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Huanggang Customs Seized Three Live Asian Arowanas Carried by an Outbound Passenger



News Release Date: 2 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs

Location: Futian Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

Species: Three Asian Arowana (*Scleropages formosus*), CITES I

Transport Method: Outbound Passenger's Carry-on Luggage (No Declaration Channel) (Backpack and Bags)

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The seizures have been transferred to the Futian Administrative Bureau of Shenzhen Municipal Planning and Natural Resources Bureau for rescue and care.

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Luohu Customs Successively Seized 13 Hermann's Tortoises and Two Leopard Tortoises Carried by Two Inbound Passengers



News Release Date: 4 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Luohu Customs

Location: Lihou Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: 11 Hermann's Tortoise (*Testudo hermanni*), CITES II; Two Leopard Tortoise (*Stigmochelys pardalis*), CITES II

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger (No Declaration Channel; clothing and pants pockets)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 2

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Jinan Airport Customs Seized 18 Pieces of Red Sandalwood Musical Instrument Parts Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 5 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Jinan Airport Customs

Location: Jinan Yaoqiang International Airport, Shandong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-Ray)

Species: Red Sandalwood (*Pterocarpus santalinus*), 18 Pieces of Musical Instrument Parts, 4.94 kg in total, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: This case has been transferred to the Anti-Smuggling Department for handling.

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Luohu Customs Seized 52 Chautle Living-rock Cactus Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 5 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Luohu Customs

Location: Luohu Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

Species: 52 Chautle Living-rock Cactus (*Ariocarpus fissuratus*), CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Luggage (No Declaration Channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Guangzhou Postal Customs Seized Four Dried Tokay Gecko in Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 6 January 2026
Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Postal Customs
Location: Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)
Species: Four Dried Tokay Gecko (*Gekko gekko*), National Class II Protected Wild Animals, CITES II
Transport Method: Inbound Parcel
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Xi'an Postal Customs Seized One Ivory Statue in Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 6 January 2026
Law Enforcement Authority: Xi'an Postal Customs
Location: Xi'an City, Shaanxi Province
Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)
Species: One Ivory Statue, 483.7 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (declared as "Used Books")
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Case Progress: This case has been transferred to the Anti-Smuggling Department for handling.

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Rongcheng Postal Customs Seized One Agarwood Ornament in Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 8 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Rongcheng Postal Customs

Location: Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (X-Ray)

Species: Agarwood (*Aquilaria* spp.), one carved "Qilin" ornament, 1,905 g, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (declared as "Handicrafts")

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized 14 Pieces of Agarwood and Red Sandalwood Beaded Necklaces in a Batch of Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 14 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs

Location: Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

Species: Agarwood (*Aquilaria* spp.), 11 pieces of beaded necklaces, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Red Sandalwood (*Pterocarpus santalinus*), three pieces of beaded necklaces, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Sanya Airport Customs Seized 27 Pieces of Protected Wildlife Products Carried by an Outbound Passenger



News Release Date: 18 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Sanya Airport Customs

Location: Sanya Phoenix International Airport, Hainan Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

Species: 27 pieces of wildlife products, 746 g in total, including Sika Deer (*Cervus nippon*), Class I of National Protected Species (wild populations only), Sambar Deer (*Rusa unicolor*), Class II of National Protected Species, Red-and-green Macaw (*Ara chloropterus*), CITES II, and Blue-and-yellow Macaw (*A. ararauna*), CITES II

Transport Method: Outbound Passenger's Luggage (No Declaration Channel)

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: On-site Customs has transferred it to the relevant authorities for disposal in accordance with the law.

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Beijing Daxing Airport Customs Seized Six Leopard Teeth Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 18 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Beijing Daxing Airport Customs

Location: Beijing Daxing International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

Species: Leopard (*Panthera pardus*), six teeth, net weight 95 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Luggage (No Declaration Channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

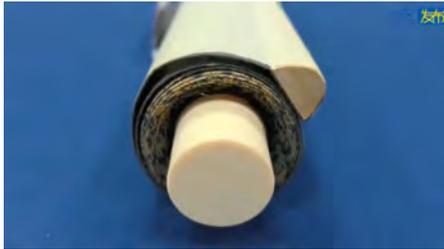
Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: This case has been transferred to the Anti-Smuggling Department for handling.

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Luzhou Customs Seized One Ivory Painting Scroll Head in Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 19 January 2026
Law Enforcement Authority: Luzhou Customs
Location: Hefei City, Anhui Province
Detection Method: Routine Examination (CT)
Species: One Ivory painting scroll, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound Parcel
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Tianjin Xingang Customs Seized Two Ivory Figurines in Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 20 January 2026
Law Enforcement Authority: Tianjin Xingang Customs
Location: Tianjin
Detection Method: Routine Examination
Species: Two Ivory figurines, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (declared as "Decorations")
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport Customs Seized Eight Pieces of Ivory Products Carried by Two Inbound Passengers



News Release Date: 22 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Hangzhou Xiaoshan Airport Customs

Location: Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

Species: Eight pieces of Ivory products, including six bangles, one beaded bracelet and one ivory tip, 433.18 g in total, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Luggage (wrapped in tin foil and concealed in milk powder cans)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 2

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Luohu Customs Seized 2.5 kg of Silky Shark Fins Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 23 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Luohu Customs

Location: Luohu Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

Species: Silky Shark (*Carcharhinus falciformis*), 2.5 kg of fins, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Luggage (No Declaration Channel; concealed in white plastic bags)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Dulata Customs Seized Three Saiga Antelope Horn Whip Handles Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 26 January 2026

Seizure Date: 6 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Dulata Customs

Location: Chabucha'er Xibe Autonomous County, Ili Kazakh Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

Species: Saiga Antelope (*Saiga tatarica*), tree horn whip handles, 0.325 kg in total, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II (Zero Quota for Commercial Export of Wild Specimens)

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Luggage (No Declaration Channel; concealed in the wrapped whip handle)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Beijing Capital Airport Customs Seized One American Black Bear Fur Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 28 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Beijing Capital Airport Customs

Location: Beijing Capital International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

Species: American Black Bear (*Ursus americanus*), a piece of fur, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Luggage (No Declaration Channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: This case has been transferred to the Anti-Smuggling Department for handling.

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Haikou Port Customs Seized 500 g of Agarwood Pieces in Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 29 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Haikou Port Customs

Location: Haikou City, Hainan Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination (Machine Inspection)

Species: Agarwood (*Aquilaria* spp.), 500 g of pieces, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The seizure has been detained in accordance with the law pending further disposal.

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Yulin Public Security Bureau Seized 69 Chinese Hwamei



News Release Date: 8 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Yulin Forestry Bureau, Yuzhou District Bureau of Natural Resources, and Forest Police Brigade of Yuzhou Branch, Yulin Municipal Public Security Bureau

Location: Qingwanjiang Park, Yuzhou District, Yulin City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Special Operation

Species: 69 Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Breeding (for "Gamebird fighting")

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Jinchengjiang Police Seized Six Chinese Hwamei and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 15 January 2026

Seizure Date: 7 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Dashantang Forest Police Station of Jinchengjiang Branch, Hechi Municipal Police Bureau

Location: Hechi City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Tip-off

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Breeding

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Jinchengjiang Public Security has detained the involved Chinese Hwamei in accordance with the law, handled suspect Liang in accordance with the law, and the case is under further handling.

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Nayong County Forestry Bureau Seized Six Chinese Hwamei and Seven Crested Mynas and Arrested One Suspect

News Release Date: 19 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Nayong County Forestry Bureau

Location: Nayong County, Bijie City, Guizhou Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: Six Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Seven Crested Myna (*Acridotheres cristatellus*), species with important ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Sale

Estimated Value: Over CNY 30,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The involved birds have been timely released into the wild.

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Hezheng County Public Security Bureau Seized 25 Dried Alpine Stream Salamander and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 19 January 2026

Seizure Date: 19 December 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Hezheng County Public Security Bureau and Forest Police Stations

Location: Suspect's street-stall at Majiaji Grand Market and his residence, Hezheng County, Linxia Hui Autonomous Prefecture, Gansu Province

Detection Method: Special Operation

Species: 25 Dried Alpine Stream Salamander (*Batrachuperus tibetanus*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 37,500

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The suspect has been imposed criminal compulsory measures in accordance with the law, and the case is under further investigation.

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Hezheng County Public Security Bureau Seized 19 Dried Alpine Stream Salamander and Northeastern China Salamander and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 19 January 2026

Seizure Date: 24 December 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Hezheng County Public Security Bureau and Forest Police Stations

Location: Suspect's booth near Jiaheng Square, Chengguan Town, Hezheng County, Linxia Hui Autonomous Prefecture, Gansu Province

Detection Method: Special Operation

Species: 12 Dried Alpine Stream Salamander (*Batrachuperus tibetanus*) and seven Dried Gensan Salamander (*Hynobius leechii*), both are Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 28,500

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The suspect has been imposed criminal compulsory measures in accordance with the law, and the case is under further investigation.

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Hezheng County Public Security Bureau Seized 40 Dried Alpine Stream Salamander and Northeastern China Salamander and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 19 January 2026
Seizure Date: 24 December 2025
Law Enforcement Authority: Hezheng County Public Security Bureau and Forest Police Stations
Location: Suspect's street stall at Haozhigou Crossroads, Shihujia Village, Sanhe Town, Hezheng County, Linxia Hui Autonomous Prefecture, Gansu Province (sales point of Zhang Jun)
Detection Method: Special Operation
Species: 30 Dried Alpine Stream Salamander (*Batrachuperus tibetanus*) and 10 Dried Gensan Salamander (*Hynobius leechii*), both are Class II of National Protected Species
Reason for Seizure: Illegal Sale
Estimated Value: CNY 60,000
Number of Offenders: 1
Case Progress: The suspect has been imposed criminal compulsory measures in accordance with the law, and the case is under further investigation.

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Hezheng County Public Security Bureau Seized 24 Dried Chinese Salamander and Shangcheng Stout Salamander and Arrested Two Suspects

News Release Date: 19 January 2026
Seizure Date: 24 December 2025
Law Enforcement Authority: Hezheng County Public Security Bureau and Forest Police Stations
Location: A Lane in Chengguan Town, Hezheng County, Linxia Hui Autonomous Prefecture, Gansu Province
Detection Method: Special Operation
Species: Eight Dried Chinese Hynobiid (*Hynobius chinensis*), Class I of National Protected Species; 16 Dried Shangcheng Stout Salamander (*Pachyhynobius shangchengensis*)
Reason for Seizure: Illegal Sale and Purchase
Estimated Value: CNY 48,000
Number of Offenders: 2
Case Progress: Two suspects have both been imposed criminal compulsory measures in accordance with the law, and the case is under further investigation.

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Hezheng County Public Security Bureau Seized One Northern Goshawk and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 19 January 2026

Seizure Date: 23 December 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Hezheng County Public Security Bureau and Forest Police Stations

Location: Haozhigou Crossroads, Hezheng County, Linxia Hui Autonomous Prefecture, Gansu Province

Detection Method: Special Operation

Species: One Northern Goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Minivan Transportation (packaged in cartons)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 25,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The suspect has been imposed criminal compulsory measures in accordance with the law, and the case is under further investigation.

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Hezheng County Public Security Bureau Seized One Northern Goshawk and Arrested Two Suspects



News Release Date: 19 January 2026

Seizure Date: 30 December 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Hezheng County Public Security Bureau and Forest Police Stations

Location: Lijiaping Village, Dalang Township, Hezheng County, Linxia Hui Autonomous Prefecture, Gansu Province

Detection Method: Special Operation

Species: One Northern Goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting, Sale and Purchase

Estimated Value: CNY 25,000

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Two suspects have both been imposed criminal compulsory measures in accordance with the law, and the case is under further investigation.

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Jiangshan Public Security Bureau Seized Three Protected Birds and Arrested Two Suspects



News Release Date: 28 January 2026

Seizure Date: 24 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Jiangshan Municipal Police Bureau of Quzhou City

Location: Tanshi Town, Jiangshan City, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (for Consumption Purposes)

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Two suspects have been imposed criminal compulsory measures in accordance with the law on suspicion of committing the crime of harming precious and endangered wild animals; the case is under further handling, and the rescued live wild animals have also been transferred to a professional institution for rescue.

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Xishui County Public Security Bureau Seized 16 Wild Orchids and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 31 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Environmental Resources and Food and Drug Crime Investigation Brigade of Xishui County Public Security Bureau jointly with Jiulong Police Station

Location: Xishui County, Zunyi City, Guizhou Province

Detection Method: Tip-off

Species: 16 Plants of Wild Orchid (*Cymbidium* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Suspect Zhao has been imposed compulsory measures in accordance with the law by the Xishui County Public Security Bureau, and the case is under further investigation.

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Shihe Primary People's Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Harvest of Wild Faber's Cymbidium and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 3 January 2026

Judgment Date: 28 November 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Police of Xinyang Municipal Public Security Bureau, Shisanliqiao Forestry Administrative Inspection Team of Shihe District Forestry Bureau

Judicial Authority: Shihe Primary People's Court

Location: Shihe District, Xinyang City, Henan Province

Species: 39 Plants of Wild Faber's Cymbidium (*Cymbidium faberi*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Detection Method: Tip-off

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Fu was convicted of the crime of Harming National Key Protected Plants, sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of three years with probation of three years and six months, and a fine of CNY 5,000 (paid in full); the 39 involved Faber's Cymbidiums have been transferred to Henan Jigongshan National Nature Reserve

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Yuanyang Primary People's Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Purchase of Protected Birds and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 3 January 2026

Judgment Date: 5 December 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Yuanyang County Police Bureau

Judicial Authority: Yuanyang Primary People's Court

Location: Majie Township, Yuanyang County, Honghe Hani and Yi Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

Species: 33 Chestnut-Flanked White-eye (*Zosterops erythropleurus*), Class II of National Protected Species; 113 Individuals of species with important ecological, scientific and social value (including 28 kinds of bird species such as Mountain White-eye (*Z. japonicus*), White-throated Fantail (*Rhipidura albicollis*), Rufous-gorgeted Flycatcher (*Ficedula strophilata*), etc.)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase

Estimated Value: CNY 83,400

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Zhou was convicted of harming precious and endangered wild animals and illegally purchasing terrestrial wild animals, and sentenced to a combined term of one year and six months' imprisonment, suspended for two years, placed on community correction, in addition to paying a fine of CNY 3,500 and compensation of CNY 83,400 for the loss of wild animal resources, following the fulfillment of the mediated settlement in the incidental civil public interest lawsuit.

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Shanghai Railway Transportation Primary Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Purchase of Chinese Hwamei and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 4 January 2026

Judgment Date: 18 December 2025

Judicial Authority: Shanghai Railway Transportation Primary Court

Location: Pudong New Area, Shanghai

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

Transport Method: Express Delivery

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase

Estimated Value: CNY 30,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Zhuang was convicted of the crime of Harming Precious and Endangered Wild Animals, sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of seven months with probation of one year, and a fine of CNY 6,000 (paid in advance); the seized Chinese Hwameis have been released into the wild; after returning to the community, the defendant shall abide by laws and regulations, accept supervision and management, and complete public welfare labour.

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Chayu Primary People's Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Hunting and Killing of Takin and Four People Convicted

News Release Date: 15 January 2026

Judgment Date: 16 December 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Chayu County Police Bureau

Judicial Authority: Chayu Primary People's Court

Location: Sangbayazhong Village, Shangchayu

Town, Chayu County, Nyingchi City, Tibet Autonomous Region

Species: One Gongshan Takin (*Budorcas taxicolor*) (also known as Takin), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting and Killing (Defendant Ren was additionally involved in the crime of illegal possession of firearms)

Estimated Value: CNY 400,000

Number of Offenders: 4

Case Progress: Defendant Ren was convicted of harming precious and endangered wild animals and of illegally possessing firearms and was sentenced to a combined term of four years and three months' imprisonment, along with a fine of CNY 1,000 which has been paid in full. Defendants Si, Ge, and Zha were each convicted of harming precious and endangered wild animals, and were sentenced to three years' imprisonment, suspended for five years, and to a fine of CNY 1,000, all of which have been paid. Each of the four defendants was also ordered to pay compensation of CNY 100,000 for ecological damage. The seized items involved have been ordered to be disposed of by the seizing authority.

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Muli Tibetan Primary Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Hunting of Rhesus Macaques and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 16 January 2026

Judgment Date: 29 December 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Muli Tibetan Autonomous County Police Bureau

Judicial Authority: Muli Tibetan Primary People's Court

Location: Kenggu Village, Bowo Township, Muli Tibetan Autonomous County, Liangshan Yi Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan Province

Species: Two Rhesus Macaque (*Macaca mulatta*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting and Killing

Estimated Value: CNY 20,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Luo was convicted of harming precious and endangered wild animals, and was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and to a fine of CNY 1,000, which has been paid in full; he was also ordered to pay compensation of CNY 20,000 for the loss of national wild animal resources, which has also been paid in full; the seized items have been ordered to be confiscated and destroyed in accordance with the law.

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Shangcheng Primary People's Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Harvest of Wild Faber's Cymbidium and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 28 January 2026

Judgment Date: 12 December 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Shangcheng County Police Bureau

Judicial Authority: Shangcheng Primary People's Court

Location: Shangcheng County Railway Station, Xinyang City, Henan Province

Species: 55 Plants (11 Clumps) of Wild Faber's Cymbidium (*Cymbidium faberi*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Transportation

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Liu was convicted of the crime of Harming National Key Protected Plants, sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of three years with probation of three years, and a fine of CNY 3,000 (to be paid within a time limit); the 55 seized Faber's Cymbidiums were handled by Shangcheng County Public Security Bureau in accordance with the law.

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Pidu Primary People's Court of Sentenced a Case of Illegal Hunting and Sale of Protected Birds and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 29 January 2026

Judgment Date: 19 December 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Pidú District Branch of Chengdu Police Bureau

Judicial Authority: Pidú Primary People's Court

Location: Pidú District, Chengdu City, Sichuan Province

Species: Four Besra Sparrowhawk (*Accipiter virgatus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Two Eurasian Sparrowhawk (*A. nisus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; One Common Buzzard (*Buteo japonicus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Two Chestnut-Flanked White-eye (*Zosterops erythropleurus*), Class II of National Protected Species; One Red-billed Leiothrix (*Leiothrix lutea*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 22 birds with important ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 283,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Liao Moxi was convicted of the crime of Harming Precious and Endangered Wild Animals, sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment of two years with probation of two years, and a fine of CNY 20,000 (CNY 10,000 paid in advance, and the remaining amount to be paid within a time limit); the involved animals were disposed of by the seizing authority in accordance with the law; the tools used in the crime and the illegal gains of CNY 360 were confiscated.

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