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Chengdu Shuangliu Airport Customs Seized Three Ivory Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 1 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Chengdu Shuangliu Airport Customs

Location: Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport, Sichuan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: One ivory bangle, two ivory bracelets, 0.195 kg in total, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Luggage (wrapped in aluminum foil)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The case has been lawfully handed over to the relevant authorities for further handling.

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Jiuzhou Customs Seized Two Ivory Carvings in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 3 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Jiuzhou Customs

Location: Jiuzhou Port, Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Two ivory carvings, 125 g in total, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Beilun Customs Seized *Handroanthus* spp. Wood Floors in an Outbound Shipment



News Release Date: 6 April 2026
Law Enforcement Authority: Beilun Customs
Location: Ningbo City, Zhejiang Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection
Species: *Handroanthus* spp., wood floors pieces, 10.8 tonnes, CITES II
Transport Method: Outbound Shipment
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Shanghai Pudong International Airport Customs Seized 33 Live Turtles in the Cabin of an Inbound Flight



News Release Date: 9 April 2026
Law Enforcement Authority: Shanghai Pudong International Airport Customs
Location: Shanghai Pudong International Airport
Detection Method: Boarding Inspection
Species: 10 Golden-headed Box Turtle (*Cuora aurocapitata*), Class II of National Protected Species (wild population only), CITES II; 20 McCord's Box Turtle (*C. mccordi*), Class II of National Protected Species (wild population only), CITES II; Three Snake-necked Turtles (*Chelodina* spp.)
Transport Method: Backpack (wrapped in socks and packed in a kraft paper bag, hidden in the cabin crevice, unclaimed)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Suzhou Customs Seized 850 g of Agarwood Pieces in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 11 April 2026

Seizure Date: 2 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Suzhou Postal Customs

Location: Suzhou City, Jiangsu Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Agarwood (*Aquilaria* spp.), 850 g of pieces, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Outbound Passenger Vehicle (hidden in trunk)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Currently, Customs has temporarily withheld the parcel.

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Luohu Customs Seized Five Live Ball Pythons Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 16 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Luohu Customs

Location: Luohu Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

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

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger (hidden in ankle-tied socks, pants pockets, and luggage; no declaration channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Tianjin Postal Customs Seized Five Bear Gallbladders in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 20 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Tianjin Postal Customs

Location: Tianjin

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Bear (*Ursidae* spp.), five gallbladders, 184 g in total, CITES I/II, Class I/II of National Protected Species

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

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Ningbo Airport Customs Seized One Giant Clam and One Stony Coral Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 22 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Ningbo Airport Customs

Location: Ningbo Lishe Airport, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (X Ray)

Species: One Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.), 1.18 kg, Class I/II of National Protected Species (wild population only), CITES II; One Stony Coral (*SCLERACTINIA* spp.), 1.71 kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Hong Kong Customs Seized 26 Fischer's Lovebirds and 215 Other Live Birds Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 23 April 2026
Seizure Date: 22 April 2026
Law Enforcement Authority: Hongkong Customs
Location: Lo Wu Control Point, Hong Kong SAR
Detection Method: Routine Inspection
Species: 26 Fischer's Lovebird (*Agapornis fischeri*), CITES II; 215 other live birds 215, including Budgerigar (*Melopsittacus undulatus*) and Munias (*Lonchura* spp.)
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Luggage
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1
Case Progress: The case has been referred to the AFCD for follow-up investigation.

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Luohu Customs Seized 24 Agarwood Products Carried by an Outbound Passenger



News Release Date: 24 April 2026
Law Enforcement Authority: Luohu Customs
Location: Luohu Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection
Species: Agarwood (*Aquilaria* spp.), 24 products, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Three unprotected wood products
Transport Method: Concealed on Outbound Passenger (no declaration channel)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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Guangzhou Postal Customs Seized One Pair of Ivory Scroll Heads in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 28 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Postal Customs

Location: Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

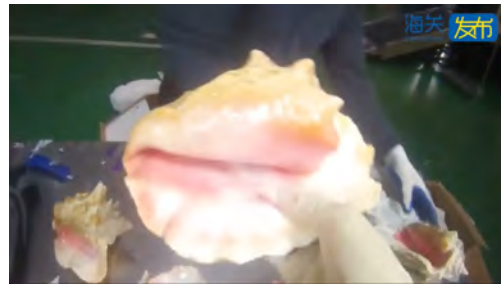
Species: One pair of ivory scroll heads, 60 g in total, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

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

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Beijing Capital Airport Customs Seized Seven Queen Conch Shells in an Inbound Unaccompanied Baggage



News Release Date: 29 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Beijing Capital Airport Customs

Location: Beijing Capital International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Queen Conch (*Strombus gigas*), seven shells, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Unaccompanied Baggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Guanghe County Police Seized 80 Dried Yiwu Salamanders and 40 Dried Alpine Stream Salamanders and Arrested Three Suspects



News Release Date: 1 April 2026

Seizure Date: 19 March 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Environmental, Food and Drug Investigation Brigade, Guanghe County Public Security Bureau

Location: Guanghe County, Linxia Hui Autonomous Prefecture, Gansu Province

Detection Method: Case Clues

Species: 80 dried Yiwu Salamanders (*Hynobius vivuensis*), Class II of National Protected Species; 40 dried Alpine Stream Salamanders (*Batrachuperus tibetanus*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Sale

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: Currently, the suspects Ma, Liu, and Wang have been subjected to criminal coercive measures by the Guanghe County Public Security Bureau in accordance with the law, and the case is under further investigation.

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Luonan County Police Seized Seven Wild Orchids and Arrested Two Suspects



News Release Date: 2 April 2026

Seizure Date: 30 March 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Lingkou Police Station, Luonan County Public Security Bureau

Location: Luonan County, Shangluo City, Shaanxi Province

Detection Method: Patrol

Species: Seven wild Orchid (*Cymbidium* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: SUV (hidden in plastic bags in the rear seat and trunk)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Transportation

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Currently, suspects Song and Qiao have been investigated by Luonan police for allegedly endangering nationally protected plants, and the case is under further investigation.

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Hejing County Police Seized Two Dead Snowcocks and Two Dead Wild Boars and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 3 April 2026

Seizure Date: The end of February 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Hejing County Public Security Bureau

Location: Hejing County, Bayingolin Mongol Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Tip-off

Species: Two dead Snowcock (*Tetraogallus* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species (Tibetan snowcock (*T. tibetanus*) listed in CITES I); Two dead Wild Boar (*Sus scrofa*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Currently, suspect Ai has been placed under criminal detention by the public security organ on suspicion of harming rare and endangered wildlife. The case is under further processing.

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Jingde County Police Seized One Live Pangolin and Arrested One Suspect

News Release Date: 9 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Jingde County Public Security Bureau

Location: Jingde County, Xuancheng City, Anhui Province

Detection Method: Case Clues

Species: One Pangolin (*Manis* spp.), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The suspect involved has been apprehended. On 1st April 2026, the pangolin was released into the wild.

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Xiangyang Railway Police Seized Four Clumps of Wild Orchids from a Passenger



News Release Date: 9 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Xiangyang Railway Police

Location: Nanzhang Station in Xiangyang City, Hubei Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Four clumps of Orchid (*Cymbidium* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Train (hidden in luggage)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Transportation

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Currently, the case has been officially filed for investigation according to law.

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Hejing County Police Seized About 200 kg of Elk Horns and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 9 April 2026

Seizure Date: 31 March 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Bayanbulak Town Police Station, Hejing County Public Security Bureau

Location: Hejing County, Bayingolin Mongol Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Tip-off

Species: Elk (*Cervus canadensis*), about 200 kg of horns, Class II of National Protected Species (wild population only)

Transport Method: Van

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Currently, the case is under further processing.

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Wen County Police Seized Several Wild Orchids and Arrested Six Suspects



News Release Date: 10 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Tielou Police Station, Wen County Public Security Bureau

Location: Wen County, Longnan City, Gansu Province

Detection Method: Patrol

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

Transport Method: Vehicles (hidden in plastic bags in the rear seat or trunk)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Transportation

Number of Offenders: 6

Case Progress: Currently, the case is under further investigation.

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Ya'an Police Seized One Elephant Tusk and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 13 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Police Brigade, Mingshan District Branch, Ya'an City Public Security Bureau

Location: Ya'an City, Sichuan Province

Detection Method: Case Clues

Species: One Elephant tusk, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Possession

Estimated Value: CNY 250,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Currently, suspect Zhang has been transferred to the People's Procuratorate for review and prosecution on suspicion of harming rare and endangered wildlife.

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Yuexi County Forestry Department Jointly with Police Seized Over 400 Wild Faber's Cymbidiums



News Release Date: 14 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Yuexi County Forestry Department in Joint Operation with Police Security Bureau

Location: Yuexi County, Anqing City, Anhui Province

Detection Method: Tip-off

Species: Over 400 Wild Faber's Cymbidium (*Cymbidium faberi*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Case Progress: On 10 April, the county forestry authority transferred the batch of wild faber's cymbidium to the county state-owned forestry farm.

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Huilai County Forestry Department Jointly with County Police Seized One Chinese Hwamei and One Chinese Bamboo Partridge and Arrested Two Suspects



News Release Date: 17 April 2026

Seizure Date: 16 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Huilai County Forestry Department in Joint Operation with County Public Security Bureau

Location: "Houjinzai Mountain" in Sizhupu Village, Huicheng Town, Huilai County, Jieyang City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Special operation

Species: One Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), 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

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Currently, the case is under further processing, and the two suspects will be placed under criminal detention according to law.

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Karamay Police Seized Eight Rou Cong Rong and Arrested Six Suspects



News Release Date: 17 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Environmental, Food and Drug Investigation Brigade, Baijiantan District Branch, Karamay City Public Security Bureau

Location: Baijiantan District, Karamay City, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Case Clues

Species: Eight Rou Cong Rong (*Cistanche deserticola*), 1.89 kg in total, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 6

Case Progress: The six violators confessed to the illegal harvesting. The plants have been confiscated and transferred to the district agriculture and water bureau for further handling.

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Urad Front Banner Police Seized 11 Protected Birds and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 17 April 2026

Seizure Date: 3 March 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Environmental, Food and Drug Investigation Brigade, Urad Front Banner Public Security Bureau

Location: Shanaobao Yellow River Wetland Reserve Area, Wulashan Town, Urad Front Banner, Bayannur City, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Tip-off

Species: One Baer's Pochard (*Aythya baeri*), Class I of National Protected Species; One Whooper Swan (*Cygnus cygnus*), Class II of National Protected Species; Nine species with important ecological, scientific and social value, including Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*) (wild population only) and Eurasian teal (*An. crecca*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (for consumption purpose; poisoning)

Estimated Value: CNY 24,500

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Currently, suspect Zhao has been subjected to criminal compulsory measures on suspicion of illegal hunting, and the case is about to be transferred to the procuratorial organ for review and prosecution.

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Jinchang Police Seized One African Grey Parrot and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 17 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Beijing Road Police Station, Jinchuan Branch, Jinchang Municipal Public Security Bureau

Location: Jinchuan District, Jinchang City, Gansu Province

Detection Method: Case Clues

Species: One African Grey Parrot (*Psittacus erithacus*) approved as Class I of National Protected Species, CITSE I

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase (online) and Breeding

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The police seized the involved parrot according to law and have successfully transferred them to a professional wildlife rescue agency for proper care. The case is currently under further investigation.

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Libo County Police Seized Over 30 Wild Orchids and Arrested Three Suspects



News Release Date: 21 April 2026

Seizure Date: 20 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Limingguan Police Station, Libo County Public Security Bureau

Location: Maolan National Nature Reserve, Libo County, Qiannan Buyei and Miao Autonomous Prefecture, Guizhou Province

Detection Method: Patrol

Species: Over 30 Wild Orchid (*Cymbidium* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: Currently, all three suspects have been apprehended, and the case is under further investigation.

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Man Fined CNY 500,000 for Purchasing Two Tiger Teeth

News Release Date: 27 April 2026

Seizure Date: 15 August 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Jilin Provincial Forestry and Grassland Administration

Species: Tiger (*Panthera tigris*), two teeth, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase

Estimated Value: CNY 50,000 (Transaction price)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The person involved was imposed an administrative fine of CNY 500,000 by the Jilin Provincial Forestry and Grassland Administration.

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Man Fined CNY 24,000 for Transporting Two Tiger Teeth

News Release Date: 27 April 2026

Seizure Date: 15 August 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Jilin Provincial Forestry and Grassland Administration

Location: Erdaobaihe Town, Antu County, Yanbian Korean Autonomous Prefecture, Jilin Province

Species: Tiger (*Panthera tigris*), two teeth, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Transportation

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The person involved was imposed an administrative fine of CNY 24,000 by the Jilin Provincial Forestry and Grassland Administration.

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Lancang County Multi-Department Joint Operation Seized 12 Chinese Hwameis and Five Black-throated Laughingthrushes



News Release Date: 28 April 2026

Seizure Date: 28 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Lancang County Forestry and Grassland Administration in Joint Operation with County Comprehensive Administrative Law Enforcement Bureau, Environmental, Food and Drug Investigation Brigade of County Public Security Bureau, and Menglang Town Agricultural and Rural Development Service Center

Location: Lancang Lahu Autonomous County, Pu'er City, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Special operation

Species: 12 Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Five Black-throated Laughingthrush (*G. chinensis*), Class II of National Protected Species,

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Breeding

Case Progress: The law enforcement officers on site recorded statements from the individuals involved and served the "Advance Registration Preservation Notice" according to law. After securing the evidence, the officers released the wild birds involved.

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Shizuishan Police Seized 486 Wild Suoyang and Arrested Five Suspects



News Release Date: 28 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest and Grassland Police Station, Huinong District Branch, Shizuishan Municipal Public Security Bureau

Location: Helan Mountain Nature Reserve, Huinong District, Shizuishan City, Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region

Species: 486 Wild Suoyang (*Cynomorium songaricum*), Class II of National Protected Species

Transport Method: Vehicles

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Sale

Number of Offenders: 5

Case Progress: Currently, the case is under further investigation.

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Gusu Primary People's Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Hunting of Chinese Hwamei and One Person Convicted (1)

Release Date: 7 April 2026

Judgment Date: 13 March 2026

Judicial Authority: Yixing People's Procuratorate, Gusu Primary People's Court

Location: Yixing City, Jiangsu Province

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 25,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Huang is sentenced to four months of criminal detention, with a six-month suspended sentence, and a fine of CNY 2,000. The instruments used in the crime are confiscated in accordance with the law.

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Gusu Primary People's Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Hunting of Chinese Hwamei and One Person Convicted (2)

Release Date: 8 April 2026

Judgment Date: 13 March 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Yixing Municipal Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Yixing People's Procuratorate, Gusu Primary People's Court

Location: Xinjie Subdistrict, Yixing City, Jiangsu Province

Species: Six Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*) including three adults and three juveniles (one juvenile released in July 2025), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 30,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Zhang is sentenced to five months of criminal detention, with a six-month suspended sentence, and a fine of CNY 3,000. The instruments used in the crime are confiscated in accordance with the law.

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Gusu Primary People's Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Purchase and Sale of Chinese Hwamei and One Person Convicted

Release Date: 9 April 2026

Judgment Date: 13 March 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Yixing Municipal Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Yixing People's Procuratorate, Gusu Primary People's Court

Location: Yixing City, Jiangsu Province

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 30,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Bai is sentenced to five months of criminal detention, with an eight-month suspended sentence, and a fine of CNY 5,000. The instruments used in the crime and the illicit proceeds are confiscated in accordance with the law.

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Tengchong Primary People's Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Harvest and Sale of Protected Wild Plants and Three Persons Convicted

Release Date: 15 April 2026

Judgment Date: 25 February 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Tengchong Municipal Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Tengchong People's Procuratorate, Tengchong Primary People's Court

Location: Tengchong City, Yunnan Province

Species: A total of 97 protected orchid plants, including 15 Chunlan (*Cymbidium goeringii*), three Hooker's Cymbidium (*C. hookerianum*), one Sichuan Cymbidium (*C. cyperifolium* var. *szechuanicum*), 30 Williamson's Dendrobium (*Dendrobium williamsonii*), 11 Devon's Dendrobium (*D. devonianum*), five *D. falconeri*, one *D. strongylanthum*, six *D. wardianum*, 13 Long-horned Dendrobium (*D. longicornu*) and 12 *Anoectochilus roxburghii*, all of which are Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Four *Paris* sect. *Euthya*, Class II of National Protected Species; 69 other wild plants, including 19 Rattlesnake Fern (*Botrychium virginianum*), 12 Rattlesnake Plantain (*Goodyera biflora*), 37 *Polygonatum sibiricum* and one Christmas orchids (*Calanthe hancockii*), as well as three plants of unidentified species.

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Sale (via Douyin Platform)

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: Defendant Wang is sentenced to one year and one month of imprisonment and a fine of CNY 3,000. Defendant Chen is sentenced to three years of imprisonment, with a three-year suspended sentence, and a fine of CNY 3,500. Defendant Mi is sentenced to three years of imprisonment, with a three-year suspended sentence, and a fine of CNY 3,000.

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Zhenyuan Primary People's Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Hunting of Small Indian Civet and Bamboo Rat and One Person Convicted

Release Date: 15 April 2026

Judgment Date: 31 March 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Huangping County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Huangping People's Procuratorate, Zhenyuan Primary People's Court

Location: Huangping County, Qiandongnan Miao and Dong Autonomous Prefecture, Guizhou Province

Species: One Small Indian Civet (*Viverricula indica*), Class I of National Protected Species; Seven Chinese Bamboo Rat (*Rhizomys sinensis*), species with important ecological, scientific and social value; one unidentified animal

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 13,400

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Tian is sentenced to eight months of imprisonment, with a one-year suspended sentence. Illicit proceeds of CNY 225 are recovered in accordance with the law, and the instruments used in the crime are confiscated. Additionally, in the attached civil public interest litigation, Defendant Tian is ordered to pay compensation of CNY 13,400 for damages to wildlife resources and the ecological environment.

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Tengchong Primary People's Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Sale of Protected Wild Plants and Two Persons Convicted

Release Date: 15 April 2026

Judgment Date: 6 February 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Tengchong Municipal Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Tengchong People's Procuratorate, Tengchong Primary People's Court

Location: Tengchong City, Yunnan Province

Species: A total of 16 wild dendrobium and orchid plants, including one *Dendrobium wardianum*, three Williamson's Dendrobium (*D. williamsonii*), one *D. heterocarpum*, one Pinecone-like Raceme Dendrobium (*D. thyrsoiflorum*), one *D. strongylanthum*, eight Devon's Dendrobium (*D. devonianum*), one Hooker's Cymbidium (*Cymbidium hookerianum*), all of which are Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Four *Paris* sect. Euthya, Class II of National Protected Species; other plants including two *Dendrobium wardianum* plants not naturally growing in their native habitat, two Hooker's Cymbidium pseudobulbs naturally growing in their native habitat, 17 *Acampe* spp., two *Coelogyne* spp., 17 Giant Himalayan Lily (*Cardiocrinum giganteum*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Sale

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Defendant Chen A is sentenced to seven months of imprisonment, with a one-year suspended sentence, and a fine of CNY 1,200. Defendant Chen B is sentenced to three years of imprisonment, with a three-year suspended sentence, and a fine of CNY 2,000.

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Jianning Primary People's Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Hunting of Chinese Serow and One Person Convicted

Release Date: 20 April 2026

Seizure Date: 17 September 2025

Judgment Date: 2 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Jianning County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Jianning People's Procuratorate, Jianning Primary People's Court

Location: Jianning County, Sanming City, Fujian Province

Species: Three Chinese Serow (*Capricornis milneedwardsii*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; Two Reeves's Muntjac (*Muntiacus reevesi*), species with important ecological, scientific and social value; One Wild Boar (*Sus scrofa*)

Detection Method: Tip-off

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (for consumption purpose)

Estimated Value: CNY 156,500

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Wu is sentenced to three years of imprisonment and a fine of CNY 30,000. The instruments used in the crime are confiscated, and the seized items are disposed of in accordance with the law.

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Tengchong Primary People's Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Harvest and Sale of Wild Chunlan and Two Persons Convicted

Release Date: 20 April 2026

Judgment Date: 13 March 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Tengchong Municipal Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Tengchong People's Procuratorate, Tengchong Primary People's Court

Location: Qushi Town, Tengchong City, Yunnan Province

Species: 131 Chunlan (*Cymbidium goeringii*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 109 clumps of Chunlan of undetermined wild or cultivated origin; 36 Rattlesnake Plantain (*Goodyera biflora*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Sale (via Douyin Platform)

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Defendant Pu A is sentenced to one year of imprisonment, with a two-year suspended sentence, and a fine of CNY 1,300. Defendant Pu B is sentenced to one year and two months of imprisonment, with a two-year suspended sentence, and a fine of CNY 1,200. The seized wild plants are to be transplanted to a suitable habitat in accordance with the law.

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Qingliu Primary People's Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Hunting of Silver Pheasant and One Person Convicted

Release Date: 21 April 2026

Seizure Date: 14 February 2025

Judgment Date: 23 March 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Qingliu County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Qingliu People's Procuratorate, Qingliu Primary People's Court

Location: Qingliu County, Sanming City, Fujian Province

Species: One Silver Pheasant (*Lophura nycthemera*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (for consumption purpose)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Li is sentenced to eight months of imprisonment, with a one-year suspended sentence. The instruments used in the crime are confiscated in accordance with the law.

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Leishan Primary People's Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Hunting of Tufted Deer, Golden Pheasant and Other Wildlife and One Person Convicted

Release Date: 21 April 2026

Seizure Date: 17 June 2025

Judgment Date: 8 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Taijiang County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Taijiang People's Procuratorate, Leishan Primary People's Court

Location: Taijiang County, Qiandongnan Miao and Dong Autonomous Prefecture, Guizhou Province

Species: Two Tufted Deer (*Elaphodus cephalophus*), Class II of National Protected Species;

One Golden Pheasant (*Chrysolophus pictus*), Class II of National Protected Species;

species with important ecological, scientific and social value, including two Masked Palm Civet

(*Paguma larvata*) and one Chinese Ferret-badger (*Melogale moschata*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (for food purpose)

Estimated Value: CNY 38,200

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Tai is sentenced to ten months of imprisonment and a fine of CNY 3,000.

The instruments used in the crime are confiscated in accordance with the law.

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Zhenxiong Primary People's Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Hunting of Tufted Deer, Leopard Cat, Silver Pheasant and Other Wildlife and One Person Convicted

Release Date: 22 April 2026

Judgment Date: 27 February 2026

Judicial Authority: Zhenxiong People's Procuratorate, Zhenxiong Primary People's Court

Location: Zhenxiong County, Zhaotong City, Yunnan Province

Species: One Tufted Deer (*Elaphodus cephalophus*), Class II of National Protected Species; One Leopard Cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; Two Silver Pheasant (*Lophura nycthemera*), Class II of National Protected Species; species with important ecological, scientific and social value, including 224 Porcupines (*Hystrix hodgsoni*) quills, two Chinese Ferret-badger (*Melogale moschata*), and one Greater Hog Badger (*Arctonyx collaris*); Other wild animals, including Pale Chub (*Zacco platypus*) and *Paracobitis variegatus*

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 96,480

Case Progress: Defendant Liu is sentenced to two years of imprisonment, a fine of CNY 5,000, and the recovery of illegal gains totaling CNY 10,180. The instruments used in the crime and the wildlife products are confiscated in accordance with the law.

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Chengdu Second Railway Transportation Primary Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Purchase and Sale of Pekin Robin and One Person Convicted

Release Date: 24 April 2026

Seizure Date: 2 July 2024

Judgment Date: 20 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Pengzhou Municipal Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Sichuan Second Regional People's Procuratorate, Chengdu Second Railway Transportation Primary Court

Location: Lichun Town, Pengzhou City, Sichuan Province

Species: 10 Pekin Robin (*Leiothrix lutea*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Express

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 50,000

Case Progress: Defendant Zhu is sentenced to eight months of imprisonment, with a one-year suspended sentence, and a fine of CNY 10,000. The surrendered illegal gains of CNY 500 are confiscated in accordance with the law.

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Jinyang Primary People's Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Hunting of Lady Amherst's Pheasant and One Person Convicted

Release Date: 30 April 2026

Judgment Date: 1 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Jinyang County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Jinyang People's Procuratorate, Jinyang Primary People's Court

Location: Jinyang County, Liangshan Yi Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan Province

Species: Two Lady Amherst's Pheasant (*Chrysolophus amherstiae*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 10,000

Case Progress: Defendant Ji is sentenced to six months of imprisonment, with a one-year suspended sentence. The seized wildlife and related products are confiscated in accordance with the law. In the attached civil public interest litigation, Defendant Ji is ordered to pay compensation of CNY 10,000 for the loss of wildlife resources.

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Shunyi Primary People's Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Hunting of Siberian Rubythroat, Bluethroat and Other Wild Birds and One Person Convicted

Release Date: 30 April 2026

Judgment Date: 20 March 2026

Judicial Authority: Shunyi People's Procuratorate, Shunyi Primary People's Court

Location: Niulanshan Town, Shunyi District, Beijing

Species: Five Siberian Rubythroat (*Calliope calliope*); Three Bluethroat (*Luscinia svecica*); all of which are Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 12,000

Case Progress: Defendant Li is sentenced to six months of imprisonment, with a one-year suspended sentence. Illegal gains of CNY 450 are recovered, and the instruments used in the crime are confiscated in accordance with the law. The birds involved in the case have been transferred to wildlife rescue authorities.

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Jiangjin Primary People's Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Hunting of Chinese Hwamei and One Person Convicted

Release Date: 30 April 2026

Judgment Date: 20 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Yongchuan District Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Yongchuan People's Procuratorate, Jiangjin Primary People's Court

Location: Yongchuan District, Chongqing

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 30,000

Case Progress: On 26 September 2025, Defendant Xiao paid an ecological and environmental damage remediation fee of CNY 6,975 to the Yongchuan District Forestry Bureau of Chongqing. Defendant Xiao is sentenced to two months of criminal detention, with a three-month suspended sentence, and a fine of CNY 2,000. The instruments used in the crime and the birds involved in the case are confiscated in accordance with the law.

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Jinyang Primary People's Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Harvest and Sale of Pleione, Dendrobium and Other Orchids and Three Persons Convicted

Release Date: 30 April 2026

Judgment Date: 27 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Jinyang County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Jinyang People's Procuratorate, Jinyang Primary People's Court

Location: Jinyang County, Liangshan Yi Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan Province

Species: 840 *Pleione* spp.; 44 clumps of *Dendrobium* spp.; 20 clumps of *D. denneanum*; Four clumps of *D. hancockii*; all of which are Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Express

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Sale (via Kuaishou and WeChat)

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: Defendant Ou is sentenced to two years and six months of imprisonment, with a three-year suspended sentence, and a fine of CNY 1,500. Defendant Chen is sentenced to two years and six months of imprisonment, with a three-year suspended sentence, and a fine of CNY 1,500. Defendant A is sentenced to two years of imprisonment, with a three-year suspended sentence, a fine of CNY 1,000, and is ordered to purchase 3,005 *Pleione* spp. to restore the damaged ecological environment or pay a total remediation fee of CNY 12,012. Illegal gains are confiscated and recovered, and the instruments used in the crime are confiscated in accordance with the law. The live wild plants involved in the case are to be handed over to relevant departments for lawful disposal.

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Changning Primary People's Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Sale of Hume's Bar-tailed Pheasant Dishes and One Person Convicted

Release Date: 30 April 2026

Judgment Date: 13 January 2026

Judicial Authority: Changning People's Procuratorate, Changning Primary People's Court
Location: Changning County, Baoshan City, Yunnan Province

Species: Four Hume's Bar-tailed Pheasant (*Syrnaticus humiae*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Sale (dishes)

Estimated Value: CNY 32,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Chen is sentenced to eight months of imprisonment, with a one-year suspended sentence, and a fine of CNY 2,000. The four dead Hume's bar-tailed pheasant involved in the case are confiscated in accordance with the law.

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Qixia Primary People's Court Sentenced a Case of Illegal Hunting of Goshawk and One Person Convicted

Release Date: 30 April 2026

Judgment Date: 14 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Qixia Municipal Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Qixia People's Procuratorate, Qixia Primary People's Court

Location: Qixia City, Shandong Province

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 25,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Huang is sentenced to three months of criminal detention, with a three-month suspended sentence, and a fine of CNY 3,000.

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