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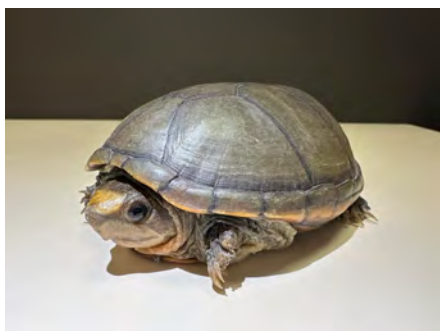


## CHINA'S WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT NEWS DIGEST

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## Hong Kong Customs Seized Six Live Vallarta Mud Turtles Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 2 May 2025

**Seizure Date:** 20 April 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Hong Kong Customs

**Location:** Hong Kong International Airport

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

**Species:** Six Live Vallarta Mud Turtles (*Kinosternon vogti*), CITES I

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Check-in Luggage

**Country of Export:** Mexico

**Intermediate Country:** Holland

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Estimated Value:** Over HKD 1,200,000 (About CNY 1,095,000)

**Number of Offenders:** 1 (Male, 38 years old)

**Nationality:** Chinese

**Case Progress:** The case was heard on May 2, 2025.

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## Luohu Customs Seized 39 Live Stony Corals Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 2 June 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Luohu Customs

**Location:** Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

**Species:** 39 Live Stony Corals (*Scleractinia* spp.), 440.4 g in total, Class II of National Protected Animals, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Concealed on Inbound Passenger (Hidden in transparent plastic bags on the inner side of the coat and the back pocket of the trousers)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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### Liantang Customs Seized 224 The Giant Clams Beads Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 4 June 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Liantang Customs

**Location:** Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

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

**Species:** 224 The Giant Clams (*Tridacnidae* spp.) Beads, Class I/II of National Protected Animals (Wild Populations Only), CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger (Packed in a transparent sealed bag)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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### Dalian Postal Customs Seized One Ivory Folding Fan in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 5 June 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Dalian Postal Customs

**Location:** Dalian City, Liaoning Province

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

**Species:** African Elephant (*Loxodonta* spp.), One Ivory Folding Fan, the Fan Ribs Weights about 120 g, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Yangshan Customs Seized 39, 415.8 g of Rhinoceros Horns in a Batch of International Transshipment Goods



**News Release Date:** 9 June 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Yangshan Customs

**Location:** Pudong District, Shanghai City

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

**Species:** 126 Pieces of Rhinoceros (Rhinocerotidae spp.) Horns, 39, 415.8 g, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** International Transshipment Goods (Declared as "Chrom Ore"; the upper layer of the box is covered with black-brown slag ore, with animal-derived products concealed beneath)

**Intermediate Country:** China

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Wenjindu Customs Seized 550.54 g of Incense Tree Pieces Carried by an Outbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 10 June 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Wenjindu Customs

**Location:** Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

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

**Species:** Incense Tree (*Aquilaria sinensis*) Wood Pieces, 550.54 g, Class II of National Protected Animals, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Outbound Passenger Carry-on Luggage ("Nothing to declare" channel)

**Country of Export:** China

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1 (Male)

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## Shenzhenwan Customs Seized Four Live Chinese Box Turtles Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 10 June 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shenzhenwan Customs

**Location:** Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

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

**Species:** Four Live Chinese Box Turtles (*Cuora flavomarginata*), CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Carry-on Luggage (Undeclared)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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## Nansha Customs Seized 15 Pieces of Burmese Rosewood Furnitures in a Batch of Outbound Goods



**News Release Date:** 10 June 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Nansha Customs

**Location:** Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

**Species:** Burmese Rosewood (*Dalbergia oliveri*), 15 Furnitures, including wooden chairs, wooden tables, coffee tables, etc.; Weight 720 kg in total, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Export Goods (Undeclared; hidden in items declared as "plastic boxes, furniture accessories, etc.")

**Country of Export:** China

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Suzhou Postal Customs Seized 100 Ivory and Sperm Whale Teeth Products in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 15 June 2025

**Seizure Date:** 12 June 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Suzhou Postal Customs

**Location:** Suzhou City, Jiangsu Province

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

**Species:** Two Ivory Cigarette Holders, Nine Ivory Pegs, Class I of National Protected Animals, CITES I/II; 89 Pieces of Sperm Whale (*Physeter macrocephalus*) Teeth, Class I of National Protected Animals, CITES I; 527 g in Total

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Shanghai Pudong International Airport Customs Seized an American Black Bear Fur Carpet in an Inbound Express



**News Release Date:** 16 June 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shanghai Pudong International Airport Customs

**Location:** Shanghai Pudong International Airport

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

**Species:** American Black Bear (*Ursus americanus*), One Fur Carpet, 1.55 Meters Long, 0.8 Meters Wide, 7.26 kg, CITES I

**Transport Method:** Inbound Express (Declared as "decorative carpet [artificial fur]")

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Beijing Daxing Airport Customs Seized One Brown Bear Fur Carried by a Transfer Passenger



**News Release Date:** 18 June 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Beijing Daxing Airport Customs

**Location:** Beijing Daxing International Airport

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

**Species:** One Brown Bear (*Ursus arctos*) Fur, Class II of National Protected Animals, CITES I/II

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

**Intermediate Country:** China

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Shenzhen Bao'an Airport Customs Seized 4,131 Dried Tokay Gecko in a Batch of Inbound Goods



**News Release Date:** 19 June 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shenzhen Bao'an Airport Customs

**Location:** Shenzhen Bao'an International Airport, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

**Species:** 4,131 Dried Tokay Gecko (*Gekko gekko*), Class II of National Protected Animals, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Goods (Outer packaging was dilapidated and emits a strong foul odor)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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### Jiuzhou Customs Seized One Stony Coral Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 22 June 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Jiuzhou Customs

**Location:** Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province

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

**Species:** One Stony Coral (*Scleractinia* spp.), 9.22 kg, Class II of National Protected Animals, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Concealed on Inbound Passenger ("Nothing to declare" channel)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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### Luohu Customs Seized 593 Live Stony Corals Carried by 14 Inbound Passengers



**News Release Date:** 22 June 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Luohu Customs

**Location:** Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

**Species:** 593 Live Stony Corals (*Scleractinia* spp.), Class II of National Protected Animals, CITES II

**Transport Method:** Concealed on Inbound Passenger (Packed in transparent plastic bags, wrapped with tape around the waist, abdomen, chest, knees and other areas, or hidden in the pockets of clothes and trousers)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 14 (8 Female and 6 Male)

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## Zhakou Customs Seized Two Ivory Carvings Carried by an Inbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 23 June 2025

**Seizure Date:** 20 May 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Zhakou Customs

**Location:** Gongbei Port, Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

**Species:** African Elephant (*Loxodonta* spp.) Two Ivory Carvings, Net Weight about 1.6 kg

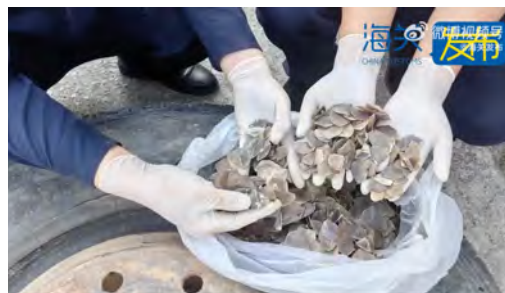
**Transport Method:** Concealed on Inbound Passenger ("Nothing to declare" channel, Hidden in a Shoulder Bag)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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## Ruili Customs Seized 1,486.9 g of Pangolin Scales in an Inbound Truck



**News Release Date:** 24 June 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Ruili Customs

**Location:** Lei Yun Passage, Ruili City, Dehong Dai and Jingpo Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

**Species:** 1486.9 g of Pangolin Scales, including Chinese Pangolin (*Manis pentadactyla*); Sunda Pangolin (*M. javanica*); all Listed in Class I of National Protected Animals, CITES I

**Transport Method:** Inbound Truck (Wrapped in a plastic bag and hidden in the spare tire of the truck)

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Chongqing Postal Customs Seized Two Ivory Figurines (67.7 g in total) in an Inbound Parcel



**News Release Date:** 27 June 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Chongqing Postal Customs

**Location:** Chongqing City

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

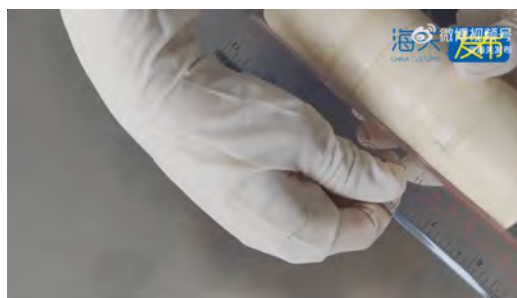
**Species:** Two Ivory Figurines, 66.7 g in Total (including a Wooden Base), Class I of National Protected Animals, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Inbound Parcel

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

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## Shenzhenwan Customs Seized One African Elephant Ivory Cylinder Carried by an Outbound Passenger



**News Release Date:** 29 June 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shenzhenwan Customs

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

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

**Species:** One African Elephant (*Loxodonta* spp.) Ivory Cylinder, 600 g, CITES I/II

**Transport Method:** Outbound Passenger Car (Undeclared; Hidden in passenger's backpack)

**Country of Export:** China

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** 1

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### Honghu City Public Security Bureau Cracked Down an Illegal Wildlife Purchasing Case Involving 15 Raccoon Dogs, and Arrested One Suspect



**News Release Date:** 3 June 2025

**Seizure Date:** 27 December 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Forest Police Brigade of Honghu Public Security Bureau

**Location:** Honghu City, Jingzhou City, Hubei Province

**Detection Method:** Investigation

**Species:** 308 Dead Wild Animals in total, including 15 Raccoon Dogs (*Nyctereutes procyonoides*), Class II of National Protected Animals (Wild Populations Only); and 293 Wildlife with Important Ecological, Scientific and Social Value: 10 Common Teals (*Anas crecca*); 5 Siberian Weasels (*Mustela sibirica*); 14 Common Coots (*Fulica atra*); 13 Black-crowned Night-herons (*Nycticorax nycticorax*); 176 Spotted Doves (*Streptopelia chinensis*); 21 Common Moorhens (*Gallinula chloropus*); 15 Eurasian Magpies (*Pica pica*); 39 Little Grebes (*Tachybaptus ruficollis*)

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Purchasing

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The suspect LIU has been lawfully criminally detained. On May 27, 2025, Honghu Municipal Bureau of Natural Resources and Planning and Forest Police Brigade of Honghu Public Security Bureau have carried out harmless treatment of the carcasses of the wild animals involved.

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### China Coast Guard Seized about 2.5 kg of Red Coral Pieces, and Arrested 12 Suspects



**News Release Date:** 10 June 2025

**Seizure Date:** 5 June 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** China Coast Guard Directly Subordinate Flotilla 2, Sanmen

**Location:** East China sea

**Detection Method:** Routine Patrol

**Species:** Red Coral (*Coralliidae* spp.) Pieces, about 2.5 kg, Class I of National Protected Animals, CITES III (China)

**Transport Method:** Fishing-boat

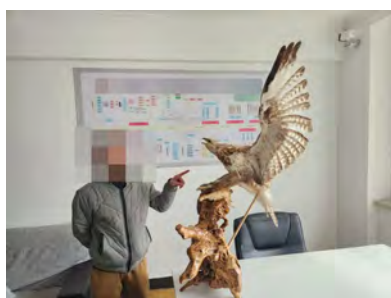
**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting

**Number of Offenders:** 12

**Case Progress:** 12 suspects have been lawfully criminally detained on suspicion of harming the country's precious and endangered wild animals. The case is under further investigation.

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### Hailar Public Security Sub-bureau Seized One Rough-legged Buzzard Specimen, and Arrested One Suspect



**News Release Date:** 11 June 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Food, Drug and Environmental Investigation Brigade of Hailar Public Security Sub-bureau

**Location:** Hailar zone, Hulun Buir City, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region

**Detection Method:** Case Clue

**Species:** One Rough-legged Buzzard (*Buteo lagopus*) Specimen, Class II of National Protected Animals, CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Sale (Online communication, offline delivery)

**Estimated Value:** CNY 40,000 (CNY 5,000 each) (Illegal Profit over CNY 12,000)

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The suspect GAO has been lawfully taken into criminal compulsory measures. The case is under investigation.

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### Qiubin Police Station in Jinhua City Seized Eight Chinese Hwameis, and Arrested Four Suspects



**News Release Date:** 16 June 2025

**Harvesting Date:** Beginning of 2024

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Qiubin Police Station

**Location:** Mountain Forest in Jinhua City, Zhejiang Province

**Species:** Eight Chinese Hwameis (*Garrulax canorus*), 40 individuals illegally captured and 8 seized on-site, Class II of National Protected Animals, CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Sale (online)

**Number of Offenders:** 4

**Case Progress:** The four suspects, AI, XIONG, WU \*A and WU \*B, have been taken into criminal compulsory measures by the Jiangnan Branch. The case is under further investigation. The involved Chinese hwameis have been sent to the Terrestrial Wildlife Rescue Center under Jinhua Forestry Bureau for professional care and protection, and will be released back into the wild once their health condition is confirmed to be satisfactory.

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### Jiangyong County Forest Security Bureau Seized One Dead Leopard Cat, and Arrested One Suspect



**News Release Date:** 18 June 2025

**Seizure Date:** Beginning of June 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Jiangyong County Forest Police

**Location:** Hejia Village, Xiaopu Town, Jiangyong County, Yongzhou City, Hunan Province

**Detection Method:** Case Clue

**Species:** One Dead Leopard Cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*), Class II of National Protected Animals, CITES II; Barking Deer (*Muntiacus* spp.) Frozen Limbs

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting

**Number of Offenders:** 2

**Case Progress:** The suspects ZHENG and LI have been subjected to criminal compulsory measures. The case has transferred to the County People's Procuratorate for review and prosecution by Forest Police.

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### Hong Kong District Court Convicted a Thai Defendant of Smuggling 72 Parrot Eggs



**News Release Date:** 17 January 2025

**Sentencing Date:** 17 January 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Hong Kong Customs

**Judicial Authority:** Hong Kong District Court

**Location:** Hong Kong International Airport

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

**Species:** 72 Parrot Eggs, including 43 eggs from CITES I: Military macaw (*Ara militaris*) and African grey parrot (*Psittacus erithacus*); and 29 eggs from CITES II: White-fronted amazon (*Amazona albifrons*), Blue-and-yellow macaw (*Ar. ararauna*), Chestnut-fronted macaw (*Ar. severus*), and Red-shouldered macaw (*Diopsittaca nobilis*)

**Transport Method:** Concealed on Inbound Passenger (Hidden in an insulated bag connected to two power banks in his carry-on luggage)

**Country of Export:** South Africa

**Intermediate Country:** Ethiopia

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Estimated Value:** HKD 1,200,000 (about CNY 1,095,000)

**Number of Offenders:** 1 (male)

**Nationality:** Thai

**Case Progress:** The defendant was sentenced to 39 months in prison.

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## Hong Kong District Court Convicted a Philippine Defendant of Smuggling 49 Radiated Tortoises



**News Release Date:** 28 March 2025

**Sentencing Date:** 28 March 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Hong Kong Customs

**Judicial Authority:** Hong Kong District Court

**Location:** Hong Kong International Airport

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

**Species:** 49 Radiated tortoises (*Astrochelys radiata*), CITES I; 14 Batagurs (*Batagur baska*), CITES I

**Transport Method:** Inbound Passenger Check-in Luggage (wrapped with a layer of fabric and transparent tape, or directly covered with transparent tape)

**Country of Export:** Malaysia

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling and Mistreatment

**Number of Offenders:** 1 (Male)

**Nationality:** Philippine

**Case Progress:** The defendant was sentenced to 30 months in prison.

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## A Defendant Convicted for Illegally Acquiring Yellow-crowned Amazon in Longgang

**News Release Date:** 25 March 2025

**Sentencing Date:** 21 April 2021 (Seizure Date)

**Location:** Longgang City, Wenzhou City, Zhejiang Province

**Species:** One Yellow-crowned Amazon (*Amazona ochrocephala*), CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Acquisition and Feeding

**Estimated Value:** CNY 1,800 (Purchasing Price)

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The defendant LI was sentenced to six months of criminal detention, and fined CNY 3,000.

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### Two Defendants Convicted for Illegally Selling Four Endangered Parrots in Wenzhou

**News Release Date:** 25 March 2025

**Sale Date:** 19 March 2021

**Judicial Authority:** Lucheng Branch of Wenzhou City Public Security Bureau

**Location:** Lucheng District, Wenzhou City, Zhejiang Province

**Species:** Two Bourke's Parrots (*Neopsephotus bourki*), CITES II; Two Pacific Parrotlets (*Forpus coelestis*), CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Sale

**Number of Offenders:** 2

**Case Progress:** The defendant LI was sentenced to 18 months in prison, suspended for 30 months, and fined CNY 5,000. The defendant JU was sentenced to 18 months in prison, suspended for 30 months, and fined CNY 5,000. The two Burke's parakeet and two Pacific parakeet seized were properly handled by the Wenzhou Public Security Bureau Lucheng District Branch in accordance with the law.

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### Hong Kong District Court Convicted a Thai Defendant of Smuggling 188 Parrot Eggs



**News Release Date:** 16 May 2025

**Sentencing Date:** 16 May 2025

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Hong Kong Customs

**Judicial Authority:** Hong Kong District Court

**Location:** Hong Kong International Airport

**Detection Method:** Routine Inspection

**Species:** 188 Parrot Eggs, 187 eggs from CITES Appendix Species, including 7 eggs from CITES I: Moluccan cockatoo (*Cacatua moluccensis*); African grey parrot (*Psittacus erithacus*); 180 eggs from CITES II Species: Yellow-crowned amazon (*Amazona ochrocephala*); Blue-and-yellow macaw (*Ara ararauna*); Red-and-green macaw (*Ar. chloropterus*); Sulfur-breasted parakeet (*Aratinga maculata*); Sun parakeet (*Arat. solstitialis*); White cockatoo (*C. alba*); Sulphur-crested cockatoo (*C. galerita*); Red-tailed black cockatoo (*Calyptorhynchus banksii*); Eclectus parrot (*Eclectus roratus*); Yellow-bibbed lory (*Lorius chlorocercus*); Red-bellied macaw (*Orthopsittaca manilata*)

**Transport Method:** Concealed on Inbound Passenger

**Country of Export:** Thailand

**Reason for Seizure:** Smuggling

**Estimated Value:** HKD 1,400,000 (about CNY 1,278,000)

**Number of Offenders:** 1 (Male)

**Nationality:** Thai

**Case Progress:** The defendant was sentenced to 24 months in prison.

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## Tongren City People 's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Purchasing Protected Alpine Musk Deer

**News Release Date:** 5 June 2025

**Sentencing Date:** 3 October 2021

**Judicial Authority:** Tongren City People 's Court

**Location:** North of a Gas Station in Jianzha County, Huangnan Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Qinghai Province (Trading Site)

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

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Purchase

**Estimated Value:** CNY 30,000

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The defendant MA was sentenced to six months in prison, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 15,000.

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## Huangchuan County People 's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Hunting Protected Wild Animals



**News Release Date:** 5 June 2025

**Seizure Date:** 30 November 2024

**Judicial Authority:** Huangchuan County People 's Court

**Location:** Near a river embankment in Weigang Town, Huangchuan County, Xinyang City, Henan Province

**Species:** One Raccoon Dog (*Nyctereutes procyonoides*), Class II of National Protected Animals (Wild Populations Only); Eight Wildlife with Important Ecological, Scientific and Social Value, including four Common Pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus*), (Wild Populations Only) and four Chinese Hare (*Lepus sinensis*),

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The defendant JIAN has pleaded guilty and accepted punishment. The judgment will be pronounced on a later date.

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## Baojing County People 's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Hunting Protected Wildlife

**News Release Date:** 6 June 2025

**Seizure Date:** January 2024

**Judicial Authority:** Baojing County People 's Court

**Location:** Shuitianhe Town, Baojing County, Xiangxi Tujia and Miao Autonomous Prefecture, Hunan Province

**Species:** Small Indian Civet (*Viverricula indica*), Class I of National Protected Animals; One Greater hog badger (*Arctonyx collaris*), Wildlife with Important Ecological, Scientific and Social Value; Masked Palm Civet (*Paguma larvata*), Wildlife with Important Ecological, Scientific and Social Value (Wild Populations Only)

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting

**Estimated Value:** CNY 160,000

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The Baojing County People 's Court has sentenced defendant SONG to 49 months in prison, with a fine of CNY 5,000. The contraband items seized, including homemade fire guns, modified nail guns and hunting traps, were lawfully confiscated and turned over to the Treasury. The wildlife remains seized by the public security authorities were disposed of lawfully.

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## Lianzhou City People 's Court Convicted Three Defendants of Illegally Hunting Silver Pheasant and Chinese Bamboo Partridge

**News Release Date:** 13 June 2025

**Hunting Date:** September 2024

**Judicial Authority:** Lianzhou City People 's Court

**Location:** Mountain forests in Longping Town, Lianzhou City, Guangdong Province

**Species:** Two Silver Pheasant (*Lophura nycthemera*), Class II of National Protected Animals; One Chinese Bamboo Partridge (*Bambusicola thoracicus*), Wildlife with Important Ecological, Scientific and Social Value

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting

**Estimated Value:** CNY 110,000

**Number of Offenders:** 3

**Case Progress:** The defendants XIN and QIU were both sentenced to nine months in prison respectively, with a 18 months probat. The defendant LIU was sentenced to eight months in prison, with a 16 months probation.

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## Shouyang County People's Procuratorate Charged a Suspect With Illegally Purchasing Red-billed Leiothrix and Chinese Hwamei

**News Release Date:** 16 June 2025

**Purchasing Date:** October 2021 to February 2023

**Judicial Authority:** Shouyang County People's procuratorate, Jinzhong City, Shanxi Province

**Species:** Red-billed Leiothrix (*Leiothrix lutea*), Class II of National Protected Animals, CITES II; Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Animals, CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Purchase ("Kwai" and "Pinduoduo" and "WeChat")

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** Shouyang County People's Procuratorate has instituted a public prosecution against LI for the crime of harming precious and endangered wild animals.

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## Longfeng District People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Hunting Wild Birds

**News Release Date:** 16 June 2025

**Hunting Date:** 2022 to 22 May 2024

**Judicial Authority:** Longfeng District People's Court

**Location:** Longfeng District, Daqing City, Heilongjiang Province

**Species:** Two Siberian Rubythroat (*Calliope calliope*), Class II of National Protected Animals; One Bluethroat (*Luscinia svecica*), Class II of National Protected Animals; Four Eurasian Siskin (*Spinus spinus*), Wildlife with Important Ecological, Scientific and Social Value; One Redpoll (*Acanthis flammea*), Wildlife with Important Ecological, Scientific and Social Value

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The defendant YUAN was sentenced to three months of criminal detention, with a five-month probation. One cage used as a criminal tool was confiscated by police in accordance with the law.

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## Jiangyan District People 's Court Convicted Two Defendants of Illegal Hunting and Sale of Wild Birds

**News Release Date:** 18 June 2025

**Seizure Date:** 23 November 2023

**Judicial Authority:** Jiangyan District People 's Court

**Location:** Jiangyan District, Taizhou City, Jiangsu Province

**Species:** Over 16,600 Birds Carcasses (including partial remains), including Eurasian Skylark (*Alauda arvensis*), Class II of National Protected Animals; Tree Sparrow (*Passer montanus*), Wildlife with Important Ecological, Scientific and Social Value

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

**Number of Offenders:** 2

**Case Progress:** The defendant WANG was sentenced to 126 months in prison and fined CNY 106,000. The defendant ZHU was sentenced to eight months in prison, with a one-year probation.

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## Lin'an District People 's Court Convicted Two Defendants of Illegally Hunting South China Sika Deer

**News Release Date:** 18 June 2025

**Sentencing Date:** 4 June 2025

**Seizure Date:** 4 January 2024

**Judicial Authority:** Lin'an District People 's Court

**Location:** Zhejiang Qingliangfeng National Nature Reserve, Lin 'an District, Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province

**Detection Method:** Routine Portal

**Species:** Two South China Sika Deer (*Cervus nippon kopschi*), Class I of National Protected Animals

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting (for Consumption Purpose)

**Estimated Value:** Caused a resource loss of CNY 60,000

**Number of Offenders:** 2

**Case Progress:** The defendants FANG and ZHOU were sentenced to 14 months in prison respectively, and each was fined CNY 8,000.

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## Xinluo District People 's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Acquiring Chinese Hwamei

**News Release Date:** 18 June 2025

**Purchasing Date:** March 2022

**Judicial Authority:** Xinluo District People 's Court

**Trade Site:** Under an overpass in Xinluo District, Longyan City, Fujian Province

**Species:** Eight Live Chinese Hwameis (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Animals, CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Acquisition

**Estimated Value:** CNY 4,000

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The defendant HE was sentenced to four months of criminal detention, with a six-month probation.

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## Hailar Railway Transport Court Convicted Four Defendants of Illegal Hunting and Sell of Mongolian Sky Lark and Eurasian Skylark

**News Release Date:** 18 June 2025

**Hunting Date:** 1 to 9 June 2024

**Judicial Authority:** Hailar Railway Transport Court

**Hunting Site:** Mati Keng Gacha (Village), Dong Wuzhu 'er Sumu (Town) and Xiertala in Hailar District, Hulun Buir City, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region

**Species:** 79 Mongolian Skylark (*Melanocorypha mongolica*) Birdlings, Class II of National Protected Animals; 23 Eurasian Skylark (*Alauda arvensis*) Birdlings, Class II of National Protected Animals

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

**Estimated Value:** CNY 429,500 (Mongolian Skylark CNY 5,000 each, Eurasian Skylark CNY 1,500 each)

**Number of Offenders:** 4

**Case Progress:** The court sentenced defendants LI \*A, LI \*B, JIANG and LI \*C according to law. The live birds involved have been released and the dead ones have been disposed of harmlessly.

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## Jiangcheng Hani Autonomous County People's Court Convicted Two Defendants of Illegally Purchase Wild Animals

**News Release Date:** 18 June 2025

**Sentencing Date:** 5 June 2025

**Seizure Date:** 8 January 2025

**Judicial Authority:** Jiangcheng Hani Autonomous County People's Court

**Location:** Mengkang Port, Jiangcheng Hani and Yi Autonomous County, Pu'er City, Yunnan Province

**Species:** Three Sunda Pangolin (*Manis javanica*), Class I of National Protected Animals, CITES I; Asian Black Bear (*Ursus thibetanus*), Four Paws, Class II of National Protected Animals, CITES I; Two Dead Eurasian Otter (*Lutra lutra*), Class II of National Protected Animals, CITES I; Two Dead Silver Pheasant (*Lophura nycthemera*), Class II of National Protected Animals; One Dead Southern Red Muntjac (*Muntiacus vaginalis*) and Two Feet, Wildlife with Important Ecological, Scientific and Social Value; Two Dead Porcupine (*Hystrixidae* spp.), Wildlife with Important Ecological, Scientific and Social Value

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Purchase

**Estimated Value:** CNY 294,600 (Sunda Pangolin CNY 80,000 each; Asian Black Bear Paw CNY 8,000 each; Eurasian Otter CNY 4,000 each; Silver Pheasant CNY 5,000 each; Southern Red Muntjac CNY 3,000 each, Southern Red Muntjac Feet CNY 300 each; Porcupine CNY 500 each)

**Number of Offenders:** 2

**Case Progress:** (a)The defendant XIAO was convicted of trafficking and transporting drugs and was sentenced to 58 months in prison, along with a fine of CNY 5,000. HE was convicted of endangering precious and endangered wild animals and sentenced to 32 months in prison, along with a fine of CNY 5,000. The sentences for multiple crimes were combined, and it was decided to execute a total of seven years in prison and a fine of CNY 10,000.

(b)The defendant WU was convicted of the crime of trafficking and transporting drugs and was sentenced to seven years in prison and fined CNY 5,000.

(c)The black OPPOReno7 mobile phone of the defendant XIAO and the black iPhone 15 pro max mobile phone of the defendant WU, which were seized by the Jiangcheng County Public Security Bureau, were lawfully confiscated and turned over to the Treasury. A black Haorui brand small car with the license plate number Yun JM××\*\* owned by the defendant XIAO, which was seized at the Jiangcheng County Public Security Bureau, was lawfully confiscated and turned over to the state Treasury. The drugs 982.06 grams of cocaine and 9.21 grams of opium seized at the Jiangcheng County Public Security Bureau were lawfully confiscated and destroyed. Wild animals and their products seized by the Public Security Bureau of Jiangcheng County shall be disposed of by the seizing authority in accordance with the law. The CNY 6,750 seized by the defendant WU at the Jiangcheng County Public Security Bureau shall be lawfully returned to the defendant WU by the seizing authority.

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## Taibai County People 's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Hunting Chinese Hwamei

**News Release Date:** 20 June 2025

**Seizure Date:** March 2019

**Judicial Authority:** Taibai County People 's Court

**Location:** Yingge Town, Taibai County, Baoji City, Shaanxi Province

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

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The defendant ZHOU was sentenced to six months in prison, with a one-year probation and a fine of CNY 2,000.

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## Hantai District People 's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Hunting Long-eared Owl and Oriental Turtle-dove

**News Release Date:** 23 June 2025

**Sentencing Date:** December 2019

**Judicial Authority:** Hantai District People 's Court

**Location:** Hantai District, Hanzhong City, Shaanxi Province

**Species:** One dead Long-eared Owl (*Asio otus*), Class II of National Protected Animals, CITES II; One Oriental Turtle-dove (*Streptopelia orientalis*), Wildlife with Important Ecological, Scientific and Social Value

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting

**Estimated Value:** CNY 15,300 (Long-eared Owl CNY 15,000 each; Oriental Turtle-dove CNY 300 each)

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The defendant ZHOU was sentenced to six months in prison, suspended for one year, fined CNY 5,000, ordered to apologize in municipal media and compensate CNY 15,300 for the loss of ecological resources.

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## Hantai District People 's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegal Trade of African Grey Parrot

**News Release Date:** 23 June 2025

**Sentencing Date:** March 2021

**Judicial Authority:** Hantai District People 's Court

**Location:** Hantai District, Hanzhong City, Shaanxi Province

**Species:** One African Grey Parrot (*Psittacus erithacus*), CITES I

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Trade (online via WeChat)

**Estimated Value:** CNY 5,300 (Purchasing Price); CNY 3,500 (Sale Price)

**Number of Offenders:** 2

**Case Progress:** The defendant QI was sentenced to eight months in prison, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 5,000. The defendant MA was sentenced to seven months in prison, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 5,000.

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## Hantai District People 's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Purchasing Green-cheeked Parakeet and Monk Parakeez

**News Release Date:** 23 June 2025

**Sentencing Date:** July 2021

**Judicial Authority:** Hantai District People 's Court

**Location:** Hantai District, Hanzhong City, Shaanxi Province

**Species:** One Green-cheeked Parakeet (*Pyrrhura molinae*), CITES II; One Monk Parakeet (*Myiopsitta monachus*), CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Purchase (WeChat)

**Estimated Value:** CNY 1,030 (Purchasing Price, Green-cheeked Parakeet CNY 330 each; Monk Parakeet CNY 700 each)

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The defendant LI was sentenced to nine months in prison, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 10,000.

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## One Person Fined for Illegally Purchasing Four Chinese Hwameis

**News Release Date:** 24 June 2025

**Purchasing Date:** February to April 2023

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Longgang District Bantian Subdistrict Comprehensive Administrative Law Enforcement Team of Shenzhen

**Location:** Bantian Subdistrict, Longgang District, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** Case Clue

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

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Purchase

**Estimated Value:** CNY 20,000

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The party involved, ZHENG, was fined CNY 140,000.

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## Panlong District People 's Court Convicted Two Defendants of Illegal Trade of Chinese Hwameis

**News Release Date:** 24 June 2025

**Sentencing Date:** 5 June 2025

**Seizure Date:** 4 September 2024

**Judicial Authority:** Panlong District People 's Court

**Location:** A shop in Guandu District, Kunming City, Yunnan Province

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

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Trade

**Estimated Value:** CNY 55,000

**Number of Offenders:** 2

**Case Progress:** (a) The defendant HUANG was convicted of harming precious and endangered wild animals and was sentenced to six months in prison, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 10,000. (b) The defendant GUI was convicted of harming precious and endangered wild animals and was sentenced to five months of criminal detention, suspended for seven months, and fined CNY 6,000.

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## Ankang Railway Transportation Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegal Hunting and Trade of Chinese Hwamei (1)

**News Release Date:** 27 June 2025

**Seizure Date:** 10 March 2023

**Judicial Authority:** Ankang Railway Transportation Court

**Location:** Xunyang City, Ankang City, Shaanxi Province

**Detection Method:** Tip-off

**Species:** 63 Chinese Hwameis (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Animals, CITES II

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

**Estimated Value:** CNY 315,000 (CNY 5,000 each)

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The defendant CHEN \*qi was sentenced to 75 months in prison, fined CNY 40,000, and ordered to compensate CNY 18,000 for ecological and environmental losses. The defendant CHEN \*qi was dissatisfied and filed an appeal, which was upheld by the second instance.

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## Ankang Railway Transportation Court Convicted Three Defendants of Illegal Hunting and Trade of Chinese Hwamei

**News Release Date:** 27 June 2025

**Hunting Date:** December 2022 to end of April 2023

**Trade Date:** January to April 2023

**Judicial Authority:** Ankang Railway Transportation Court

**Location:** Villages near Hanyin County, Ankang City, Shaanxi Province

**Species:** 99 Chinese Hwameis (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Animals, CITES II

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

**Number of Offenders:** 3

**Case Progress:** The defendants ZHOU \*jun, LONG \*ping and ZHANG \*an were sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment ranging from 22 months to 61 months in accordance with the law, and were also fined. The three were ordered to compensate for the loss of wildlife resources totaling CNY 38,500. After the verdict was pronounced, none of the three defendants appealed, and the judgment has come into effect.

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## Ankang Railway Transportation Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegal Hunting and Trade of Chinese Hwamei (2)

**News Release Date:** 30 June 2025

**Sentencing Date:** March 2021 to March 2023

**Judicial Authority:** Ankang Railway Transportation Court

**Location:** Hanbin District, Ankang City, Shaanxi Province

**Species:** 105 Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Animals, CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Trade

**Estimated Value:** CNY 525,000 (CNY 5,000 each) (Illegal Profit CNY 130,300)

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The defendant CHEN was sentenced to 39 months in prison, fined CNY 30,000, and ordered to compensate CNY 3,000 for the damage to national wildlife resources and the ecological environment.

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## Ankang Railway Transportation Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Hunting Red-billed Leiothrix

**News Release Date:** 30 June 2025

**Hunting Date:** 9 February 2021

**Judicial Authority:** Ankang Railway Transportation Court

**Location:** Beside Linfang Road (local name: Lingzi), Caoya Village, Linhe Town, Langao County, Ankang City, Shaanxi Province

**Species:** Three Red-billed Leiothrix (*Leiothrix lutea*), Class II of National Protected Animals, CITES II

**Reason for Seizure:** Illegal Hunting

**Number of Offenders:** 1

**Case Progress:** The defendant LIU \*wei was sentenced to 18 months in prison, suspended for 18 months, and fined CNY 3,000. In the civil public interest lawsuit incidental to the case, LIU \*wei was ordered to compensate CNY 15,000 for the loss of national wildlife resources, CNY 3,000 for ecological environment damage, CNY 3,000 for punitive damages, and to apologize.

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