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Zhenjiang Customs Seized One Mako Skull Carried by a Crew Member of an Inbound International Ship



News Release Date: 1 July 2025

Seizure Date: 16 June 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhenjiang Customs

Location: Zhenjiang City, Jiangsu Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: One Mako (*Isurus oxyrinchus*) Skull, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Crew Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The shark skull was seized by customs and handed over to anti-smuggling authorities.

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Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport Customs Seized 32 Ivory Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 3 July 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport Customs

Location: Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: One Ivory bangle, 29 Ivory beads, two Ivory pendants, 129.59 g in total, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Registered Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1 (Male)

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Jeminay Customs Seized One Saiga Antelope Horn in Inbound Passenger Inspection Channel



News Release Date: 3 July 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Jimunai Customs

Location: Wulumuqi City, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: One Saiga Antelope (*Saiga tatarica*) horn, 0.27kg, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II (Zero export quota for commercial trade in wild specimens)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Hongkong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Customs Seized 99 Live Stony Corals inside a Dual-license Passenger Vehicle



News Release Date: 6 July 2025

Seizure Date: 17 June 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Hongkong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge Customs

Location: Zhuhai Port, Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Intelligence

Species: 99 Live Stony Corals (*Scleractinia* spp.), 23.26 kg in total, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Vehicle (Dual-license; Packed in a white plastic bag and concealed in the vehicle's back seat)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized 32 Lived Turtles and Crocodiles Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 12 July 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs

Location: Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: 10 Live Black Pond Turtles (*Geoclemys hamiltonii*), CITES I; 10 Live Map turtles (*Graptemys* spp.), CITES II/III (USA); 10 Live Snapping Turtles (*Chelydra* spp.), CITES II; Two Live juvenile Siamese Crocodiles (*Crocodylus siamensis*), CITES I

Transport Method: Outbound Passenger Luggage (Packed in a mesh bag and a plastic container)

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1 (Male)

Nationality: Non-Chinese

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Zhengzhou Postal Customs Seized Two Ivory Products in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 15 July 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhengzhou Postal Customs

Location: Zhengzhou City, Henan Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: African Elephant (*Loxodonta* spp.), one Ivory Paperweight, one Ivory holder of Magnifying Glass, about 80.77g in total, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (Declared as craft)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Customs has temporarily seized the items in accordance with the law and referred the case to the anti-smuggling authorities for further handling

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Shijiazhuang Airport Customs Seized Four Ivory Products in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 16 July 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Shijiazhuang Airport Customs

Location: Shijiazhuang Zhengding International Airport, Hebei Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: Four Ivory Products, one of them is African savanna elephant (*Loxodonta africana*) product, CITES I/II, 235.13 g in total

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Liantang Customs Seized One Chinese Cobra Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 16 July 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Liantang Customs

Location: Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: Chinese Cobra (*Naja atra*), Species with important ecological, scientific and social value, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Carry-on Luggage (First packed in a white plastic bag, then in a red plastic bag, and finally placed inside the luggage)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1 (Male)

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Jiuzhou Customs Seized 18 Blue Shark Fins Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 17 July 2025

Seizure Date: 26 June 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Jiuzhou Customs

Location: Jiuzhou Port, Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: 18 Shark Fins, including Blue Shark (*Prionace glauca*), CITES II; Spinner Shark (*Carcharhinus brevipinna*), CITES II; 1.55 kg in total

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Carry-on Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1 (Female)

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Huanggang Customs Seized 6 Live Turtles Carried by an Outbound Passenger



News Release Date: 18 July 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs

Location: Futian Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Intelligence

Species: Three Live Spotted Turtles (*Clemmys guttata*), CITES II; Two Live Chinese Three-striped Box Turtles (*Cuora trifasciata*), CITES II; one American Box Turtle (*Terrapene carolina*), CITES II

Transport Method: Outbound Passenger Carry-on Luggage (Undeclared; Wrapped in socks and placed inside a black handbag)

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Dalian Zhoushuizi Airport Customs Seized 674 Ivory and Other Endangered Species Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 26 July 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Dalian Zhoushuizi Airport Customs

Location: Dalian Zhoushuizi International Airport, Liaoning Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: A total of 674 handicrafts and ornaments, including African Elephants (*Loxodonta* spp.) Ivory products, CITES I/II; Asian elephant (*Elephas maximus*) Ivory products, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; Red Coral (*Coralliidae* spp.) product, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES III (China); Giant Clams (*Tridacnidae* spp.) product, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Hawksbill Turtles (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) product, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; Sperm Whales (*Physeter macrocephalus*) product, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage (Wrapped in newspaper and plastic bag, then placed inside a ceramic jar)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling (Profiting from Proxy Purchasing)

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Luohu Customs Seized Three Pieces of Agarwood Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 27 July 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Luohu Customs

Location: Shenzhen, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: Three pieces of Agarwood (*Aquilaria* spp.), 4.8 kg in total, CITES II

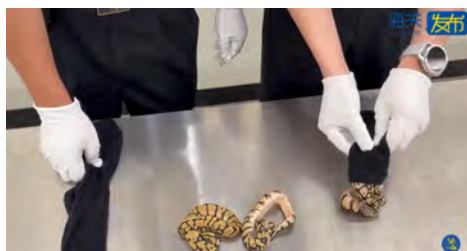
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Carry-on Luggage (Undeclared)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1 (Male)

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Huanggang Customs Seized Four Live Ball Pythons Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 28 July 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs

Location: Futian Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: Four Live Ball Pythons (*Python regius*), CITES II

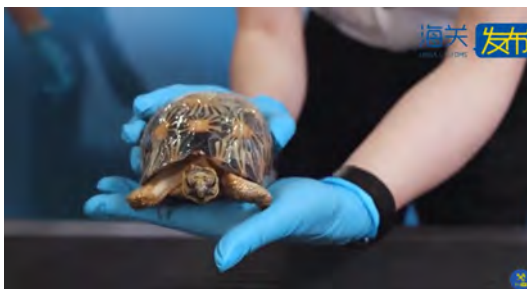
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Carry-on Luggage (Undeclared. Wrapped in socks and concealed in underwear)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1 (Female)

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Shanghai Pudong International Airport Customs Seized 47 Live Radiated Tortoises Carried by Two Inbound Passengers



News Release Date: 29 July 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Shanghai Pudong International Airport Customs

Location: Shanghai Pudong International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: 47 Live Radiated Tortoises (*Astrochelys radiata*), CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Registered Luggage (Undeclared)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 2 (Male)

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Daxing Airport Customs Seized 40 Dried Seahorses and Two Ivory Bangles Carried by One Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 30 July 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Daxing Airport Customs

Location: Beijing Daxing International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: Two Ivory Bangles, 66 g in total, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; 40 Dried Seahorses (*Hippocampus* spp.), 224g in total, Class II of National Protected Species (wild populations only), CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Carry-on Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1 (Male)

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Huanggang Customs Seized 34 Siamese Crocodile Palms Carried by One Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 31 July 2025

Seizure Date: 16 July 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs

Location: Futian Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: 34 Siamese crocodile (*Crocodylus siamensis*) palms, 2 kg in total, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage (Undeclared. Wrapped in a plastic bag and placed inside a luggage)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1 (Male)

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Ruili Customs Seized 19 Agarwood Beaded Bracelets Carried by One Inbound Electric Bicycle



News Release Date: 31 July 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Ruili Customs

Location: Ruili City, Dehong Dai and Jingpo Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: 10 Agarwood (*Aquilaria* spp.) beaded bracelets, 312.7g in total, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Electric Bicycle (Concealed in the storage compartment behind the seat)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1 (Male)

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Tengchong City Police Bureau Qushi Police Station Seized 11 *Platyserium wallichii*, and Arrested one Suspect



News Release Date: 2 June 2025

Seizure Date: 26 May 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Tengchong City Police Bureau Qushi Police Station

Location: At the suspect's residence in Tengchong City, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Intelligence

Species: 11 *Platyserium wallichii*, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Sale

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The case is under further investigation.

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Longquan City Police Bureau Daotai Police Station Seized 10 Chinese Hwamei, and Arrested Four Suspects



News Release Date: 4 June 2025

Seizure Date: 1 June 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhejiang Province

Longquan City Police Bureau Daotai Police Station

Location: By the mountain stream in Shenghu Village, Longquan City, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Intelligence

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 4

Case Progress: Four suspects have been placed in criminal detention and all seized Hwamei have been released.

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Maqu County Police Bureau Nima Police Station Seized Three Bharals, and Arrested Three Suspects



News Release Date: 9 June 2025

Seizure Date: 7 June 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Maqu County Police Bureau Nima Police Station

Location: Inside a vehicle within the jurisdiction of Nima Police Station, Maqu County Public Security Bureau, Gannan Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Gansu Province

Detection Method: Intelligence

Species: Three Bharals (*Pseudois nayaur*), Class II of National Protected Species

Transport Method: Vehicle

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Trafficking

Number of Offenders: 3

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Hukou County Police Bureau Forestry Police Patrol and Shizhongshan Police Station Seized Eight Chinese Hwamei, and Arrested Three Suspects



News Release Date: 4 July 2025

Seizure Date: 25 June 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Hukou County Police Bureau Forestry Police Patrol and Shizhongshan Police Station

Location: The urban-rural fringe of Hukou County, Jiujiang City, Jiangxi Province

Detection Method: Intelligence

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: Three suspects have been taken into detention. On 2 July 2025, the involved Chinese Hwamei birds were released back into the wild by the Forestry Police Patrol and the County Forestry Bureau.

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Qingtongxia Municipal Police Bureau Seized Five Chinese Hwamei and Four Vinous-throat Parrotbills, and Arrested Two Suspects



News Release Date: 7 July 2025

Seizure Date: 3 July 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Qingtongxia City Police Bureau

Location: Qingtongxia City, Wuzhong City, Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Intelligence

Species: Five Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Four Vinous-throated parrotbill (*Sinosuthora webbiana*), Species with important ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Trade

Number of Offenders: 2 (Male)

Case Progress: Nine protected wild animals involved in the case have been transferred to the Municipal Bureau of Natural Resources. The case is under further investigation.

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The Cybersecurity and Protection Brigade of Cixi City Police Bureau Seized Seven Chinese Hwamei, and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 10 July 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: The Cybersecurity and Protection Brigade of Zhejiang Province Cixi City Police Bureau

Detection Method: Internet monitoring

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Trade (Using live streaming rooms on short video platforms as a cover. Luring users under the guise of a flower and bird shop to join offline trading groups for in-person transactions.)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Suspect ZHOU has been placed under criminal coercive measures by the public security authorities in accordance with the law on suspicion of harming rare and endangered wild animals. The case is under further investigation.

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Alagou Police Station Seized 56 Snow Lotus, and Arrested Three Suspects



News Release Date: 11 July 2025

Seizure Date: 7 July 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Alagou Police Station

Location: At the top of Abuder Gou Mountain, Ulatai Chahan Village, Alagou Township, Hejing County, Bayingolin Prefecture, Xinjiang

Detection Method: Citizen Report

Species: 56 Snow Lotus (*Saussurea involucreata*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: The case is under further investigation.

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Yongjing County Police Bureau Forestry Police Patrol Seized Six Przevalski's Partidge, and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 17 July 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Yongjing County Police Bureau Forestry Police Patrol

Location: At suspect's residence in Dalu Village, Xiaoling Township, Yongjing County, Linxia Hui Autonomous Prefecture, Gansu Province

Detection Method: Intelligence

Species: Six Przevalski's partidge (*Alectoris magna*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 1 (Male)

Case Progress: Suspect MA has fully confessed to the illegal act of keeping rare and endangered wild animals. The case is under further investigation now.

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Luoping County Police Bureau Banqiao Police Checkpoint Seized more than 100 Orchid, and Arrested Two Suspects



News Release Date: 21 July 2025

Seizure Date: 17 July 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Luoping County Police Bureau Banqiao Police Checkpoint

Location: Inside a white sedan heading out of the province at Luoping Jinji Police Station, G78 Shankun Expressway, Qujing City, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: more than 100 Orchid (Orchidaceae spp.), Class II of National Protected Species (except *Cymbidium Lancifolium*), CITES II

Transport Method: Vehicle (Wrapped in plastic bag)

Number of Offenders: 2 (Male)

Case Progress: The individuals involved, the vehicles, and over 100 seized Class II of National Protected Orchid have been lawfully transferred to the Environmental, Food, and Drug Investigation Division of the Luoping County Public Security Bureau. The case is under further investigation.

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Lianzhou Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Hunting Silver Pheasant and Chinese Bamboo Partridge

News Release Date: 31 June 2025

Hunting Date: September 2024

Judicial Authority: Lianzhou Court

Location: the mountain forests in Longping Town, Lianzhou City, Guangdong Province

Species: Two Silver Pheasant (*Lophura nycthemera*), Class II of National Protected Species; One Chinese Bamboo Partridge (*Bambusicola thoracicus*), Species with important ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 110,000

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: Defendants XIN and QIN were each sentenced to nine months' imprisonment for illegal hunting, suspended for one year and six months; Liu Mou was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment for illegal hunting, suspended for one year and four months.

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Shaanxi Airport Police Bureau Seized Four Tibetan Antelope Horns, One Tibetan Antelope Skull and One Sheep Skull, and One Person was convicted



News Release Date: 3 July 2025

Seizure Date: June 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Shaanxi Airport Police Bureau

Judicial Authority: Xi'an Railway Transport Court

Location: Xi'an Xianyang International Airport, Shaanxi Province

Detection Method: Intelligence

Species: Tibetan antelope (*Pantholops hodgsoni*), four horns and one skull, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; One Sheep (*Ovis aries*) skull

Transport Method: Air Cargo

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Acquisition

Estimated Value: CNY 350,000

Number of Offenders: 1 (Male)

Case Progress: Defendant JIANG was sentenced to three years' imprisonment, suspended for five years, and fined CNY 30,000.

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Panzhihua Municipal Intermediate People's Court Convicted 16 Defendants of Illegally Harvesting and Trading Orchid



News Release Date: 7 July 2025

Trade Date: September 2021- July 2023

Judicial Authority: Panzhihua Municipal Intermediate People's Court

Location: Mountains in Mitang Village, Hongbao Miao and Yi Ethnic Township, Yanbian County, Yanbian, Panzhihua City, Sichuan Province

Species: 1646 *Cymbidium cyperifolium*, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 1913 *C. tortisepalum*, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Trade (WeChat Moments, Kwai)

Number of Offenders: 16

Case Progress: 1. SHA *Cai, SHA *Jun, and 14 other defendants were convicted of crimes endangering nationally protected plants and sentenced to imprisonment terms ranging from one year and six months to three years, suspended for two years and six months to four years, and fined between CNY 5,000 and CNY 10,000.

2. Illegal gains of CNY 67,815 from SHA *cai, CNY 8,468 from SHA *jun, CNY 3,618 from AN *bing, CNY 2,753 from AN *ze, CNY 6,450 from LI *nan, and CNY 500 from LUO *rong were confiscated and turned over to the state treasury.

3. 1,646 wild *C. cyperifolium* and 1,913 wild *C. tortisepalum* seized during the case were confiscated.

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Foping County Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Harvesting Faber's Cymbidium

News Release Date: 8 July 2025

Sentencing Date: October 2022;

Harvest Date: April 2022

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

Location: Foping County, Hanzhong City, Shaanxi Province

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant JIA was sentenced to six months' control and fined CNY 1,000. In March 2023, the Foping County Procuratorate, together with the County Forestry Bureau, supervised JIA in replanting 54 artificially cultured Faber's cymbidium of the same species at the Foping County Giant Panda Breeding Base, fulfilling ecological restoration obligations.

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11 People Were Prosecuted by Taiwan Lianjiang District Prosecutors Office for Smuggling Parrot Eggs



News Release Date: 8 July 2025

Seizure Date: March 2025

Judicial Authority: Lianjiang District Prosecutors Office

Location: Taiwan, China

Species: 4512 Parrot eggs in total, including 570 eggs belonging to CITES, involving African grey parrot (*Psittacus erithacus*), CITES I, Blue-and-yellow Macaw (*Ara ararauna*), CITES II; White-bellied Parrot (*Pionites leucogaster*), CITES II; White Cockatoo (*Cacatua alba*), CITES II; Yellow-naped Amazon (*Amazona auropalliata*), CITES I

Transport Method: Air freight and Sea freight

Country of Export: Thailand and Vietnam

Intermediate Country: Taiwan, China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Estimated Value: USD 195,578 (About CNY 1,404,000)

Number of Offenders: 11

Case Progress: The prosecutor recommended confiscation of illegal gains and charged the suspect with smuggling.

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Urumqi Railway Transport Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Harvesting Snow Lotus (1)

News Release Date: 8 July 2025

Sentencing Date: 18 June 2025

Harvest Date: 13-20 August 2022

Law Enforcement Authority: Altai Mountains Branch of the Food, Drug and Environmental Crime Investigation Bureau, Public Security Department of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Judicial Authority: Urumqi Railway Transport Court

Harvest Location: Qinghe County, Altay Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Species: 29 Snow Lotus (*Saussurea involucreata*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: 1. Defendant BA was convicted of endangering nationally protected plants and sentenced to one year imprisonment, suspended for one year and five months, and fined CNY 2,000.

2. 29 snow lotus plants involved in the case were confiscated according to law and disposed of by the detaining authority.

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Urumqi Railway Transport Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Harvesting Snow Lotus (2)

News Release Date: 8 July 2025

Sentencing Date: 18 June 2025

Harvest Date: 3 August 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Altai Mountains Branch of the Food, Drug and Environmental Crime Investigation Bureau, Public Security Department of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Judicial Authority: Urumqi Railway Transport Court

Location: defendant's private warehouse, Urumqi, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Intelligence

Species: 35 Snow Lotus (*Saussurea orgadai*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: 1. Defendant HA was convicted of endangering nationally protected plants and sentenced to one year and two months' imprisonment, suspended for one year and six months, and fined CNY 3,000.
2. 35 snow lotus plants were confiscated and disposed of by the detaining authority according to law.

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Liaoning Province Anshan City Qianshan District People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Logging Amur Cork Tree

News Release Date: 8 July 2025

Sentencing Date: 27 June 2025

Judicial Authority: Liaoning Province Anshan City Qianshan District People's Court

Location: Muniu Town, Xiuyan Manchu Autonomous County, Anshan City, Liaoning Province

Species: 5 Amur cork tree (*Phellodendron amurense*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Logging

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant LI was convicted of endangering nationally protected plants and sentenced to one year and three months imprisonment, and fined CNY 10,000; for illegal logging, sentenced to one year imprisonment and fined CNY 10,000; the sentences were combined, resulting in a two-year imprisonment, suspended for two years, and a fine of CNY 20,000.

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Urumqi Railway Transport Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Harvesting and Sale of Snow Lotus (1)

News Release Date: 12 July 2025

Sentencing Date: 18 June 2025

Harvest Date: 15-16 July 2024

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

Judicial Authority: Urumqi Railway Transport Court

Harvest Location: Shawan State-owned Forest Farm, Eastern Tianshan, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Species: 860 Snow Lotus (*Saussurea involucrata*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Sale

Estimated Value: Illegal Profit of CNY 5,160

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant MU was convicted of endangering nationally protected plants and sentenced to three years' imprisonment, suspended for five years, and fined CNY 5,000. Illegal gains of CNY 5,160 from MU were further confiscated and turned over to the state treasury.

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Urumqi Railway Transport Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Trading Snow Lotus (2)

News Release Date: 15 July 2025

Sentencing Date: 18 June 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Huocheng County Police Bureau

Judicial Authority: Urumqi Railway Transport Court, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Intelligence

Species: 109 Snow Lotuses (*Saussurea involucrata*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Sale

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: 1. Defendant TENG was convicted of endangering nationally protected plants and sentenced to two years and six months imprisonment, suspended for three years and six months, and fined CNY 3,000.

2. 109 snow lotuses were confiscated and disposed of by the detaining authority and turned over to the state treasury.

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Urumqi Railway Transport Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Hunting Siberian Ibex

News Release Date: 17 July 2025

Sentencing Date: 27 June 2025

Judicial Authority: Urumqi Railway Transport Court

Location: Zhaosu County, Ili Kazakh Autonomous
Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Species: One Siberian ibex (*Capra sibirica*), Class II
of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 50,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: 1. Defendant YE was convicted of
harming rare and endangered wild animals and
sentenced to one year imprisonment, suspended for
one year and six months, and fined CNY 5,000.

2. Seized wildlife involved in the case, including 4 kg
of meat from Siberian ibex, one Matazi, and one
folding knife, were confiscated and disposed of by
the detaining authority according to law.

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Urumqi Railway Transport Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Acquiring and Trading Snow Lotus

News Release Date: 20 July 2025

Sentencing Date: 27 June 2025

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

Judicial Authority: Urumqi Railway Transport Court

Location: A certain Shichang Town, Shihezi City,
Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Species: 1,101 Snow Lotus (*Saussurea involucreata*),
Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Trade

Estimated Value: Illegal Profit of CNY 1,460

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: 1. Defendant LI was convicted of
endangering nationally protected plants and
sentenced to three years imprisonment, suspended
for four years, and fined CNY 6,000.

2. Illegal gains of CNY 1,460 from LI were
confiscated and turned over to the state treasury.

3. 1101 snow lotus were confiscated and disposed of
by the detaining authority according to law. One dark
blue mobile phone seized was returned to defendant
LI.

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Urumqi Railway Transport Court Convicted Two Defendants of Illegally Hunting Goitered Gazelle

News Release Date: 21 July 2025

Sentencing Date: 25 June 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Tuoli County Police Bureau

Judicial Authority: Urumqi Railway Transport Court

Location: Near Tiandun Cement Plant, Tiechangou Town, Toli County, Tacheng, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Species: Two Goitered gazelle (*Gazella subgutturosa*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 50,000

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: 1. Defendant HU was convicted of harming rare and endangered wild animals and sentenced to one year and three months imprisonment, suspended for one year and six months, and fined CNY 5,000.

2. Defendant KA was convicted of endangering rare and endangered wild animals and sentenced to one year and five months imprisonment, suspended for two years, and fined CNY 5,000.

3. One thermal imager, two knives, three dogs, three headlamps, two dead Goitered gazelle and one two-wheeled motorcycle seized in the case were confiscated and disposed of by the detaining authority according to law and turned over to the state treasury.

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Urumqi Railway Transport Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Fishing Arctic Grayling (1)

News Release Date: 21 July 2025

Sentencing Date: 27 June 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Altai Mountains Branch of the Food, Drug and Environmental Crime Investigation Bureau, Public Security Department of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Judicial Authority: Urumqi Railway Transport Court

Location: A certain stretch of water along the route in Burqin County, Altay, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Species: 36 Arctic graylings (*Thymallus arcticus*), Class II of National Protected Species (Applicable to wild populations only)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (For food consumption)

Estimated Value: CNY 45,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: 1. Defendant Zhang was convicted of harming rare and endangered wild animals and sentenced to one year imprisonment, suspended for one year and six months, and fined CNY 5,000.

2. 36 Arctic grayling and one black lure rod were confiscated and disposed of by the detaining authority according to the law. After the incident, defendant Zhang purchased 360 Arctic graylings to restore the damaged ecosystem.

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Shaanxi Province Shanyang County People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Acquiring Chinese Goral

News Release Date: 22 July 2025

Sentencing Date: 7 July 2025

Seizure Date: 13 January 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Shanyang County Police Bureau

Judicial Authority: Shaanxi Province Shanyang County People's Court

Location: At the defendant's home, Beizhen City, Jinzhou, Liaoning Province

Species: One Chinese goral (*Naemorhedus griseus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Acquisition

Number of Offenders: 1 (Caishuang YU, male, October 11, 1967, Han, farmer, Primary School, Shanyang County, Shangluo City, Shaanxi Province)

Case Progress: Defendant Caishuang YU was convicted of harming rare and endangered wild animals and sentenced to six months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 2,000. One small knife used as a tool in the crime was confiscated.

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Liaoning Province Jinzhou City Guta District People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Acquiring Chestnut-flanked White-eye

News Release Date: 27 July 2025

Sentencing Date: 4 July 2025

Judicial Authority: Liaoning Province Jinzhou City Guta District People's Court

Species: 21 Chestnut-flanked white-eye (*Zosterops erythropleurus*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Acquisition

Estimated Value: CNY 31,500

Number of Offenders: 1 (Surname CUI, male, born and living in Liaoning Province, Han, Primary School, farmer)

Case Progress: Defendant CUI was convicted of harming rare and endangered wild animals and sentenced to six months detention, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 5,000.

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Liaoning Province Jinzhou City Guta District People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Acquiring Chinses Hwamei and Eurasian Skylark

News Release Date: 27 July 2025

Sentencing Date: 11 July 2025

Seizure Date: 7 April 2025

Judicial Authority: Liaoning Province Jinzhou City Guta District People's Court

Location: At the defendant's home, Beizhen City, Jinzhou, Liaoning Province

Species: Four Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; three Eurasian Skylark (*Alauda arvensis*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Acquisition

Estimated Value: CNY 24,500

Number of Offenders: 1 (Surname CHEN, male, born and living in Liaoning Province, Manchu, Primary School, farmer)

Case Progress: Defendant CHEN was convicted of harming rare and endangered wild animals and sentenced to eight months imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 5,000.

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Urumqi Railway Transport Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Fishing Arctic Grayling (2)

News Release Date: 29 July 2025

Sentencing Date: 4 July 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Altai Mountains Branch of the Food, Drug and Environmental Crime Investigation Bureau, Public Security Department of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Judicial Authority: Urumqi Railway Transport Court

Location: A certain forest area in Fuhai County, Altay, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Species: 180 Arctic grayling (*Thymallus arcticus*), Class II of National Protected Species (wild populations only)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 207,875

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: 1. Defendant LI was convicted of harming rare and endangered wild animals and sentenced to three years imprisonment, suspended for four years, and fined CNY 8,000.
2. 180 Arctic grayling seized in the case were confiscated and disposed of by the detaining authority according to law.
3. The primary tools, including a black and red telescopic fishing rod and a folding knife with a gold handle and silver blade, were confiscated and disposed of by the detaining authority according to law.

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Urumqi Railway Transport Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Trading *Arnebia euchroma*

News Release Date: 29 July 2025

Sentencing Date: 9 July 2025

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

Judicial Authority: Urumqi Railway Transport Court

Species: *Arnebia euchroma*, 700.2 kg, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Trade and Trafficking

Estimated Value: Illegal Profit of CNY 280,280

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: 1. Defendant A was convicted of endangering nationally protected plants and sentenced to three years imprisonment, suspended for four years, and fined CNY 30,000.
2. Illegal gains of CNY 280,280 from defendant A were further confiscated and turned over to the state treasury.
3. One OPPO A11 mobile phone was confiscated according to law.

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Chengdu Railway Transport Intermediate Court Fined a Defendant of Illegally Hunting Tufted Deer

News Release Date: 30 July 2025

Sentencing Date: 10 July 2025

Hunting Date: Lunar May 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Gulin County Police Bureau

Judicial Authority: Chengdu Railway Transport Intermediate Court

Location: Sanfendi (local name), Chishui Town, Xuyong County, Luzhou City, Sichuan Province

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 1 (Surname YANG, male, November 6, 1987, born and living in Xuyong County, Sichuan Province)

Case Progress: 1. Defendant YANG shall pay ecological damage compensation of CNY 15,000.
2. Should defendant Yang fail to perform the public service labor at the specified location and within the specified period, or if such labor is determined by the relevant departments to be incomplete, YANG shall pay the ecological damage compensation to the Luzhou People's Procuratorate's designated account; the funds shall be exclusively used for local ecological restoration.

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Chengdu Railway Transport Intermediate Court Fined a Defendant of Illegally Harvesting Dove Tree and Tilia

News Release Date: 30 July 2025

Sentencing Date: 2 July 2025

Judicial Authority: Chengdu Railway Transport Court

Location: 'Longtuogou' (local name) in Heishan Village, Gaomiao Town, Hongya County, Meishan City, Sichuan Province

Species: One Dove tree (*Davidia involucrata*), Class I of National Protected Species; One Tilia (Tiliaceae spp.)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Logging

Number of Offenders: 1 (Surname LIU, male, October 7, 1971, Han, Primary School, farmer, born and living in Hongya County, Meishan City, Sichuan Province)

Case Progress: 1. Defendant LIU shall pay CNY 12,583.30 for ecological service function loss and CNY 3,506.04 for ecological restoration expenses, totaling CNY 16,089.34, to the Meishan People's Procuratorate's designated account within fifteen days of this judgment's effectiveness. The funds shall be exclusively used for local ecological restoration.
2. Defendant LIU shall publicly apologize in writing to the community in his village within fifteen days of this judgment's effectiveness.

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Yanbian Railway Transport Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Fishing and Sell of Masu Salmon and Chum Salmon

News Release Date: 31 July 2025

Sentencing Date: 11 July 2025

Judicial Authority: Yanbian Railway Transport Court

Location: The confluence of the Mijiang River and Dongyang River in Hunchun City, Yanbian Korean Autonomous Prefecture, Jilin Province

Species: Five Masu Salmon (*Oncorhynchus masou*), Class II of National Protected Species; Three Chum Salmon (*O. keta*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Fishing and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 5,000

Number of Offenders: 1 (LANG *bin, male, August 20, 1989, Manchu, unemployed, born and living in Hunchun City, Jilin Province)

Case Progress: 1. Defendant LANG *bin was convicted of illegal fishing and sentenced to one month detention.

2. The fishing trap and waders seized as tools used in the crime were confiscated and disposed of by the detaining authority.

3. Illegal gains of CNY 550 were confiscated.

4. In a related civil public interest lawsuit, defendant LANG *bin shall compensate CNY 5,000 for ecological damage to aquatic biological resources.

5. Defendant LANG *bin shall publicly apologize in city-level or higher media for his damage to aquatic biological resources.

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