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Hong Kong Customs Seized 2,139 Live Turtles in a Goods Vehicle



News Release Date: 31 August 2025

Seizure Date: 30 August 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Hong Kong Customs

Location: Shenzhen Bay Control Point

Detection Method: Risk assessment

Species: 2,139 unspecified species Live Turtles, CITES II

Transport Method: In the Goods Vehicle (Inside the 9 Black Bags within the Chassis Frame Under the Cargo Compartment)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Estimated Value: HKD 1,000,000 (approximately CNY 916,934)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The driver involved was arrested, and the case was scheduled to be heard at the Tuen Mun Magistrates' Courts on September 1.

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Tianbao Customs Seized 265.6 g Chinese Pangolin Scales Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 3 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Tianbao Customs

Location: Tianbao Port, Wenshan City, Wenshan Miao Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Intelligence

Species: Chinese Pangolin (*Manis pentadactyla*) Scales, 265.6 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Carrying (Concealed in the Knee Area)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Guangzhou Postal Customs Seized 10 Ivory Products in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 4 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Postal Customs

Location: Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: 10 Ivory Products, total 130.7 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (Declared as Small Ornaments)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Guangzhou Postal Customs Seized Three Whale Teeth and Two Hawksbill Turtle Shell Products in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 4 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Postal Customs

Location: Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: 3 Whale Teeth, CITES I; Hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), 2 shell products, including 1 cup lid top and 1 glasses frame, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; 218.3 g in Total

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (Declared as Metal Products, Wrapped in Tinfoil)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Tianjin Binhai Airport Customs Seized One Common Box Turtle in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 5 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Tianjin Binhai Airport Customs

Location: Tianjin Binhai International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: 1 Common Box Turtle (*Terrapene carolina*), CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (Declared as trade joes Biscuits and Potato Chips)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Luohu Customs Seized Two Boring Clams Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 5 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Luohu Customs

Location: Luohu Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: 2 Boring Clams (*Tridacna crocea*), Class II of National Protected Species (Only wild species), CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage (Nothing to Declare Channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Zhongshangang Customs Seized Four Aliger Gigas Shells Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 5 September 2025

Seizure Date: 19 August 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhongshangang Customs

Location: Zhongshan Passenger Port, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: Aliger Gigas (*Strombus gigas*), 4 Shells, Class II of National Protected Species (Wild Population only), CITES II

Transport Method: Passenger Carry-on Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Wuhan Tianhe Airport Customs Seized Two Black Coral Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 5 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Wuhan Tianhe Airport Customs

Location: Wuhan Tianhe International Airport, Wuhan Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: 2 Black Corals (*Antipatharia* spp.), total about 1.7 kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Carry-on Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized Eight Ivory Beads Bracelets and Bangles Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 7 September 2025
Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs
Location: Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)
Species: 8 Ivory beads bracelets and bangles, total 516 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage (Wrapped in Tinfoil)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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Huangdao Customs Seized 400 kg Rosewood in a Batch of Imported Goods



News Release Date: 7 September 2025
Law Enforcement Authority: Huangdao Customs
Location: Huangdao District, Qingdao City, Shandong Province
Detection Method: Routine Examination
Species: *Dalbergia* spp., 400 kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound Goods (Declared as Chong Sal Tree Wood Carving (Ornament))
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Hong Kong Customs Seized a Batch of Shark Skins in an Ocean-going Vessel

News Release Date: 10 September 2025

Seizure Date: 26 August 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Hong Kong Customs

Location: Kwai Chung Container Terminals

Detection Method: Intelligence

Species: Unspecified Species Shark Skin, Class II of National Protected Species

Transport Method: Ocean-going Vessel

Country of Export: China (Hong Kong SAR)

Intermediate Country: Korea

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Estimated Value: HKD 140 million (approximately CNY 130 million)

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Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized 1.38 kg Tree Pangolin Scales Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 15 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs

Location: Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: Tree Pangolin (*Manis tricuspis*) Scales, total 1.38 kg, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage (Packed in Tea Bags)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport Customs Seized 10 Ivory Beads Bracelets, Bangle and Pendants Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 17 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport Customs

Location: Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: 10 Ivory products, including beads bracelets, bangle and pendants, total 275.02 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Concealed on Passenger (In an Inner Underwear Pocket)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Zhengzhou Postal Customs Seized One Hawksbill Turtle Shell Product in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 19 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhengzhou Postal Customs

Location: Zhengzhou City, Henan Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination(X-ray)

Species: Hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), 1 Shell Product, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (Declared as Crafts)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized 52 Live Turtles in an Outbound Express Mail



News Release Date: 22 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs

Location: Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: 2 Black Pond Turtles (*Geoclemys hamiltonii*), CITES I; 2 Musk Turtles (*Sternotherus odoratus*), CITES II; 48 Pond Sliders (*Trachemys scripta*)

Transport Method: Outbound Parcel (Declared as Plastic Toilet Seat Rings, filled with a large amount of cotton, which was wrapped around five cylindrical plastic containers)

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Guangzhou Postal Customs Seized Over 500 Arapaima Scales in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 23 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Postal Customs

Location: Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: Arapaima (*Arapaima gigas*), 500 Scales, total 2,031 g, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (Hidden in the Black Plastic Bag)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Huanggang Customs Seized 26 Siamese Crocodile Palms Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 23 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs

Location: Fuzhou Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: Siamese Crocodile (*Crocodylus siamensis*), 26 Palms, net weight 1.7 kg in total, Class II of National Protected Species (Wild Population only), CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage (Nothing to Declare Channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Huanggang Customs Seized Nine Red Sandalwood Carvings Carried by an Outbound Driver



News Release Date: 25 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs

Location: Huanggang Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: 9 Red Sandalwood (*Pterocarpus santalinus*) Carvings, 28 kg, CITES II

Transport Method: Outbound Passenger Vehicle

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Shanghai Hongqiao Airport Customs Seized Two Aliger Gigas Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 25 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Shanghai Hongqiao Airport Customs

Location: Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: 2 Aliger Gigas (*Strombus gigas*) Shells, 3.38kg in total, Class II of National Protected Species (Wild Population only), CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage (Nothing to Declare Channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Zhangfeng Customs Seized Four Ivory Bangle Carried by an Inbound Truck Driver



News Release Date: 26 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhangfeng Customs

Location: Zhangfeng Port, Longchuan Count, Dehong, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: African Elephants (*Loxodonta* spp.), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; Asian elephant (*Elephas maximus*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; 4 Ivory Bangles, total 58.7 g

Transport Method: Inbound Cargo Truck (Inside the Driver's Clothing Pocket)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The case has been lawfully filed and is being handled through administrative procedures.

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Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport Customs Seized 26 Ivory Beads Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 26 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport Customs

Location: Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: 26 Ivory Beads, 137.96 g in total, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage (Mixed with Nuts in Cans)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Beijing Daxing Airport Customs Seized Ivory Products and Dried Seahorse Carried by Four Inbound Passengers



News Release Date: 26 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Daxing Airport Customs

Location: Beijing Daxing International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: Ivory products, including beads bracelets, bangle and pendants, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; Dried Seahorse (*Hippocampus spp.*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 4

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Shenzhenwan Customs Seized One Aliger Gigas Shell Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 27 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Shenzhenwan Customs

Location: Shenzhenwan Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: Aliger Gigas (*Strombus gigas*), 1 Shell Product, 1.1 kg, Class II of National Protected Species (Wild Population only), CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Hong Kong Customs Seized 2 kg Rhinoceros Horn in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 29 September 2025

Seizure Date: 27 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Hong Kong Customs

Location: Hong Kong International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: Rhino (*Rhinocerotidae*) horns, 2 kg, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel

Intermediate Country: China (Hong Kong SAR)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Estimated Value: HKD 800,000 (approximately CNY 730,000)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The case was held a hearing at the Kowloon City Magistrates' Courts on 30 September.

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Dongyang Baiyun Police Station Seized Nine Chinese Hwamei, and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 15 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Baiyun Police Station

Location: Dongyang City, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Intelligence

Species: 13 Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*) (Eight were seized on site. Four were illegally sold), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting and Sale

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: All seized Hwamei birds have been released into the wild in accordance with the law. The criminal suspects have been placed under criminal coercive measures by the Dongyang Municipal Public Security Bureau on suspicion of committing the crime of endangering precious and endangered wild animals. The case is currently under further investigation.

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Pingtang County Police Bureau Seized Five Chinese Hwamei, and Arrested Two Suspects



News Release Date: 30 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Pingtang County Police Bureau

Location: Pingtang County, Qiannan Buyi and Miao Autonomous Prefecture, Guizhou Province

Species: 5 Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Domestication

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: On-site law enforcement officers conducted legal education and publicity on wildlife protection laws and regulations for Wang and Ting. In accordance with relevant laws and regulations, an administrative penalty decision was made to confiscate the illegally domesticated Hwamei birds and impose corresponding fines on them. The five Hwamei birds were released into a suitable natural forest habitat, allowing them to return to their natural environment.

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Wenshan Pojiao Border Checkpoint Seized 25 Chinese Hwamei, and Arrested Two Suspects



News Release Date: 28 September 2025

Seizure Date: 25 August 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Wenshan Pojiao Border Checkpoint

Location: On a rural road leading from Pojiao Town toward Dalishu Township, Maguan County, Wenshan Zhuang and Miao Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: 25 Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: White Van

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase, Trafficking and Sale

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: The Pojiao Border Inspection Station has transferred 25 Chinese hwameis to the Environmental, Food, and Drug Investigation Division of the Maguan County Public Security Bureau. Hou and Yang have been subjected to criminal coercive measures by the Maguan County Public Security Bureau on suspicion of the crime of endangering precious and endangered wild animals.

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Geji County People's Court Convicted Ten Defendants of Illegally Trading Leopard Fur

News Release Date: 4 September 2025

Seizure Date: 25 July 2025

Judicial Authority: Geji County People's Court, Tibet Autonomous Region

Species: Leopard (*Panthera* spp.), 1 Fur, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Trade (WeChat)

Estimated Value: CNY 400,000

Number of Offenders: 10

Case Progress: The ten defendants were convicted of the crime of endangering precious and endangered wild animals. They were sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of either one year and six months or one year and nine months, with a two-year probationary period, and were each fined ranging from RMB 15,000 to 24,000. One leopard skin was confiscated in accordance with the law.

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Wulumuqi Railway Transport Court Convicted Three Defendants of Illegally Harvesting and Selling *Arnebia Euchroma*

News Release Date: 6 September 2025

Seizure Date: 15 August 2025

Judicial Authority: Wulumuqi Railway Transport Court, Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region

Species: *Arnebia euchroma*, 185 kg, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Sale

Estimated Value: The total amount from the disposal of illicit proceeds was CNY 44,440, with each defendant obtaining illegal gains of CNY 8,170

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: The three defendants were convicted of the crime of endangering key state-protected plants. Each was sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment ranging from six to nine months, with probation periods of one to one and a half years, and fines ranging from RMB 3,000 to 5,000. Additionally, illegal gains of RMB 8,170 per defendant shall be recovered and confiscated according to law, with the proceeds turned over to the state treasury.

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Wulumuqi Railway Transport Court Convicted Six Defendants of Illegally Harvesting and Selling *Arnebia Euchroma*

News Release Date: 6 September 2025

Seizure Date: 14 August 2025

Judicial Authority: Wulumuqi Railway Transport Court, Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region

Species: *Arnebia euchroma*, 560kg, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 76,807

Number of Offenders: 6

Case Progress: The six defendants were convicted of the crime of endangering key state-protected plants. They were sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment ranging from eight months to one year and two months, with probation periods of one to two years, and fines ranging from RMB 4,000 to 5,000. Additionally, illegal gains of RMB 20,751 per defendant from three of the defendants and RMB 8,826 per defendant from two of the defendants shall be recovered and confiscated according to law, with the proceeds turned over to the state treasury.

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Wulumuqi Railway Transport Court Convicted Seven Defendants of Illegally Harvesting and Selling *Arnebia Euchroma*

News Release Date: 6 September 2025

Seizure Date: 13 August 2025

Judicial Authority: Wulumuqi Railway Transport Court, Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region

Species: *Arnebia euchroma*, 1,673 kg, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Sale

Estimated Value: Defendant Ye sold illegal goods amounting to CNY 72,050, with personal illegal gains of CNY 24,050; Defendant Nu sold illegal goods amounting to CNY 62,150, with personal illegal gains of CNY 14,150; Defendant Hai sold illegal goods amounting to CNY 64,000, with personal illegal gains of CNY 16,000; Defendant Jiang, Wu, Ba, and Ma sold illegal goods amounting to CNY 56,000, each obtaining illegal gains of CNY 8,000.

Number of Offenders: 7

Case Progress: The seven defendants were convicted of the crime of endangering key state-protected plants. They were sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment ranging from one year and two months to one year and six months, with probation periods ranging from one year and three months to one year and eight months, and fines ranging from RMB 3,000 to 6,000. Furthermore, all illegal gains shall be recovered and turned over to the state treasury. The confiscated mobile phones shall be returned to the respective defendants.

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A County People's Court in Sichuan Province Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Logging Red Cedar

News Release Date: 13 September 2025

Seizure Date: 3 September 2025

Judicial Authority: A County Province People's Court in Sichuan Province

Location: Behind the defendant's own house, Sichuan Province

Species: 2 Red Cedar (*Toona ciliata*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Logging

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: 1. Defendant Su is guilty of the crime of endangering nationally protected plants and is sentenced to four months' criminal detention, suspended for five months, and fined CNY 3,000;
2. Defendant Su shall, in accordance with the ecological restoration and damage assessment opinion issued by an engineer from the Forestry Bureau of the county, replant 32 trees;
3. The knife seized in the case shall be confiscated.

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Chayu County People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Harvesting Indian Cymbidium and Yellow Margin Orchid

News Release Date: 16 September 2025

Seizure Date: 22 August 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Chayu Police Bureau

Judicial Authority: Chayu County People's Court

Location: Bentui Village Workers' Residential Area, Shangchayu Town, Chayu County, Nyingchi City, Tibet Autonomous Region

Species: 5 Indian Cymbidium (*Cymbidium erythraeum*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 3 Yellow Margin Orchid (*C. floribundum*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: 1. Defendant Li is guilty of the crime of endangering nationally protected plants and is sentenced to six months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 4,000;
2. The orchids seized in the case shall be confiscated (the involved orchids were not transferred with the case and shall be handled separately by the seizing authority in accordance with law).

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Wulumuqi Railway Transport Court Convicted Four Defendants of Illegally Harvesting, Purchasing and Selling Snow Lotus

News Release Date: 16 September 2025

Seizure Date: 21 August 2025

Judicial Authority: Wulumuqi Railway Transport Court, Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region

Location: In the basement of the defendant's residence, Zhaosu County, Ili Kazakh Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Species: 220 Snow Lotus (*Saussurea involucrata*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest, Purchase and Sale

Number of Offenders: 4

Case Progress: The four defendants were convicted of the crime of endangering key state-protected plants. They were sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment ranging from one to three years, with probation periods ranging from one year and two months to three years and six months, and fines ranging from RMB 1,000 to 4,000. All illegal gains refunded by the four defendants shall be turned over to the state treasury. A total of 220 snow lotus plants involved in the case and seized shall be confiscated according to law and disposed of by the seizing authority in accordance with legal procedures.

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Hengshan County People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Selling and Trafficking Chinese Hwamei

News Release Date: 17 September 2025

Seizure Date: 2 September 2025

Judicial Authority: Hengshan County People's Court, Hunan Province

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

Transport Method: Express

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Sale and Trafficking (WeChat and Other Online Channels)

Estimated Value: CNY 25,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: 1. Defendant Pan * min is guilty of the crime of endangering precious and endangered wild animals and is sentenced to seven months' imprisonment and fined CNY 5,000;
2. The illegal gains of CNY 7,243 from defendant Pan * min shall be recovered and turned over to the state treasury; the three Hwamei seized shall be disposed of by the public security authority according to law.

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Lishui Municipal Intermediate People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Purchasing and Selling Chinese Pangolin

News Release Date: 24 September 2025

Seizure Date: 18 July 2024

Judicial Authority: Lishui City Intermediate People's Court, Zhejiang Province

Species: One Chinese Pangolin (*Manis pentadactyla*), 5 kg, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 80,000

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: Defendant Hong guilty of the crime of endangering precious and endangered wild animals, and sentences him to two years' imprisonment, suspended for three years, and fined CNY 20,000. Defendant Zhang guilty of the same crime, sentenced to ten months' imprisonment, suspended for one year and three months, and fined CNY 10,000; Defendant Qiu guilty of the same crime, sentenced to nine months' imprisonment, suspended for one year and one month, and fined CNY 10,000.

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Suihua Beilin District People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Hunting Wild Birds

News Release Date: 25 September 2025

Seizure Date: 1 August 2025

Judicial Authority: Beilin District People's Court, Suihua City, Heilongjiang Province

Species: 508 wild birds, including 21 Class II of National Protected Species and 487 Species with important ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: 1. Defendant Wang is guilty of the crime of endangering precious and endangered wild animals and sentenced to eight months' imprisonment and fined CNY 3,000; He is also guilty of the crime of illegal hunting and sentenced to eight months' imprisonment; In total, under the principle of concurrent punishment for multiple offenses, he is to serve one year's imprisonment and fined CNY 3,000; 2. The seven adhesive nets and eleven portable multifunctional card-playing speakers used in the crime shall be confiscated.

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Tongdao Dong Autonomous County People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Purchasing Forest Musk Deer

News Release Date: 26 September 2025

Seizure Date: 2 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Tongdao Dong Autonomous County Forest Police Bureau

Judicial Authority: Tongdao Dong Autonomous County People's Court, Hunan Province

Species: One Forest Musk Deer (*Mooschus berezovskii*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase

Estimated Value: CNY 30,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: 1. Defendant Long is guilty of the crime of endangering precious and endangered wild animals and is sentenced to seven months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 2,000;
2. The forest musk deer (dead) seized in the case shall be confiscated and disposed of by the seizing authority according to law; the two wild boars (dead) and three small muntjacs (dead) shall be handled separately by the seizing authority."

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Wulumuqi Railway Transport Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Harvesting and Selling *Arnebia Euchroma*

News Release Date: 26 September 2025

Seizure Date: 28 August 2025

Judicial Authority: Wulumuqi Railway Transport Court, Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region

Species: *Arnebia euchroma*, 232.9kg, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 37,984

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: 1. Defendant Si is guilty of the crime of endangering nationally protected plants and is sentenced to eight months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 6,000;
2. The illegal gains of CNY 17,640 from defendant Si shall be recovered and confiscated, and turned over to the state treasury;
3. The 15.9 kg of *Arnebia euchroma* and one iron shovel seized shall be confiscated and handled by the seizing authority according to law;
4. The mobile phone seized from defendant Si shall be returned to him.

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Fushun Xinfu District People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Logging Amur Cork Tree and Manchurian Ash

News Release Date: 26 September 2025

Seizure Date: 15 July 2025

Judicial Authority: Xinfu District People's Court,
Liaoning Province

Species: 4 Amur Cork Tree (*Phellodendron
amurense*), Class II of National Protected Species; 4
Manchurian Ash (*Fraxinus mandschurica*), Class II of
National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Logging

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Ren committed the crime
of endangering nationally protected plants and is
sentenced to one year and eight months of fixed-term
imprisonment, suspended for two years, and fined CNY
10,000.

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Lishui Municipal Intermediate People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Purchasing Chinese Pangolin

News Release Date: 27 September 2025

Seizure Date: 20 March 2025

Judicial Authority: Lishui Municipal Intermediate
People's Court, Zhejiang Province

Species: 1 Chinese Pangolin (*Manis pentadactyla*),
2.5kg, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES
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Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase

Estimated Value: CNY 80,000

Number of Offenders: 6

Case Progress: In this case, Defendant Huang
committed the crime of endangering precious and
endangered wild animals and is sentenced to five
years and six months of fixed-term imprisonment
and fined CNY 40,000; For the crime of illegally
purchasing, transporting, and selling terrestrial wild
animals, he is sentenced to one year of fixed-term
imprisonment. For several crimes, the punishment
shall be combined, and it is decided to execute six
years of fixed-term imprisonment and a fine of CNY
40,000. The remaining persons are handled in
separate cases.

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Wulumuqi Railway Transport Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Harvesting and Selling *Arnebia Euchroma*

News Release Date: 28 September 2025

Seizure Date: 29 August 2024

Judicial Authority: Wulumuqi Railway Transport Court, Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region

Species: *Arnebia euchroma*, 44 kg, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Estimated Value: CNY 16,412

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: 1. Defendant Sun committed the crime of endangering nationally protected plants and is sentenced to eight months of fixed-term imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 4,000;
2. Defendant Ai committed the crime of endangering nationally protected plants and is sentenced to five months of criminal detention, suspended for nine months, and fined CNY 3,000;
3. The illegal income of RMB 26,400 obtained by defendant Sun shall be recovered and confiscated according to law, and turned over to the state treasury;
4. The 44 kg of *Arnebia euchroma* involved in the case shall be confiscated according to law and handled by the seizing authority according to law.

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Shangzhi Municipal People's Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Logging Manchurian Ash and Amur Maple

News Release Date: 28 September 2025

Seizure Date: 26 August 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Shangzhi Municipal Police Bureau

Judicial Authority: Shangzhi Municipal People's Court, Heilongjiang Province

Location: Shangzhi City, Heilongjiang Province

Species: 150 Manchurian Ash (*Fraxinus mandschurica*), Class II of National Protected Species; 14 Amur Maple (*Acer tataricum*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Logging

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Wan committed the crime of endangering nationally protected plants and is sentenced to three years and six months of fixed-term imprisonment, and fined CNY 5,000.

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Xining Railway Transport Court Convicted Four Defendants of Illegally Hunting Musk Deer and Sale Musk Deer Product

News Release Date: 29 September 2025

Seizure Date: 11 July 2025

Judicial Authority: Xining Railway Transport Court, Qinghai Province

Species: 4 Alpine Musk Deer (*Moschus chrysogaster*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; (Four musk sachets, two musk tails, and four musk teeth were seized at the defendant's residence, and a musk deer carcass was collected from the crime scene)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 96,000

Number of Offenders: 4

Case Progress: 1. The four defendants were convicted of the crime of endangering precious and endangered wild animals. They were sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment ranging from eight months to one year and six months, with probation periods ranging from one to two years, and fines ranging from RMB 4,000 to 5,000 (the fines have been paid).

2. In the incidental civil public interest litigation, the four defendants are jointly liable for ecological damages compensation of RMB 54,000 (which has been paid); among them, three defendants are jointly liable for ecological damages compensation of RMB 18,000 (which has been paid).

3. The four defendants in the incidental civil public interest litigation are ordered to publicly apologize via provincial-level or above media in Qinghai Province within ten days from the effective date of this judgment (this has been fulfilled).

4. The following tools used in the commission of the crime shall be confiscated: one bag of wire snares, one knife, one Wuling-brand van, and one motorcycle. The following confiscated items shall also be confiscated: two musk deer carcasses, four musk pods, two musk deer tails, and four animal fangs. Three musk deer carcasses and one animal antler unrelated to this case shall be transferred by the seizing authority, the Nangqen County Public Security Bureau of Yushu Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Qinghai Province, to the Nangqen County Natural Resources and Forestry and Grassland Bureau of Yushu Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Qinghai Province, for disposal according to law. Three mobile phones shall be returned in accordance with the law.

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Wulumuqi Railway Transport Court Convicted a Defendant of Illegally Purchasing and Selling Golden Root

News Release Date: 28 September 2025

Seizure Date: 28 August 2025

Judicial Authority: Wulumuqi Railway Transport Court, Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region

Species: Golden Root (*Rhodiola rosea*), 3,377 kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 73,154

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: 1. Defendant Yi committed the crime of endangering nationally protected plants and is sentenced to one year and one month of fixed-term imprisonment, suspended for two years, and fined CNY 5,000;

2. The illegal income of CNY 73,154 obtained by defendant Yi shall be recovered and confiscated according to law, and turned over to the state treasury;

3. The mobile phone seized from defendant Yi shall be returned to the defendant.

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