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Youyiguan Customs Seized 1.02 kg of Agarwood Pieces Carried by an Outbound Passenger



News Release Date: 1 May 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Youyiguan Customs

Location: Youyiguan Port, Pingxiang City, Chongzuo City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Routine Machine Inspection

Species: Agarwood (*Aquilaria spp.*), 1.02 kg of wood pieces, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Outbound Passenger's Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Huanggang Customs Seized 2.769 kg of Agarwood Pieces Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 1 May 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs

Location: Futian Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Machine Inspection

Species: Agarwood (*Aquilaria spp.*), 2.769 kg of wood pieces, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Luggage (wrapped in white plastic bag, hidden in backpack)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Huanggang Customs Seized 50 Shark Fins Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 4 May 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs

Location: Huanggang Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Machine Inspection

Species: Smooth Hammerhead (*Sphyrna zygaena*), three fins, 1.94 kg in total, CITES II; Blue Shark (*Prionace glauca*), 47 fins, 1.94 kg in total, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Carry-on Luggage (no declaration channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Quanzhou Customs Seized One Chambered Nautilus Shell Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 7 May 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Quanzhou Customs

Location: Quanzhou City, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Routine Machine Inspection

Species: Chambered Nautilus (*Nautilus pompilius*), one shell, net weight 229 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Carry-on Luggage (no declaration channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Ningbo Airport Customs Seized 11 Agarwood Bracelets in Outbound Express



News Release Date: 8 May 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Ningbo Airport Customs

Location: Ningbo City, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Machine Inspection

Species: Agarwood (*Aquilaria spp.*), 11 beaded bracelets, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Outbound Express

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: The batch of parcels has been temporarily detained pending further disposal.

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Nanning Wuxu Airport Customs Seized 720.6 g of Pangolin Scales and Its Powder, and 220 g of Agarwood Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 11 May 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Nanning Wuxu Airport Customs

Location: Nanning Wuxu International Airport, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Routine Machine Inspection

Species: Pangolin (*Manis spp.*), 172.4 g of scales and 548.2 g of scale powder, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; Agarwood (*Aquilaria spp.*), one piece, 220 g, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The case has been filed for disposal.

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Daxing Airport Customs Seized 28 Ivory Products and 50 Dried Seahorses Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 13 May 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Daxing Airport Customs

Location: Beijing Daxing International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Machine Inspection

Species: 28 pieces of ivory products, net weight 623 g in total, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; 50 pieces of dried Seahorse (*Hippocampus spp.*), net weight 318 g in total, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Luggage (no declaration channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Transferred to anti-smuggling department for handling.

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Taiping Customs Seized One Stony Coral Skeleton Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 13 May 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Taiping Customs

Location: Taiping Port, Dongguan City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Machine Inspection

Species: Stony Coral (*SCLERACTINIA spp.*), one piece of skeleton, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Carry-on Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Transferred to disposal department for handling.

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Guangzhou Postal Customs Seized Five Gallbladders of Reticulated Python and Mindanao Water Monitor in Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 15 May 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Postal Customs

Location: Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Reticulated Python (*Python reticulatus*), three gallbladders, CITES II; Mindanao Water Monitor (*Varanus salvator*), two gallbladders, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II

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

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Luohu Customs Seized Two Endangered Live Turtles Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 21 May 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Luohu Customs

Location: Luohu Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: One live Razor-backed Musk Turtle (*Sternotherus carinatus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; One live Narrow-bridged Musk Turtle (*Claudius angustatus*), CITES II

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger (taped and wrapped in black socks on both calves; no declaration channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Dongzhong Customs Seized 652.82 g of Stony Coral Fragments in a Cross-border Vehicle



News Release Date: 21 May 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Dongzhong Customs

Location: Dongzhong Port, Fangchenggang City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Stony Coral (SCLERACTINIA spp.), 652.82 g of fragments, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Vehicle (cargo lane; concealed in plastic bag at tractor-trailer coupling)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Administrative case filed.

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Wenjindu Customs Seized 43 Hermann's Tortoises and 15 Red-footed Tortoises Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 22 May 2026

Seizure Date: 2 May 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Wenjindu Customs

Location: Wenjindu Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 43 live Hermann's Tortoise (*Testudo hermanni*), CITES II; 15 live Red-footed Tortoise (*Chelonoidis carbonarius*), CITES II

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger (Strapped to both thighs using black leggings, hidden beneath the skirt; no declaration channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Transferred to customs anti-smuggling department for further handling; live turtles have been handed over to Luohu Administration of Shenzhen Municipal Planning and Natural Resources Bureau for shelter and rescue.

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Zhengzhou Postal Customs Seized 401 Specimens of Golden Pheasant and Lady Amherst's Pheasant in an Outbound Parcel



News Release Date: 26 May 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhengzhou Postal Customs

Location: Zhengzhou City, Henan Province

Detection Method: Routine Machine Inspection

Species: Golden Pheasant (*Chrysolophus pictus*), 200 specimens, Class II of National Protected Species; Lady Amherst's Pheasant (*Chrysolophus amherstiae*), 201 specimens, Class II of National Protected Species

Country of Destination: United Kingdom

Transport Method: Outbound Parcel (declared as "holiday decorations")

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Transferred to customs anti-smuggling department for handling.

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Quanzhou Customs Seized 9.4 kg of Dried Blue Shark Fins Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 26 May 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Quanzhou Customs

Location: Quanzhou City, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Routine Machine Inspection

Species: Blue Shark (*Prionace glauca*), 9.4 kg of dried fins, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Carry-on Luggage (no declaration channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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West Kowloon Station Customs Seized Two Agarwood Bead Bracelets, One Pack of Agarwood Wood Pieces, and Four Phoebe Wood Fans Carried by an Outbound Passenger



News Release Date: 26 May 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: West Kowloon Station Customs

Location: West Kowloon Station Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Machine Inspection

Species: Agarwood (*Aquilaria* spp.), two bead bracelets and one pack of wood pieces, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Phoebe wood (*Phoebe zhennan*), four fans, Class II of National Protected Species

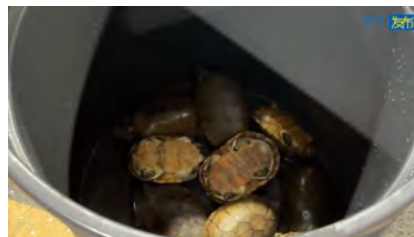
Transport Method: Outbound Passenger's Carry-on Luggage (no declaration channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Huanggang Customs Seized 34 Herrera's Mud Turtles Carried by an Inbound Driver



News Release Date: 26 May 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs

Location: Huanggang Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 34 live Herrera's Mud Turtles (*Kinosternon herrerae*), CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Vehicle (concealed under the modified speaker cover in the trunk, packed in white mesh bags and plastic boxes; no declaration)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Shenzhen Bay Customs Seized Eight Live Snakes Including Ball Pythons Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 29 May 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Shenzhen Bay Customs

Location: Shenzhen Bay Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Six live Ball Python (*Python regius*), CITES II; One live Carpet Python (*Morelia spilota*), CITES II; One live Milk Snake (*Lampropeltis triangulum*)

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger (seven concealed around waist with black stockings; one wrapped in black stocking and placed in pocket; no declaration)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Mengrun Border Police Station Seized 46 Eagle-Owl Chicks in a Truck



News Release Date: 8 May 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Mengrun Border Police Station

Location: Mengrun Border Port, Mengla County, Xishuangbanna Dai Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 46 live Eagle-Owl (*Bubo bubo*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Truck Transport (concealed within plastic boxes under the truck)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The juveniles have been handed over to the Environmental, Food, and Drug Crime Investigation Department and will be released into the wild at an appropriate time.

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Mosuowan Reclamation Area Public Security Bureau Seized 21 Desert Cistanche and Arrested Four Suspects



News Release Date: 9 May 2026

Seizure Date: 2 May 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Mosuowan Reclamation Area Public Security Bureau

Location: Desert hinterland of Penwu Gas Field, Shihezi City, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Routine Patrol

Species: 21 Desert Cistanche (*Cistanche deserticola*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

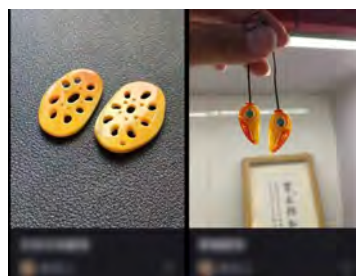
Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest (for medicinal liquor)

Number of Offenders: 4

Case Progress: The four criminal suspects have been taken compulsory criminal measures according to law, and the case is under further investigation.

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Hexi Police Seized 17 Helmeted Hornbill Products and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 13 May 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Hexi Branch of Tianjin Municipal Public Security Bureau

Location: Hexi District, Tianjin

Detection Method: Online Inspection

Species: Helmeted Hornbill (*Rhinoplax vigil*), 17 pieces of skulls and carvings, approved as Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Sale (online platform)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Suspect Zhang has been taken criminal compulsory measures according to law, and the case is under further trial.

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Tiesi Police Seized Three Helmeted Hornbill Products and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 18 May 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Environmental, Food, and Drug Crime Investigation Brigade of Tiesi Branch, Anshan Municipal Public Security Bureau
Location: Tiesi District, Anshan City, Liaoning Province

Detection Method: Online Inspection

Species: Helmeted Hornbill (*Rhinoplax vigil*), three pieces of skull carvings, approved as Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Sale (online platform)

Estimated Value: CNY 400,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The criminal suspect has been taken criminal compulsory measures according to law, and the case is under further trial.

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Luoping Police Seized Over 100 Wild Orchid Plants



News Release Date: 19 May 2026

Seizure Date: 16 May 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Luoping County Public Security Bureau, Banqiao Police Inspection Station

Location: Banqiao Police Inspection Station, Luoping County, Qujing City, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Over 100 Orchid (*Cymbidium* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Van

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Transport

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The case is under further handling.

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Guta District Multiple Departments Seized 39 Wild Protected Birds

News Release Date: 19 May 2026

Seizure Date: 16-17 May 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: The Guta District Bureau of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, in conjunction with the Guta Branch of the Public Security Bureau and the District Administration for Market Regulation

Location: Bird and Flower Market and surrounding fairs, Guta District, Jinzhou City, Liaoning Province

Detection Method: Special Law Enforcement Operation

Species: One Eurasian Skylark (*Alauda arvensis*), Class II of National Protected Species; Species with important ecological, scientific and social value, including 29 Chestnut Bunting (*Emberiza rutila*), three Common Rosefinch (*Carpodacus erythrinus*), three Eurasian Siskin (*Spinus spinus*), one Coal Tit (*Periparus ater*), and two Yellow-throated Bunting (*E. elegans*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Trade

Case Progress: All seized wild birds have been released; the confiscated hunting tools have been destroyed on-site according to law.

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Jiumo Police Station Seized One Lady Amherst's Pheasant and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 20 May 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Jiumo Police Station

Location: Jiumo Township, Guangnan County, Wenshan Zhuang and Miao Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Tip-off

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The suspect has been dealt with according to law, and the case is under further handling. The seized Lady Amherst's Pheasant has been released into the wild.

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Hongsibu District Public Security Branch Seized 21 Wild Animals and Arrested Three Suspects

News Release Date: 23 May 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Hongsibu District Public Security Branch

Location: Hongsibu District, Wuzhong City, Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: One Owl (STRIGIFORMES spp.), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Species with important ecological, scientific and social value, including seven Common Pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus*) and 13 Chukar Partridge (*Alectoris chukar*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (using hunting snares, iron wire hooks, etc.)

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: The three criminal suspects have been taken criminal compulsory measures according to law, and the case is under further handling.

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Hongshanyao Police Station Seized 45 Suoyang and Over 60 Desert Cistanche



News Release Date: 25 May 2026

Seizure Date: 22 May 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Hongshanyao Police Station

Location: Hongshanyao Town, Yongchang County, Jinchang City, Gansu Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 45 Suoyang (*Cynomorium songaricum*), Class II of National Protected Species; Over 60 Desert Cistanche (*Cistanche deserticola*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest, Storage and Trading

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: The case clues have been transferred to the Environmental, Food, and Drug Crime Investigation Brigade for investigation and handling.

Chengdu Second Railway Transportation Primary Court Sentences One Person for Illegally Hunting Temminck's Tragopan and Other Wild Birds

News Release Date: 8 May 2026

Judgment Date: 28 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Hongya County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Chengdu Second Railway Transportation Primary Court; The Second District People's Procuratorate of Sichuan Province

Location: Hongya County, Meishan City, Sichuan Province

Species: Three Temminck's Tragopan (*Tragopan temminckii*), Class II of National Protected Species; Two Tawny Owl (*Strix aluco*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Four Chinese Bamboo Partridge (*Bambusicola thoracicus*), Species with important ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (for food)

Estimated Value: CNY 49,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The defendant Li was convicted of the crime of harming endangered wild animals, sentenced to ten months imprisonment with a one-year probation, and fined CNY 1,000.

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Jiujiang Primary People's Court in Wuhu Sentences One Person for Illegally Hunting and Selling Hwamei

News Release Date: 9 May 2026

Seizure Date: 7 November 2024

Judgment Date: 27 March 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Jiujiang Branch, Wuhu Municipal Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Jiujiang District People's Procuratorate; Jiujiang Primary People's Court

Location: Jiujiang District, Wuhu City, Anhui Province

Species: 127 Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 635,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The defendant Wang was convicted of the crime of harming endangered wild animals, sentenced to two years and eight months imprisonment, and fined CNY 20,000. Illegal gains of CNY 14,100 were recovered, and the tools of crime were confiscated.

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Jizhou Primary People's Court Sentences One Person for Illegal Hunting of 189 Wild Birds

News Release Date: 11 May 2026

Seizure Date: 24 September 2025

Judgment Date: 15 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Jizhou Branch,
Tianjin Municipal Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Jizhou District People's
Procuratorate; Jizhou Primary People's Court

Location: Qingchi'er Village, Zhouhewan Town,
Jizhou District, Tianjin Municipality

Detection Method: Tip-off

Species: Four wild birds, Class II of National
Protected Species; 185 birds, Species with important
ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 61,500

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The defendant Li was convicted of
the crime of illegal hunting, sentenced to nine
months imprisonment. The tools of crime were
confiscated by the public security organ. Of the 58
birds seized on-site, 49 were released after rescue,
and nine that died were cremated.

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Nanqiao Primary People's Court Sentences One Person for Illegal Hunting

News Release Date: 11 May 2026

Seizure Date: 25 December 2025

Judgment Date: 14 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Nanqiao Branch,
Chuzhou Municipal Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Nanqiao District People's
Procuratorate; Nanqiao Primary People's Court

Location: Nanqiao District, Chuzhou City, Anhui
Province

Species: One Chinese Water Deer (*Hydropotes
inermis*), Class II of National Protected Species; Two
Tolai Hare (*Lepus tolai*), Species with important
ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 15,160

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The defendant Li was convicted of
the crime of illegal hunting, sentenced to five months
criminal detention with an eight-month probation.
The tools of crime and the game were disposed of
according to law.

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Jiajiang Primary People's Court Sentences One Person for Illegal Logging of Zhennan

News Release Date: 13 May 2026

Seizure Date: 15 November 2025

Judgment Date: 31 March 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Jiajiang County
Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Jiajiang County People's
Procuratorate; Jiajiang Primary People's Court

Location: Huatou Town, Jiajiang County, Leshan
City, Sichuan Province

Species: Three Zhennan (*Phoebe zhennan*), 2.696
m³, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Logging

Estimated Value: CNY 8,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The defendant Luo was convicted of the crime of endangering national key protected plants, sentenced to six months imprisonment with a one-year probation, and fined CNY 2,000. The confiscated Zhennan wood was recovered. Additionally, the defendant is required to restore the ecological environment according to the vegetation restoration plan or pay an ecological environment restoration fee of CNY 835.

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Qianshan Primary People's Court Sentences One Person for Illegal Sale of Chestnut-flanked White-eye

News Release Date: 15 May 2026

Seizure Date: 30 August 2025

Judgment Date: 21 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Anshan Municipal
Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Tiexi District People's
Procuratorate, Anshan City, Liaoning Province;
Qianshan Primary People's Court, Anshan City,
Liaoning Province

Location: Bird Market Under the Rainbow Bridge,
Tiexi District, Anshan City, Liaoning Province

Species: 22 Chestnut-flanked White-eye (*Zosterops
erythroleurus*), Class II of National Protected
Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 33,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The defendant Zhang was convicted of the crime of harming endangered wild animals, sentenced to six months imprisonment with a one-year probation, and fined CNY 3,000. Illegal gains of CNY 130 were recovered. The confiscated bird-catching cage was returned, and the 15 live birds were handed over to a specialized wildlife protection agency for lawful disposition.

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Yanling Primary People's Court Sentences Four Persons for Illegal Hunting and Killing Silver Pheasant

News Release Date: 18 May 2026

Seizure Date: 04 December 2025

Judgment Date: 23 March 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Yanling County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Yanling County People's Procuratorate; Yanling Primary People's Court

Location: Mountainous Area Within Dayuan Farm, Yanling County, Zhuzhou City, Hunan Province

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

Transport Method: Vehicle

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting and Killing

Estimated Value: CNY 41,000

Number of Offenders: 4

Case Progress: The four defendants were all convicted of the crime of harming endangered wild animals, sentenced to imprisonment ranging from six months to one year, all with probation, and fined CNY 10,000 to CNY 20,000. The tools of crime were confiscated. The four persons jointly compensated for the loss of national wildlife resources valued at CNY 41,000 and issued a public apology via municipal media. Some of the hunted game was discarded after the incident, and some (like muntjac legs and silver pheasant carcasses) were seized by the public security organ.

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Luoyuan Primary People's Court Sentences One Person for Illegal Transport and Hunting of Hwamei

News Release Date: 20 May 2026

Seizure Date: 19 July 2025

Judgment Date: 30 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Luoyuan County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Luoyuan County People's Procuratorate; Luoyuan Primary People's Court

Location: Luoyuan County, Fuzhou City, Fujian Province

Species: 13 Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Bus (from Guizhou to Luoyuan County)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting and Transport

Estimated Value: CNY 65,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The defendant Wu was convicted of the crime of harming endangered wild animals, sentenced to ten months imprisonment with a one-year probation, and fined CNY 5,000 (paid). The confiscated bird-catching nets were forfeited, and the live Hwamei were disposed of according to law by the seizing authority.

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Shufu Primary People's Court Sentences One Person for Illegal Hunting of Goitered Gazelle

News Release Date: 22 May 2026

Seizure Date: 8 February 2026

Judgment Date: 30 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Shufu County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Shufu County People's Procuratorate; Shufu Primary People's Court

Location: Shufu County, Kashgar Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Tip-off

Species: One Goitered Gazelle (*Gazella subgutturosa*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 25,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The defendant Feng was convicted of the crime of harming endangered wild animals, sentenced to seven months imprisonment with a one-year probation, and fined CNY 3,000. The tools of crime were confiscated.

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Yanbian Railway Transportation Primary Court Sentences One Person for Illegal Logging of Manchurian Ash

News Release Date: 22 May 2026

Judgment Date: 26 March 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Dunhua Municipal Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Dunhua Municipal People's Procuratorate; Yanbian Railway Transportation Primary Court

Location: Dunhua City, Yanbian Korean Autonomous Prefecture, Jilin Province

Species: 17 Manchurian Ash (*Fraxinus mandschurica*), 0.9015 m³, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Logging

Estimated Value: CNY 1,027

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The defendant Zhang was convicted of the crime of endangering national key protected plants, sentenced to three years imprisonment and fined CNY 2,000. Combined with the previous sentence for illegal logging of trees (eight years imprisonment, fine of CNY 20,000), a total sentence of nine years imprisonment and a fine of CNY 22,000 was decided.

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Korla Railway Transportation Primary Court Sentences Three Persons for Illegal Hunting Yarkand Deer

News Release Date: 22 May 2026

Judgment Date: 20 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Kuqa Municipal Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Korla Railway Transportation People's Procuratorate; Korla Railway Transportation Primary Court

Location: Kuqa City, Aksu Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Species: One Yarkand Deer (*Cervus yarkandensis*), Class I of National Protected Species (wild populations only)

Transport Method: Vehicle

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (for consumption)

Estimated Value: CNY 30,000

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: The three defendants, Xu Kang, Abudirim Abula, and Abudireman Rehemman, were all convicted of the crime of harming endangered wild animals, each sentenced to six months imprisonment with a one-year probation, and each fined CNY 5,000. The tools of crime were confiscated.

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Korla Railway Transportation Primary Court Sentences One Person for Illegal Purchase and Transport of Snow Lotus

News Release Date: 22 May 2026

Seizure Date: 22 October 2024

Judgment Date: 13 March 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Hejing County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Korla Railway Transportation People's Procuratorate; Korla Railway Transportation Primary Court

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

Species: 5,760 Snow Lotus (*Saussurea involucrata*), Class II of National Protected Species

Transport Method: Truck (from Xinyuan County to Anhui)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Transport

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The defendant Li Xinlong, was convicted of the crime of endangering national key protected plants, sentenced to three years imprisonment with a five-year probation, and fined CNY 10,000. The 5,760 confiscated Snow Lotus plants were forfeited.

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Liping Primary People's Court Sentences One Person for Illegal Purchase and Sale of Hwamei

News Release Date: 22 May 2026

Seizure Date: 29 August 2024

Judgment Date: 10 February 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Liping County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: A People's Procuratorate of Guizhou Province; Liping Primary People's Court

Location: Defeng Sub-district, Liping County, Qiandongnan Miao and Dong Autonomous Prefecture, Guizhou Province

Detection Method: Lawful Seizure by Public Security Organ

Species: 11 Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 55,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The defendant Yang was convicted of the crime of harming endangered wild animals, sentenced to eight months imprisonment with a one-year probation, and fined CNY 5,000. Illegal gains of CNY 13,800 (already turned over) and the seized tools of crime were confiscated.

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Liping Primary People's Court Sentences One Person for Illegal Sale and Purchase of Chinese Hwamei

News Release Date: 22 May 2026

Seizure Date: 06 February 2025

Judgment Date: 10 February 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Liping County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Liping County People's Procuratorate; Liping Primary People's Court

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

Species: 16 Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Express

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Sale and Purchase (via internet platforms like Douyin, Kuaishou, WeChat Moments)

Estimated Value: CNY 80,000

Number of Offenders: 3 (two others handled separately)

Case Progress: The defendant, Wang, was convicted of the crime of harming endangered wild animals, sentenced to one year imprisonment with a one year and four months' probation, and fined CNY 8,000.

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Yanbian Railway Transportation Primary Court Sentences One Person for Illegal Hunting of Chinese Water Deer

News Release Date: 22 May 2026

Judgment Date: 20 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Antu Forest Public Security Sub-bureau

Judicial Authority: Antu County People's Procuratorate; Yanbian Railway Transportation Primary Court

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

Species: One Water Deer (*Hydropotes inermis*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 15,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The defendant, Shi Mouxing, was convicted of the crime of illegal hunting, sentenced to four months criminal detention with a six-month probation. The tools of crime were confiscated.

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Yanbian Railway Transportation Primary Court Sentences One Person for Illegal Logging of Manchurian Ash

News Release Date: 22 May 2026

Judgment Date: 21 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Dunhua Municipal Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Dunhua Municipal People's Procuratorate; Yanbian Railway Transportation Primary Court

Location: A State-owned Forest Farm, Dunhua City, Yanbian Korean Autonomous Prefecture, Jilin Province

Species: Five Manchurian Ash (*Fraxinus mandshurica*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Logging

Estimated Value: CNY 612

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The defendant Xing was convicted of the crime of endangering national key protected plants, sentenced to four months criminal detention with a five-month probation, and fined CNY 1,000.

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Qilianshan Forest Area Primary Court Sentences One Person for Illegal Purchase of Suoyang

News Release Date: 26 May 2026

Judgment Date: 25 March 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Sunan Yugur
Autonomous County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Sunan Yugur Autonomous
County People's Procuratorate; Gansu Qilian
Mountain Forest Area Primary Court

Location: Sunan Yugur Autonomous County,
Zhangye City, Gansu Province

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 81,097

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The defendant Sun was convicted
of the crime of endangering national key protected
plants, sentenced to one year imprisonment with a
one year and six months probation, and fined CNY
3,000. Illegal gains of CNY 5,000 were confiscated
and turned over to the state treasury.

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Mingxi Primary People's Court Sentences One Person for Illegal Hunting of Chinese Hwamei

News Release Date: 26 May 2026

Seizure Date: 21 August 2025

Judgment Date: 20 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Mingxi County Public
Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Mingxi County People's
Procuratorate; Mingxi Primary People's Court, Fujian
Province

Location: Yanglong Village, Hanxian Town, Mingxi
County, Sanming City, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Intelligence Information

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 10,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The defendant, Cheng, was
convicted of the crime of illegal hunting, sentenced
to five months criminal detention with an eight-month
probation. The tools of crime were confiscated.

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Yuanyang Primary People's Court Sentences Three Persons for Illegal Logging of Red Cedar

News Release Date: 27 May 2026

Judgment Date: 25 February 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Yuanyang County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Yuanyang County People's Procuratorate; Yuanyang Primary People's Court

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

Species: 14 Red Cedar (*Toona ciliata*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Logging

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: The three defendants were all convicted of the crime of endangering national key protected plants. Li Moujia was sentenced to three years imprisonment with a three year and six months probation, and fined CNY 3,000. Chen was sentenced to three years imprisonment with a three-year probation, and fined CNY 3,000. Lu was sentenced to one year and six months imprisonment with a two-year probation, and fined CNY 1,000. The tools of crime were confiscated.

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Xiangcheng Primary People's Court in Zhangzhou Sentences Three Persons for Illegal Purchase and Sale of *Fortunella venosa*

News Release Date: 27 May 2026

Seizure Date: 19 September 2024

Judgment Date: 30 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Xiangcheng Branch, Zhangzhou Municipal Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Xiangcheng District People's Procuratorate, Zhangzhou City, Fujian Province; Xiangcheng Primary People's Court, Zhangzhou City, Fujian Province

Location: Longwen District, Zhangzhou City, Fujian Province

Detection Method: On-site Seizure by Public Security Organ

Species: 139 *Fortunella venosa* (98 seized on-site), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 7,840 (assessed value of 98 seized plants)

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: The three defendants were all convicted of the crime of endangering national key protected plants. Lu was sentenced to three years imprisonment with a three year and six months probation, and fined CNY 10,000. Lin Moujia was sentenced to three years imprisonment with a three year and six months probation, and fined CNY 10,000. Wu Moujia was sentenced to two years imprisonment with a two year and six months probation, and fined CNY 6,000. Illegal gains of the three were recovered. The seized *Fortunella venosa* were handed over to relevant authorities for management and care, and the defendants paid corresponding maintenance fees.

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Hunyuan Primary People's Court Sentences Six Persons for Illegal Hunting and Sale of Northern Goshawk

News Release Date: 27 May 2026

Seizure Date: 4 November 2025

Judgment Date: 10 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Hunyuan County
Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Hunyuan County People's
Procuratorate; Hunyuan Primary People's Court

Location: Daliang Mountain, Shagetuo Town,
Hunyuan County, Datong City, Shanxi Province

Species: Eight Eurasian Goshawk (*Accipiter
gentilis*), Class II of National Protected Species,
CITES II; One Eurasian Sparrowhawk (*A. nisus*),
Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting, Sale, and
Purchase

Estimated Value: CNY 225,000

Number of Offenders: 6

Case Progress: The six defendants were all
convicted of the crime of harming endangered wild
animals, sentenced to criminal detention ranging
from five to six months, with probation ranging from
five to eight months, and fined CNY 1,000 to CNY
3,000. All illegal gains were confiscated. The six
persons are required to issue a public apology via
media. The involved Northern Goshawks and
Eurasian Sparrowhawk have been lawfully released.

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Cuona Primary People's Court Sentences Two Persons for Illegal Harvesting of Big-flowered Rhodiola

News Release Date: 27 May 2026

Seizure Date: 27 August 2025

Judgment Date: 07 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Cuona Municipal
Public Security Bureau; Cuona Municipal Forestry
and Grassland Bureau

Judicial Authority: Cuona Municipal People's
Procuratorate; Cuona Primary People's Court

Harvest Location: Ri Mountain, Kuju Township,
Cuona City, Shannan City, Tibet Autonomous
Region

Location: Intersection on the road from Kuju Village,
Kuju Township to Yongbu

Detection Method: Tip-off

Species: 2,063 Big-flowered Rhodiola (*Rhodiola
crenulata*), Class II of National Protected Species,
CITES II

Transport Method: Truck

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Estimated Value: CNY 35,264.22 (ecosystem
service value)

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: The defendants Ci and Dun were
convicted of the crime of endangering national key
protected plants, each sentenced to three years
imprisonment with a three-year probation, and each
fined CNY 3,000. The 2,063 confiscated wild Big-
flowered Rhodiola plants were forfeited, to be
disposed of by the seizing authority.

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Qilian Mountain Forest Area Primary Court Sentences One Person for Illegal Purchase of Caterpillar Fungus

News Release Date: 27 May 2026

Seizure Date: 05 June 2025

Judgment Date: 20 March 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Qilian Mountain Sub-bureau, Forest Public Security Bureau of Gansu Provincial Public Security Department

Judicial Authority: Qilian Mountain Forest Area People's Procuratorate; Gansu Qilian Mountain Forest Area Primary Court

Location: Huangcheng Town, Sunan Yugur Autonomous County, Zhangye City, Gansu Province

Species: Caterpillar Fungus (*Ophiocordyceps sinensis*), 17,100 pieces, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase

Estimated Value: CNY 136,800

Number of Offenders: 1 (Another involved person Ma was not prosecuted)

Case Progress: The defendant Ma was convicted of the crime of endangering national key protected plants, sentenced to two years imprisonment with a three-year probation, and fined CNY 8,000. The confiscated 17,100 pieces of Caterpillar Fungus were forfeited.

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Wuchang Primary People's Court Sentences Two Persons for Destroying Manchurian Ash and Amur Linden

News Release Date: 29 May 2026

Seizure Date: 06 April 2025

Judgment Date: 14 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Wuchang Municipal Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Wuchang Municipal People's Procuratorate; Wuchang Primary People's Court

Location: Woodland near Shuangli Village, Xiaoshanzi Town, Wuchang City, Harbin City, Heilongjiang Province

Species: Three Amur Linden (*Tilia amurensis*), Class II of National Protected Species; 14 Manchurian Ash (*Fraxinus mandschurica*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Destruction

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: The defendants, Yang Moujia and Yang Moyi, were convicted of the crime of endangering national key protected plants, each sentenced to three years imprisonment and fined CNY 10,000. The two defendants pleaded guilty, compensated for the losses, and obtained forgiveness from the forest farm to which the destroyed trees belonged.

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