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Dulata Customs Seized Two Brown Bear Paws in an Inbound Vehicle



News Release Date: 3 August 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Dulata Customs

Location: Urumqi City, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: Brown Bear (*Ursus arctos*), two paws, 1.5 kg in total, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Vehicle (Hidden in the compartment behind the battery)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: The case has been handed over to the relevant department for lawful follow-up handling.

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Shenzhenwan Customs Seized 26 Hawksbill Turtle Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 10 August 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Shenzhenwan Customs

Location: Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

Species: Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), 26 products, including bangle, ring, comb, folding fan, 451 g in total, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Hong Kong Customs Seized 419 Live Turtles and 1,574 Live Corals in an Inbound Air Cargo

News Release Date: 14 August 2025

Seizure Date: July- early August 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Hong Kong Customs

Location: Hong Kong SAR

Detection Method: Special law enforcement operation

Species: 419 Live Turtles , CITES II; 1,574 Live Corals

Transport Method: Inbound Air Cargo (Declared as clothing, toys, and food)

Country of Export: United States, Philippines

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Estimated Value: HKD 4,310,000 (about CNY 3,948,000)

Number of Offenders: 5

Case Progress: Five individuals were arrested on suspicion of collecting or assisting in the transportation of illegal goods. They have since been released on bail as the investigation continues.

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Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Seized 240 Eggs Including 235 Parrot Eggs Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 16 August 2025

Seizure Date: 1 August 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs

Location: Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: Parrot eggs, totaling 235, involve 15 kinds of parrot species, all of which are (or approved as) Class I or II of National Protected Species, including African Grey Parrot (*Psittacus erithacus*), CITES I; Blue-and-yellow Macaw (*Ara ararauna*), CITES II; Scarlet Macaw (*A. macaw*), CITES I; Rainbow Lorikeet (*Trichoglossus moluccanus*), CITES II; Yellow-bibbed Lory (*Lorius chlorocercus*), CITES II; etc.

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage (Hidden in suitcases, backpacks, and handbags, wrapped in cotton, tissues, and tin foil; some had been flushed down the restroom drain but were retrieved by staff.)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Quanzhou Customs Seized 21 Pieces of Protected Wild Animal Products Carried by 11 Passengers from a Tour Group on the Same Flight



News Release Date: 19 August 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Quanzhou Customs

Location: Quanzhou City, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

Species: 21 pieces of wild animal products, involving species-Elephant (*Elephantidae*), CITES I/II; Sunda Pangolin (*Manis javanica*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; Black Bear (*Ursus thibetanus*), CITES I; Rhinoceros (*Rhinocerotidae*), CITES I/II; Agarwood (*Aquilaria* spp.), CITES II

Transport Method: On Inbound Passengers and Their Carry-on Luggage (Nothing to Declare Channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 11

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Harbin Taiping Airport Seized One African Elephant Ivory Folding Fan Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 20 August 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Harbin Taiping Airport Customs

Location: Harbin Taiping Airport, Heilongjiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

Species: African Elephant (*Loxodonta* spp.), one ivory folding fan, 61.7g, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Huanggang Customs Seized Five Hawksbill Turtle Bangles and Two Giant Clams Beaded Bracelets Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 26 August 2025

Seizure Date: 15 August 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs

Location: Futian Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

Species: Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), five bangles, 64 g in total, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; Giant Clams (Tridacnidae), two beaded bracelets, 225 g in total, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Carry-on Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1 (Male)

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Quanzhou Customs Seized Four Ivory Beads Bracelets in an Inbound Express Mail



News Release Date: 27 August 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Quanzhou Customs

Location: Quanzhou City, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

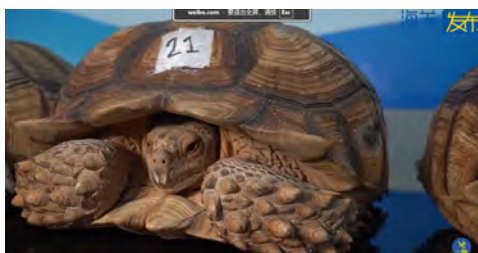
Species: Four ivory beads bracelets, 47 g in total, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound express mail

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Hongkong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Customs Seized Three African Spurred Tortoises in a Dual-license Passenger Vehicle



News Release Date: 27 August 2025

Seizure Date: 3 August 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Customs

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

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: Three Live African Spurred Tortoises (*Centrochelys sulcata*), around 50 cm long each, over 15 kg each, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Vehicle (with Hong Kong-Guangdong cross-border license plate; Hidden in a backpack on the second-row seat and in two black bags in the third row)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: It has been confirmed that the driver was unable to provide valid documentation and admitted to receiving a processing fee. The three tortoises are currently being cared for by a professional institution.

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Huangpu Xingang Customs Seized 16,326 Undeclared Moth Orchids in an Inbound Cargo



News Release Date: 29 August 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Huangpu Xingang Customs

Location: Huangpu County, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

Species: 16,326 Moth Orchids (*Phalaenopsis* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Goods

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling (Discrepancy between the actual quantity and the declared quantity)

Case Progress: The batch of goods has been subjected to further handling in accordance with regulations.

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Hong Kong Customs Seized 2,139 Protected Live Turtles in an Outbound Cargo Truck

News Release Date: 31 August 2025

Seizure Date: 30 August 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Hong Kong Customs

Location: Shenzhenwan Control Station, Hong Kong SAR

Detection Method: Risk assessment and X-ray

Species: 2,139 Live Turtles, CITES II

Transport Method: Outbound Truck (Hidden in the chassis frame beneath the vehicle's cargo compartment, wrapped in black plastic bags)

Country of Export: Hong Kong SAR, China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Estimated Value: HKD 1,000,000 (about CNY 916,000)

Number of Offenders: 1 (38, male)

Case Progress: The driver involved in the case has been arrested. The case was heard at the Tuen Mun Magistrates' Court on September 1.

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Ningbo Xiepu Comprehensive Administrative Law Enforcement Squadron Seized One Chinese Hwamei



News Release Date: 6 August 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Xiepu Squadron, Comprehensive Administrative Law Enforcement Bureau of Zhenhai County

Location: Zhenhai County, Ningbo City, Zhejiang Province

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Breeding

Case Progress: Law enforcement officers registered the evidence of the Chinese Hwamei in accordance with the law and filed an investigation. The Chinese Hwamei have since been safely transferred to a professional institution for proper placement and care.

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Guangzhou Police Seized 11 Eagles, 23 Chinese Hwamei and 6 Accipitridae Products, and Arrested 5 Suspects

News Release Date: 15 August 2025

Seizure Date: December 2023

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Municipal Police Bureau

Detection Method: Intelligence

Species: Eagles (Accipitridae), 11 live individuals and six products, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Four Chinese Hwameis (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase, Transportation, and Transaction

Number of Offenders: 6

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Jianli Police Seized more than 2,600 Yellow-breasted Bunting, and Arrested 50 Suspects

News Release Date: 15 August 2025

Seizure Date: October 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Jianli Municipal Police Bureau

Location: Jianli City, Hubei Province

Detection Method: Intelligence

Species: Over 2,600 Yellow-breasted Bunting (*Emberiza aureola*), Class I of National Protected Species; 28.8 thousand species with important ecological, scientific and social value: Yellow-throated Bunting (*E. elegans*), Grey-necked Bunting (*E. buchanani*)

Transport Method: Express

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting, Purchase, and Sell

Number of Offenders: 50

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Beijing Haidian Police Seized Protected Animals Including Lizard, Chameleon and Poison Dart Frog, and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 15 August 2025

Location: Haidian District, Beijing

Detection Method: Intelligence

Species: Lizard (Agamidae), Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; Chameleon (Chamaeleonidae), CITES I/II; Poison Dart Frog (Dendrobatidae), CITES II

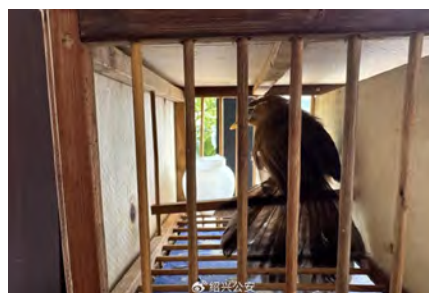
Transport Method: Express

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Breeding and Trafficking

Number of Offenders: 1

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Shaoxing Shangyu Police Seized Two Chinese Hwameis, and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 18 August 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Shangyu County Branch of Shaoxing Municipal Police Bureau

Location: Near Longlin Dam Mountain, Dingzhai Township, Shangyu County, Shaoxing City, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Tip off

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (bird-catching nets)

Number of Offenders: 1 (Male)

Case Progress: Suspect Wu has been subjected to criminal compulsory measures in accordance with the law.

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Shaoxing Shangyu Police Seized Two Chinese Hwamei, and Arrested Two Suspects



News Release Date: 18 August 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Police Station of Shangyu County Branch of Shaoxing Municipal Police Bureau

Location: Baixuanxian, Shangyu County, Shaoxing City, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 2 (Male)

Case Progress: Two suspects have been placed under criminal compulsory measures by the public security authorities on suspicion of illegal hunting.

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Nandan Police Seized 24 Chinese Hwameis, and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 18 August 2025

Seizure Date: 12 August 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Nandan County Police Bureau

Location: Villager Lan's residence, in Bawu Yao Ethnic Township, Nandan County, Hechi City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: 24 Chinese Hwameis (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: On 14 August, all of the Chinese Hwameis involved in the case were released back into the wild.

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Nayong County People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Purchasing and Trading Chinese Hwamei

News Release Date: 26 March 2025

Seizure Date: 21 January 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Nayong County Police Bureau

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

Location: A flower and bird shop named "Zhai* Baniaoyuan" in a town of Nayong County, Guizhou Province

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Trade

Estimated Value: CNY 35,000

Number of Offenders: 1 (Zhai *jian (Formerly used the name Zhai *ba.), male, born on February 1, 1974, of Han ethnicity, primary school education, self-employed, registered residence in Nayong County, Bijie City, Guizhou Province, currently residing in Nayong County.)

Case Progress: Defendant Zhai was convicted of the crime of endangering precious wild animals and sentenced to eight months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 1,000. Seven birdcages seized by the Nayong County Public Security Bureau were confiscated and turned over to the state treasury.

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Xixiu County Anshun City People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Harvesting and Trading Chinese Hwamei

News Release Date: 31 May 2025

Seizure Date: 11 March 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Xixiu Branch of Anshun Municipal Police Bureau

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

Location: Suspect's residence in Mushanbao, Xixiu District, Anshun City

Species: One Live Peregrine (*Falco peregrinus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I; One Bonelli's Eagle (*Aquila fasciata*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 8,000

Number of Offenders: 1 (Liao, the defendant, male, born on 29 July 1983, of Han ethnicity, primary school education, engaged in farming, registered residence in Xixiu District, Anshun City, Guizhou Province, current residence same as above)

Case Progress: Defendant Liao was convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wild animals and sentenced to five months' detention and fined CNY 2,000. One snare used in the commission of the crime was confiscated and will be disposed of by the Xixiu Branch of Anshun Public Security Bureau in accordance with the law. As an attached civil public interest litigation obligation, Liao shall, within ten days after this judgment takes effect, pay CNY 8,000 as ecological damage compensation to the Xixiu District People's Procuratorate of Anshun City.

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Chengdu Railway Transport Intermediate Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Fishing *Myxocyprinus Asiaticus* and Silver Carp

News Release Date: 30 July 2025

Seizure Date: 11 July 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Peng'an County Agriculture and Rural Affairs Bureau

Judicial Authority: Chengdu Railway Transport Intermediate People's Court, Nanchong Municipal People's Procuratorate

Location: The mainstream area of the Jialing River at Gangshizui, Yanjiang Village, Pingtuo Township, Peng'an County, Nanchong City, Sichuan Province

Species: One *Myxocyprinus* (*Myxocyprinus asiaticus*), Class II of National Protected Species, (Limited to Wild Populations only); One Silver Carp (*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Fishing

Estimated Value: CNY 2,578.48

Number of Offenders: 2 (Qiao, male, of Han ethnicity, born on 23 January 1989, residing in Peng'an County, Sichuan Province. Zhang, male, of Han ethnicity, born on 1 January 1983, residing in Peng'an County, Sichuan Province.)

Case Progress: Defendant Zhang voluntarily agreed to jointly compensate, together with Defendant Qiao, the assessed total fisheries resource loss of CNY 2,578.48 as determined by the Peng'an County Agriculture and Rural Affairs Bureau. Defendant Qiao likewise voluntarily agreed to joint compensation with Zhang for the same amount.

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

News Release Date: 30 July 2025

Seizure Date: 10 July 2025

Judicial Authority: Chengdu Railway Transport Intermediate People's Court, Luzhou Municipal People's Procuratorate

Location: At the defendant's home in Moni 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 (Yang, male, born on 6 November 1987, of Han ethnicity, residing in Xuyong County, Sichuan Province.)

Case Progress: Defendant Yang shall pay ecological damage compensation of CNY 15,000. This obligation shall be fulfilled through labor substitution: beginning the month after receipt of this mediation document, Yang shall perform unpaid duties such as mountain patrol and forest protection for five consecutive months, no fewer than 15 days each month. If Yang fails to perform the required labor at the specified location and within the set period, or fails inspection by the relevant authorities, Yang shall instead pay ecological damage compensation to the account designated by the Luzhou People's Procuratorate. The funds shall be exclusively used for local ecological restoration.

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Yanbian Railway Transport Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Fishing and Selling Salmon and the Other Fish

News Release Date: 31 July 2025

Seizure Date: 11 July 2025

Judicial Authority: Huichun Municipal People's Procuratorate, Yanbian Railway Transport People's Court

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

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Fishing and Sell

Estimated Value: More than CNY 5,000

Number of Offenders: 1 (Lang *bin, male, born on 20 August 1989, of Man ethnicity, unemployed, registered residence in Hunchun City, Jilin Province, currently residing in Hunchun City.)

Case Progress: Defendant Lang was convicted of the crime of illegal fishing of aquatic products and sentenced to one month's detention. One fishing net, one ground cage, and one pair of waders used in the crime were confiscated and disposed of by the detaining authority in accordance with the law. Illegal proceeds of CNY 550 obtained by Lang were confiscated.

In the attached civil public interest litigation, Lang was ordered to compensate CNY 5,000 for ecological damage to aquatic biological resources.

Lang was further ordered to issue a public apology for his destructive conduct toward aquatic resources in media at or above the municipal level.

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Jiaohe City People's Procuratorate Reviewed Four Cases of Illegal Harvesting Tall Gastrodia



News Release Date: 6 August 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Xinzhao County Jiaohe City Police Station

Judicial Authority: Jiaohe Municipal People's Procuratorate

Species: Tall Gastrodia (*Gastrodia elata*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 4

Case Progress: Four individuals involved in the case were issued non-prosecution decisions in accordance with the law.

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Seven Defendants were Sentenced for Illegally Hunting, Purchasing and Trading Mongolian Lark



News Release Date: 13 August 2025

Seizure Date: June 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Shandong Police, Gansu Police

Judicial Authority: Jiayuguan Municipal People's Procuratorate

Location: Gangcha County, Haibei Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Qinghai Province

Species: Over 40 Mongolian Larks (*Melanocorypha mongolica*), Class II of National Protected Species

Transport Method: Express

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting, Purchase and Sell (Wechat)

Number of Offenders: 7

Case Progress: The court convicted the seven defendants of the crime of endangering precious and endangered wild animals, sentencing them to fixed-term imprisonment ranging from one to two years, all suspended. The court also upheld the procuratorate's request for the defendants to jointly pay CNY 210,000 in ecological damage compensation through a public interest lawsuit.

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Chengdu Railway Transport Second Court Convicted Seven Defendants of Illegally Hunting, Purchasing and Trading Eurasian Goshawk, Eurasian Sparrowhawk, Peregrine Falcon and Besra



News Release Date: 15 August 2025

Seizure Date: 14 August 2025

Judicial Authority: Chengdu Railway Transport Second People's Court, Sichuan Province

Species: Eurasian Goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Eurasian Sparrowhawk (*A. nisus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I; Besra (*A. virgatus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Vehicle

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting, Purchase and Sell

Estimated Value: An adult Eurasian goshawk or Eurasian sparrowhawk is valued at CNY 25,000 each, and their eggs are valued at CNY 12,500 each

Number of Offenders: 8

Case Progress: Seven defendants, including CHEN Feng were convicted and sentenced to imprisonment and fines. In addition, the civil public interest plaintiff requested that the eight defendants jointly bear liability for the value of ecological function damage caused by their conduct and implement ecological restoration obligations in accordance with a restoration plan. Through mediation presided over by the court, a settlement was reached: the eight defendants will carry out off-site ecological restoration in accordance with the restoration plan.

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Panzhihua Police Bureau Seized 3,050 Wild Animals, and Arrested 117 Suspects



News Release Date: 14 August 2025

Seizure Date: 08 April 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Miyi County Branch of Panzhihua Police Bureau

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

Location: In multiple provinces including Sichuan, Yunnan, and Guangdong

Detection Method: Intelligence

Species: Over 150 wild animals, Class II of National Protected Species, including: Tufted Deer (*Elaphodus cephalophus*), Leopard Cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*), CITES I/II; Lady Amherst's Pheasant (*Chrysolophus amherstiae*); About 120 kg of wild animal products, including Rhinoceros (Rhinocerotidae) horn, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; Pangolin (Manidae) Scales, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; Tiger (*Panthera tigris*) Penis, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; Bear (Ursidae) Gallbladder, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; over 2,900 Species with important ecological, scientific and social value including Reeves's Muntjac (*Muntiacus reevesi*), Masked Palm Civet (*Paguma larvata*), Chinese Ferret-badger (*Melogale moschata*), Porcupine (*Hystrix hodgsoni*), Yunnan Paa Frog (*Rana yunnanensis*), King Ratsnake (*Elaphe carinata*), Cantor's Rat Snake (*Ptyas dhumnades*); and over 130 thousand *Sinibotia superciliosa*

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting, Purchase, Transaction and Trafficking

Estimated Value: over CNY 700,000

Number of Offenders: 117

Case Progress: On 8 April 2025, the Miyi County Procuratorate filed a public prosecution with the Miyi County People's Court. To date, 117 suspects have been arrested in the case, of whom 68 were transferred for prosecution and 49 handed over to relevant administrative departments in Luzhou, Yaan, Kunming, Dali, Lijiang, and Chuxiong.

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Qiandong Nanzhou Court Convicted One Defendant and Two Courier Companies of Illegally Hunting and Trading Chinese Hwamei

News Release Date: 15 August 2025

Judicial Authority: Qiandong Nanzhou People's Court, Guizhou Province

Species: 59 Chinese Hwameis (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Express

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting, Purchase and Sell (WeChat)

Estimated Value: CNY 5,000 each

Number of Offenders: 1 Person, 2 Courier Companies

Case Progress: Defendant Deng *hai was convicted of the crime of endangering precious and endangered wild animals and sentenced to one year's imprisonment and fined CNY 2,000. Illegal gains of CNY 20,996 were confiscated. The Qiandongnan Procuratorate filed a civil public interest lawsuit requesting Deng, a courier company in Huangping County, and a delivery company in Qiandongnan jointly bear CNY 221,500 in wildlife value losses. The first-instance court ruled: Deng shall compensate CNY 221,500; the Huangping courier company shall compensate CNY 64,500; the Qiandongnan delivery company shall compensate CNY 9,000. Deng appealed. Considering that Deng had already been criminally punished and had financial difficulties, a mediation was reached at the second instance: Deng voluntarily agreed to pay CNY 40,000 in cash, with the remaining CNY 181,500 to be fulfilled through labor substitution by performing forest and bird protection work.

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Zhanjiang Municipal Intermediate Court Convicted Eight Defendants of Illegally Purchasing, Trafficking and Selling Stony Corals



News Release Date: 15 August 2025

Judicial Authority: Zhanjiang Municipal Intermediate People's Court, Guangdong Province

Species: Stony Corals (*Scleractinia* spp.), 45 Tons of Shredded Branches, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase, Transportation and Sell

Number of Offenders: 8

Case Progress: Defendants Zhou, Xie, Huang (and two others), and Li (and four others) were convicted of the crime of endangering precious and endangered wild animals. Zhou and Xie, who were engaged in large-scale purchase and sale of coral products, were sentenced to three years and ten months' imprisonment and fines. Li and 4 others, who acted as intermediaries in resale and transportation, were sentenced with suspended sentences. Huang and two others, who harvested and sold stony coral fragments, were exempted from criminal punishment.

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

News Release Date: 16 August 2025

Seizure Date: 18 July 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Xinan County Police Bureau

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

Species: 42 Snow Lotus (*Saussurea involucrata*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 1 (Hu, registered residence in Xinyuan County, Ili Kazakh Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, currently residing in Xinyuan County)

Case Progress: Defendant Hu was convicted of the crime of endangering state key protected plants and sentenced to one year and six months' imprisonment, suspended for two years, and fined CNY 3,000. Forty-two snow lotuses involved in the case were confiscated and disposed of by the detaining authority in accordance with the law.

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Zhengzhou Railway Transport Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Purchasing and Selling Chinese Hwamei

News Release Date: 19 August 2025

Seizure Date: 22 July 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Changyuan City Police Bureau

Judicial Authority: Zhengzhou Railway Transport People's Court, Henan Province

Species: 19 Chinese Hwameis (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Sell

Number of Offenders: 1 (Liu, male, Han ethnicity, born on 6 October 1954, native of Changyuan City, Henan Province, junior high school education, farmer, residing in Changyuan City)

Case Progress: Defendant Liu was convicted of the crime of endangering precious and endangered wild animals and sentenced to one year's imprisonment, suspended for two years, and fined CNY 2,000. Illegal proceeds of CNY 9,960 voluntarily returned by Liu were confiscated by the Changyuan City Public Security Bureau and turned over to the state treasury.

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Nanjiang County People's Court Convicted Three Defendants of Illegally Hunting Black Muntjac, Greater Hog Badger and Northern Red Muntjac

News Release Date: 19 August 2025

Seizure Date: 22 July 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Nanjiang County Police Bureau

Judicial Authority: Nanjiang County Bazhou City People's Court, Sichuan Province

Species: Two Black Muntjacs (*Muntiacus crinifrons*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; Two Greater Hog Badgers (*Arctonyx collaris*), Species with important ecological, scientific and social value; Three Northern Red Muntjacs (*M. vaginalis*), Species with important ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 43,600

Number of Offenders: 3 (Surname Fang (nickname Minwazi), male, born on 11 October 1986, junior high school education, migrant worker, registered residence in Nanjiang County, Sichuan Province; Surname Xiong, male, born on 28 April 1965, junior high school education, staff member of the village committee of Nanjiang County, registered residence in Nanjiang County, Sichuan Province; Surname Zhao, male, born on 4 April 1976, primary school education, self-employed, registered residence in Nanjiang County, Sichuan Province.)

Case Progress: Defendant Fang was convicted of illegal hunting and sentenced to eight months' imprisonment, suspended for one year. Defendant Xiong was convicted of illegal hunting and sentenced to eight months' imprisonment, suspended for one year. Defendant Zhao was convicted of illegal hunting and sentenced to four months' detention, suspended for six months. One snare and wild animal legs seized by the Nanjiang County Public Security Bureau were confiscated and disposed of by the detaining authority in accordance with the law.

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Zhengzhou Railway Transport Court Convicted Two Defendants of Illegally Harvesting Faber's Cymbidium

News Release Date: 19 August 2025

Seizure Date: 22 July 2025

Judicial Authority: Zhengzhou Railway Transport People's Court

Location: On a forested slope near Beigou Group of a village in Lushi County, Sanmenxia City, Henan Province

Species: 29 Faber's Cymbidiums (*Cymbidium faberi*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 2 (Zhou A, male, Han ethnicity, born on 31 December 1989, native of Lushi County, Henan Province, primary school education, farmer, residing in Lushi County. Zhou B, male, Han ethnicity, born on 13 April 1956, native of Lushi County, Henan Province, illiterate, farmer, residing in Lushi County)

Case Progress: Defendant Zhou A was convicted of the crime of endangering state key protected plants and sentenced to three years' imprisonment, suspended for three years and five months, and fined CNY 1,500. Defendant Zhou B was convicted of the same crime and sentenced to three years' imprisonment, suspended for three years and two months, and fined CNY 1,000. After the incident, 29 orchids involved in the case were transplanted to the Lushi Forest Farm.

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Taizhou Police Seized 358 Ball Python, One Burmese Python and One African Grey Parrot, 10 People were Sentenced



News Release Date: 20 August 2025

Seizure Date: May 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Food, Drug and Environmental (Forestry) Brigade, Jiaojiang Branch, Taizhou Public Security Bureau, Zhejiang

Judicial Authority: Jiaojiang County People's Court, Taizhou City Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Intelligence

Species: 358 Ball Pythons (*Python Regius*), CITES II; One Burmese Pythons (*P. Bivittatus*), CITES II; One African Grey Parrot (*Psittacus Erithacus*), CITES I

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Breeding and Sell

Estimated Value: Over CNY 30,000,000

Number of Offenders: 10

Case Progress: The ball pythons, Burmese pythons, and African grey parrots involved in the case were lawfully transferred to Taizhou Bay Wildlife Park for professional care. In May 2025, the Jiaojiang Court heard the case. Defendant Di was convicted of endangering precious and endangered wild animals and sentenced to one year and seven months' imprisonment, suspended for two years and six months. Defendant Guo was convicted of the same crime and sentenced to one year's imprisonment, suspended for one year and six months.

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Guangnan County People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Trading Hwamei

News Release Date: 20 August 2025

Seizure Date: 24 July 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangnan County Police Bureau

Judicial Authority: Guangnan County People's Court, Yunnan Province

Location: In the middle section of the road from Tonggu Square in Liancheng Town to the entrance of Bainipo Village, Guangnan County, Wenshan Zhuang and Miao Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Trade

Estimated Value: CNY 35,000

Number of Offenders: 1 (Surname Tao, male, born on 4 August 1974, Miao ethnicity, native of Guangnan County, Yunnan Province, illiterate, residing in Sala Chong Group, Ayong Village Committee, Yangliujing Township, Guangnan County)

Case Progress: Defendant Tao was convicted of harming precious and endangered wild animals and sentenced to two months' detention, suspended for three months, and fined CNY 2,000. Seven Chinese Hwamei seized in the case were confiscated and disposed of by the public security authorities in accordance with regulations.

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Zhuxi County People's Court Convicted Three Defendants of Illegally Hunting Chinese Goral, Muntjac and Wild Boar

News Release Date: 22 August 2025

Judicial Authority: Zhuxi County People's Court, Shiyan City, Hubei Province

Species: Chinese Goral (*Naemorhedus griseus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I; Muntjac (*Muntiacus* spp.), Class I/II of National Protected Species/Species with important ecological, scientific and social value; Wild Boar (*Sus scrofa*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: The court sentenced three defendants for illegal hunting.

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Pingnan County People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Hunting and Selling Birds Including Yellow-breasted Bunting and Black-winged Kite

News Release Date: 23 August 2025

Seizure Date: 31 July 2025

Judicial Authority: Nanping County People's Procuratorate, Guangxi Province, Nanping County People's Court, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

Species: 134 wild birds, including 43 Yellow-breasted Buntings (*Emberiza aureola*), Class I of National Protected Species; Two Black-winged kites (*Elanus caeruleus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting and Sell

Estimated Value: CNY 179,000

Number of Offenders: 1 (Surname Liu, male, born on 23 August 1991, Han ethnicity, primary school education, residing in Pingnan County, Guangxi.)

Case Progress: Defendant Liu was convicted of endangering precious and endangered wild animals and sentenced to one year and six months' imprisonment, suspended for two years, and fined CNY 10,000. Illegal proceeds of CNY 4,185 surrendered by Liu were confiscated and turned over to the state treasury. Within ten days of the judgment taking effect, Liu shall compensate the Pingnan County People's Procuratorate CNY 26,100 for losses to wildlife resources and ecological environment caused by his criminal conduct.

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Yuanyang County People's Court Convicted Two Defendants of Illegally Hunting Birds including Chinese Hwamei, Mountain Bamboo Partridge and Barred Buttonquail

News Release Date: 23 August 2025

Seizure Date: 30 July 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Yuanyang County Police Bureau

Judicial Authority: Yuanyang County People's Court, Yunnan Province

Location: In the forested area behind Shuitang Village, Nansha Town, Yuanyang County, Honghe Hani and Yi Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province (about 60 meters above the gate of Huitai Breeding Farm), and at the defendant's home

Species: 10 Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; One Mountain Bamboo Partridge (*Bambusicola fytchii*), Species with important ecological, scientific and social value; Two Barred Buttonquail (*Turnix suscitator*), Species with important ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 52,000

Number of Offenders: 2 (Surname Wang, male, born on 7 June 1984, Miao ethnicity, illiterate, farmer, native of Yuanyang County, Yunnan Province, residing in Yuanyang County. Deng, male, born on 27 April 1980, Miao ethnicity, illiterate, farmer, native of Yuanyang County, Yunnan Province, residing in Yuanyang County.)

Case Progress: Defendant Wang was convicted of illegal hunting and sentenced to one year and six months' imprisonment. Defendant Deng was convicted of illegal hunting and sentenced to eight months' imprisonment. Seized hunting tools, including one slingshot, one slingshot gun, 70 bird traps, one large cage (holding 10 birds), seven single cages, three bamboo cages, six glue cages, 11 bird nets, five traps, one additional slingshot, one rope, one bamboo cage, and one iron cage, were confiscated. One purple Vivo Y78+ mobile phone seized from Wang and one black Realme RMX3618 mobile phone seized from Deng were returned to them.

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Yangpu Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Harvesting Coral



News Release Date: 24 August 2025

Seizure Date: 21 August 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Danzhou Municipal Police Bureau

Judicial Authority: Yangpu Court

Location: Yeyong Beach, Paipu Town, Danzhou City, Hainan Province

Detection Method: Tip off

Species: 31 Coral (*Anthozoa* spp.), Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES II/III (China)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Estimated Value: CNY 201,453

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The case is still under further trial.

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Tongshan County People's Court Convicted Two Defendants of Illegally Hunting Silver Pheasant and Reeves's Muntjac

News Release Date: 27 August 2025

Seizure Date: 12 August 2025

Location: Within a hunting-ban zone in Tongshan County, Xianning City, Hubei Province

Species: One Silver Pheasant (*Lophura nycthemera*), Class II of National Protected Species; Seven Reeves's Muntjacs (*Muntiacus reevesi*), Species with important ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 26,000

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Defendant Wu was sentenced to one year and six months' imprisonment, suspended for two years. Defendant Jin was sentenced to ten months' imprisonment, suspended for one year. Both were ordered to jointly compensate CNY 13,000 as ecological damage compensation.

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Ningling County People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Purchasing Chinese Hwamei and Eurasian Skylark

News Release Date: 29 August 2025

Seizure Date: 5 August 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Ningling County
Police Bureau

Judicial Authority: Ningling People's Court, Henan
Province

Species: Four Chinese Hwameis (*Garrulax canorus*),
Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Two
Eurasian Skylarks (*Alauda arvensis*), Class II of
National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase

Estimated Value: CNY 33,000

Number of Offenders: 1 (Surname Jiang, male,
born on 17 July 1960, Han ethnicity, junior high
school education, farmer, registered residence in
Minquan County, Henan Province, currently residing
in Minquan County, Henan Province.)

Case Progress: Defendant Jiang was convicted of
endangering precious and endangered wild animals
and sentenced to four months' detention, suspended
for four months, and fined CNY 1,000 (fine already
paid).

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Hailaer Railway Transport Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Purchasing, Selling and Hunting Birds Including Pallas's Rosefinch

News Release Date: 29 August 2025

Hunting Dates: From September 2023

Judicial Authority: Hailaer Railway Transport Court,
Hulunbuir City, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region

Species: 58 Live and 54 dead birds, and 232
Skinned and Frozen Bird Carcasses, including
Pallas's Rosefinch (*Carpodacus roseu*), Class II of
National Protected Species, and Species with
important ecological, scientific and social value:
Eurasian Siskin (*Spinus spinus*); Rosefinches (*C.*
spp.), Siberian Long-tailed Rosefinch (*C. sibiricus*),
Brambling (*Fringilla montifringilla*), Redpoll (*Acanthis
flammea*), Eurasian Tree Sparrow (*Passer montanus*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting, Purchase and
Sell

Estimated Value: CNY 10,500

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendants were convicted of illegal
hunting, and the court ordered them to bear
ecological damage restoration responsibility in
attached civil public interest litigation.

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Hailar Railway Transport Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Hunting Mongolian Lark and Eurasian Skylark

News Release Date: 29 August 2025

Hunting Dates: June 2022

Judicial Authority: Hailar Railway Transport Court,
Hulunbuir City, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region

Species: Two Mongolian Lark (*Melanocorypha
mongolica*), Class II of National Protected Species;
Four Eurasian Skylark (*Alauda arvensis*), Class II of
National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 16,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The defendant was convicted of
illegal hunting, and the court ordered them to bear
ecological damage restoration responsibility in
attached civil public interest litigation.

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Urumqi Railway Transport Court Convicted Four Defendants of Illegally Harvesting and Trading Arnebia Euchroma

News Release Date: 30 August 2025

Seizure Date: 23 August 2025

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

Species: Arnebia euchroma, 1,313 kg, Class II of
National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Transaction

Estimated Value: Proceeds of crime: CNY 237,700
and Illegal profits: CNY 52,875

Case Progress: Defendant Nu was convicted of the
crime of harming state key protected plants and
sentenced to one year and six months' imprisonment,
suspended for two years, and fined CNY 7,000.
Defendant Ma was convicted of the same crime and
sentenced to one year and two months' imprisonment,
suspended for two years, and fined CNY 6,000.
Defendant Xia was convicted of the same crime and
sentenced to one year's imprisonment, suspended for
one year and two months, and fined CNY 5,000.
Defendant Nu (another individual) was convicted of the
same crime and sentenced to five months' detention,
suspended for one year, and fined CNY 2,000. The
illegal gains of CNY 52,875 shall be recovered,
confiscated according to law, and turned over to the
State Treasury. One light blue OPPO PFTM20 mobile
phone seized from Nu and one black Vivo X60 mobile
phone seized from Ma were returned to their respective
owners.

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