 29 March 2023

Judicial Authority: Heshan District, People's Court, Yiyang City

Location: Heshan District, Yiyang City, Hunan Province

Species: One Owl (*Strigiformes* spp.), Class II of National Protected Animals, CITES II; One Eastern Marsh-Harrier (*Circus spilonotus*), Class II of National Protected Animals, CITES II; Other wildlife with Important Ecological, Scientific and Social Value, including four Chinese Hare (*Lepus sinensis*); 13 Spotted Dove (*Streptopelia chinensis*); seven Brambling (*Fringilla montifringilla*); six Bamboo Partridge (*Bambusicola* spp.); 12 Ptyas dumnades; one Beauty Ratsnake (*Elaphe taeniura*); one Chinese Krait (*Bungarus multicinctus*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 52,320

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant SONG is order to pay wildlife resource damages in the amount of CNY 52,320.

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Youxi County People's Court Convicted a Defendant for Illegal Purchase and Hunting of Chinese Hwamei



News Release Date: 23 May 2025

Judicial Authority: Youxi County People's Court

Location: Youxi County, Sanming City, Fujian Province

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Hunting

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant YANG was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment and fined CNY 3,000. Three Chinese Hwamei were released by police in accordance with regulations.

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Youxi County People's Court Convicted Five Defendants for Illegal Harvest, Purchase and Sale of Manfern



News Release Date: 23 May 2025
Sentencing Date: March 2023 to November 2023
Judicial Authority: Youxi County People's Court
Location: Youxi County, Sanming City, Fujian Province
Species: 974 Manfern (*Cibotium* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II
Transport Method: Expressage
Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest, Purchase and Sale (Online)
Number of Offenders: 5
Case Progress: The five defendants were each sentenced to imprisonment terms ranging from eleven to thirty-eight months, with concurrent fines.

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Dehua County People's Court Convicted Two Defendants for Illegal Purchase and Trafficking of Chinese Serow

News Release Date: 22 May 2025
Seizure Date: 11 March 2023
Judicial Authority: Dehua County People's Court
Location: Geling Town, Yongtai County, Fuzhou City, Fujian Province
Species: One Chinese Serow (*Capricornis milneedwardsii*), Class II of National Protected Animals, CITES I

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Trafficking
Estimated Value: CNY 50,000
Number of Offenders: 2
Case Progress: Defendant SONG was sentenced to five months' imprisonment, suspended for ten months, and fined CNY 10,000. Defendant HUANG *jia was sentenced to three months' imprisonment, suspended for six months, and fined CNY 7,000.

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Anxi County People's Court Convicted a Defendant for Illegal Harvest of Protected Wild Plants

News Release Date: 22 May 2025

Harvest Date: March 2021 to March 2024

Judicial Authority: Anxi County People's Court

Location: Anxi County, Quanzhou City, Fujian Province

Species: 10 Manforns (*Cibotium* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; One *Angiopteris* spp., Class II of National Protected Species; Three Mountain Kumquats (*Fortunella hindsii*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant CHEN *jia was sentenced to three years' imprisonment, suspended for forty-two months, and fined CNY 2,000.

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Anxi County People's Court Convicted Two Defendants for Illegal Harvest of Round Kumquat

News Release Date: 22 May 2025

Seizure Date: 20 October 2023

Judicial Authority: Anxi County People's Court

Location: Tucun Mountain Field, Pingzhou Village, Daping Township, Anxi County, Quanzhou City, Fujian Province

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant ZHANG *jia, was sentenced to Eighteen months' imprisonment, suspended for two years, and fined CNY 2,000.

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Luojiang District People's Court Convicted Seven Defendants for Illegal Trade of Chinese Pangolin, Crested Serpent-eagle and Leopard Cat

News Release Date: 22 May 2025

Trading Date: 20 October 2023 to January 2024

Judicial Authority: Luojiang District People's Court

Location: Luojiang District, Quanzhou City, Fujian Province

Species: 15 Chinese Pangolins (*Manis pentadactyla*), including 10 live individuals and five dead bodies, Class I of National Protected Animals, CITES I; One Live Crested Serpent-eagle (*Spilornis cheela*), Class II of National Protected Animals; Five Dead Leopard Cats (*Prionailurus bengalensis*), Class II of National Protected Animals, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Trade

Estimated Value: CNY 862,500 (CNY 80,000 for each Chinese Pangolin, CNY 25,000 for each Crested Serpent-eagle, CNY 7,500 for each Leopard Cat)

Number of Offenders: 7

Case Progress: The seven defendants were sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment ranging from eleven months to seven years and three months, and were fined and their illegal gains confiscated.

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Yongchun County People's Court Convicted a Defendant for Illegal Hunting of Protected Wild Animals

News Release Date: 22 May 2025

Hunting Date: April 2021 to December 2022

Judicial Authority: Yongchun County People's Court

Location: Yongchun County, Quanzhou City, Fujian Province

Species: One Silver Pheasant (*Lophura nycthemera*), Class II of National Protected Animals; One Chinese Hare (*Lepus sinensis*), Wildlife with Important Ecological, Scientific and Social Value; One Bamboo Partridge (*Bambusicola* spp.), Wildlife with Important Ecological, Scientific and Social Value; One Wild Boar (*Sus scrofa*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: CHEN *bing was sentenced to four months of detention, suspended for one year.

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Quangang District People's Court Convicted Two Defendants for Illegal Hunting of Chinese Hwamei

News Release Date: 22 May 2025

Seizure Date: 28 October 2022

Judicial Authority: Quangang District People's
Court

Location: Jiangjun Mountain (Daji Mountain),
Gaoban, Daji Town, Xianyou County, Fujian Province

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 30,000 (CNY 5,000 each)

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: The two defendants were each
sentenced to five months of detention and fined CNY
2,000.

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Hezhou City Babu District People's Court Convicted Two Defendants for Illegal Harvest and Sale of Orchids



News Release Date: 28 May 2025

Harvest Date: 2022 to 2023

Judicial Authority: Babu District People's Court

Location: Babu District, Hezhou City, Guangxi
Province

Species: 35 Orchids (*Cymbidium* spp.), Class II
of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Sale

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: The defendants LI and LIU,
having committed the crime of harming national
protected plants, were sentenced to a three-
years' imprisonment with a suspended
sentences and fined CNY 10,000, respectively.

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Shanghai Railway Transport Court Convicted a Defendant for Illegal Trade of Manferns

News Release Date: 31 May 2025

Trading Date: End of 2020 to September 2021

Judicial Authority: Shanghai Railway Transport Court, Shanghai Railway Transport Procuratorate

Location: Shanghai City

Species: 269 Manferns (*Cibotium* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Trade

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant WANG was sentenced to nineteen months' imprisonment, with a suspended sentence and a fine. Defendant WANG shall return the involved Manfern to its original habitat in Zhangzhou City, Fujian Province. The court further orders the defendant to: (a) Return the involved manferns to their original habitat in Zhangzhou City, Fujian Province; (b) Issue a public apology to society; (c) Bear the maintenance costs and appraisal fees exceeding CNY 15,000 for the live manfern. The case has now come into effect.

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Zhenning Autonomous County People's Procuratorate Reviewed an Illegal Orchids Harvest Case and Two People Received Administrative Penalties

News Release Date: 30 May 2025

Harvest Date: 11, 12 March 2024

Judicial Authority: Zhenning Autonomous County People's Procuratorate

Location: Guanling County, Anshun City, Guizhou Province

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Sale

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: The Procuratorate recommended that the administrative authorities impose administrative penalties on the two individuals.

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Jilin Wangqing Forest District People's Court Convicted Two Defendants for Illegal Damage to Amur Lime

News Release Date: 30 May 2025

Destruction Date: June 2019

Judicial Authority: Wangqing Forest District Basic People's Court, Jilin Province

Location: Wangqing Forest District, Yanbian Korean Autonomous Prefecture, Jilin Province

Species: Eight Amur lime (*Tilia amurensis*), Class II of National Protected Species; and 62 Other Trees

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Damage

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Defendant XU was sentenced to thirty months' imprisonment and fined CNY 9,000, with sentences running consecutively for multiple convictions; Defendant YU was sentenced to 28-months' imprisonment and fined CNY 8,000, also subject to consecutive sentencing. Both were further ordered in the attached civil public interest lawsuit to jointly pay CNY 36,212.50 for ecological restoration and CNY 2,000 in forensic appraisal fees, enforceable immediately.

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Hainan Convicted Two Defendants for Illegal Harvest of *Alsophila gigantea* and *A. latebrosa*

News Release Date: 21 May 2025

Sentencing Date: 31 December 2024

Location: T1 forest section of Shipo Management Station, Wuzhishan Branch of Hainan Tropical Rainforest National Park Administration

Species: 84 *Alsophila gigantea*, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 116 *A. latebrosa*, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Defendant, HUANG *ping, was sentenced to two-years' imprisonment and fined CNY 5,000. The defendant, HUANG *ru, was sentenced to seventeen-months' imprisonment, suspended for two years, and fined CNY 3,000.

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Wuding County People's Court Convicted Four Defendants for Illegal Hunting of Macaques

News Release Date: 16 May 2025

Sentencing Date: September 2024

Judicial Authority: Wuding County People's Court

Location: Jiyi Grand Rift Valley, Wuding County,
Chuxiong Yi Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan
Province

Detection Method: Tip-off

Species: 14 Live Macaque (*Macaca* spp.), Class II of
National Protected Animals, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 14,000

Number of Offenders: 4

Case Progress: The four defendants, including
DONG and LIU, were sentenced to fixed-term
imprisonment ranging from two years to one year and
fined. The seized live macaques were handed over to
the Wildlife Rescue and Breeding Center for
accommodation and treatment.

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Xiapu County People's Court Convicted a Defendant for Illegal Harvest of Red Coral

News Release Date: 22 May 2025

Catching Date: October 2020 to January 2021

Judicial Authority: Xiapu County People's
Court, Ningde City, Fujian Province; Xiapu
County People's Procuratorate, Ningde City,
Fujian Province

Species: Red Corals (*Coralliidae* spp.), Class I
of National Protected Animals, CITES III (China)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Estimated Value: CNY 11,100

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant SONG was
sentenced to Thirteen-months' imprisonment and
a fine of CNY 30,000..

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Xiapu County People's Court Convicted a Defendant for Illegal Harvest and Sale of Round Kumquat

News Release Date: 22 May 2025

Harvest Date: May 2022 to December 2022

Judicial Authority: Xiapu County People's Court, Ningde City, Fujian Province; Xiapu County People's Procuratorate, Ningde City, Fujian Province

Species: 20 Round Kumquat (*Fortunella venosa*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Sale (Online)

Estimated Value: Profit CNY 811

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant CHEN was sentenced to two-years' imprisonment, suspended for thirteen months, and was fined CNY 2,000.

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Golmud City People's Court Convicted Two Defendants for Illegal Hunting of Tibetan Antelope



News Release Date: 6 May 2025

Seizure Date: 28 April 2025; 26 December 1999

Judicial Authority: Golmud City People's Court, Haixi Mongol and Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Qinghai Province

Location: Yunwuling Mountainous Area of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Species: 745 Tibetan Antelope (*Pantholops hodgsonii*), Class I of National Protected Animals, CITES I

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: The two defendants, MA *de and MA *lin, were sentenced to more than Ten years' imprisonment and a fine.

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Changyi District People's Court Convicted a Defendant for Illegal Hunting of Protected Wild Birds

News Release Date: 22 May 2025

Judicial Authority: Changyi District People's Court

Location: Changyi District, Jilin City, Jilin Province

Species: One Dead Long-eared Owl (*Asio otus*), Class II of National Protected Animals, CITES II; Three Live Eurasian Siskin (*Spinus spinus*), Wildlife with Important Ecological, Scientific and Social Value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 17,700 (CNY 15,000 for each Long-eared Owl, CNY 900 for each Eurasian Siskin)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant WANG has been sentenced for the crime of illegal hunting.

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Ningling County People's Court Convicted a Defendant for Illegal Hunting and Sale of Chinese Hwamei

News Release Date: 28 May 2025

Sentencing Date: 15 May 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Ningling County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Ningling County People's Court

Location: Taoyuan Pass, Liuhe Town, Ningling County, Shangqiu City, Henan Province

Species: 12 Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Animals, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 60,000 (CNY 5,000 each)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: (a) Defendant LEI was sentenced to ten months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 5,000; (b) The CNY 1,200 of criminal gains is ordered to be confiscated; (c) The mobile phone (model: IQ00U3X) seized by police was returned to the defendant. The trapping decoy devices and seven transport cages were confiscated.

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Wan'an County People's Court Convicted Two Defendants for Illegal Trade of Protected Wild Animals

News Release Date: 29 May 2025

Sentencing Date: 13 May 2025

Judicial Authority: Wan'an County People's Court

Location: Wan'an County, Ji'an City, Jiangxi Province

Species: Two Chinese Serow (*Capricornis milneedwardsii*), Class II of National Protected Animals, CITES I; One Sambar Deer (*Cervus equinus*) Head, Class II of National Protected Animals, CITES I; Six Eastern Grass owl (*Tyto longimembris*), Class II of National Protected Animals, CITES II; Six Collared Scops Owl (*Otus lettia*), Class II of National Protected Animals, CITES II; 11 Chetnut-backed Owlet (*Glaucidium cuculoides*), Class II of National Protected Animals, CITES II; One Chinese Pangolin (*Manis pentadactyla*), Class I of National Protected Animals, CITES I; Eight Crested Serpent-eagle (*Spilornis cheela*), Class II of National Protected Animals, CITES II; Four Northern red muntjac (*Muntiacus vaginalis*), Wildlife with Important Ecological, Scientific and Social Value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Trade

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: (a) Defendant ZHU was sentenced to 63-months' imprisonment and fined CNY 30,000. (b) Defendant WEI was sentenced to five-years' imprisonment and fined CNY 8,000. (c) The illegal gains of CNY 31,350 obtained by defendant ZHU was confiscated pursuant to law by the seizing authority and forfeited to the state treasury. The illegal gains of CNY 14,800 obtained by defendant WEI shall be recovered and forfeited to the state treasury. (d) One mobile phone (model: VIVOS9) of the defendant ZHU was confiscated.

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Xining Railway Transport Court Convicted a Defendant for Illegal Trade of Alpine Musk Deer Sacs

News Release Date: 26 May 2025

Sentencing Date: 30 April 2025

Judicial Authority: Xining Railway Transport Court

Location: Xinghai County, Hainan Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Qinghai Province

Species: Four musk sacs from Alpine Musk Deer (*Moschus chrysogaster*), Class I of National Protected Animals, CITES II; Two teeth from Alpine Musk Deer or Forest Musk Deer (*M. berezovskii*), Class I of National Protected Animals, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Trade

Estimated Value: CNY 63,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: (a) Defendant WANG was sentenced to six-months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 4,000. (b) The four sacs of Alpine Musk Deer and two teeth seized were confiscated.

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