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Huanggang Customs Seized One Live Ball Python Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 2 June 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs

Location: Futian Port, Futian District, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

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

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger (wrapped in a white sock, packed in a plastic bag, concealed in the rear pocket of trousers; undeclared)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Wuxi Customs Seized 14 Blue Shark Fins Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 2 June 2026

Seizure Date: 29 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Wuxi Customs

Location: Wuxi Shuofang Airport, Jiangsu Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Blue Shark (*Prionace glauca*), 14 pieces of fins, net weight 1,590 g, CITES II

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

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The items have been temporarily withheld from release by Customs in accordance with regulations

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Zhakou Customs Seized 1.31 kg of Stony Coral Skeleton Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 3 June 2026

Seizure Date: 13 May 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhakou Customs

Location: Gongbei Port, Xiangzhou District, Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Stony Coral (*SCLERACTINIA* spp.), skeleton products, 1.31 kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Carry-on Luggage (wrapped in multiple layers of tissue paper and packed in a plastic bag; no declaration channel)

Country of Export: China (Macao SAR)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge Customs Seized 15 Live Turtles Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 3 June 2026

Seizure Date: 15 April 2026

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

Location: Zhuhai Highway Port of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge, Xiangzhou District, Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 15 Live Turtles, 4.15 kg in total, including Razor-backed Musk Turtle (*Sternotherus carinatus*), Striped Mud Turtle (*Kinosternon baurii*), Common Mud Turtle (*K. subrubrum*), Common Box Turtle (*Terrapene carolina*), Ornate Box Turtle (*T. ornata*), and Diamondback Terrapin (*Malaclemys terrapin*), all listed in CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Carry-on (bound with socks and concealed in both trouser pockets; no declaration channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Luohu Customs Seized One Queen Conch Shell Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 4 June 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Luohu Customs

Location: Luohu Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Queen Conch (*Strombus gigas*), one shell, 1.25 kg, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Carry-on Luggage (inside a shoulder bag; no declaration channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Capital Airport Customs Seized 18 Shark Fins Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 4 June 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Capital Airport Customs

Location: Beijing Capital International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Pelagic Thresher (*Alopias pelagicus*), Shortfin Mako (*Isurus oxyrinchus*), and Porbeagle Shark (*Lamna nasus*), 18 pieces of shark fins, net weight 1 kg, all listed in CITES II

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

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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

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Mengla Customs Seized One Dried Crocodile Head in an Inbound Vehicle



News Release Date: 4 June 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Mengla Customs

Location: Mohan Highway Port, Mengla County, Xishuangbanna Dai Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Crocodile (Crocodylidae spp.), one dried head, approximately 0.72 kg, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Vehicle (on the rear seat of a small passenger car)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Huanggang Customs Seized 12 Giant Clam Bead Strings Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 4 June 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs

Location: Huanggang Port, Futian District, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Giant Clam (Tridacnidae spp.), 12 pieces of beaded necklaces and beaded bracelets (four black beads on two necklaces were not giant clam products), Class I/II of National Protected Species (wild populations only), CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Carry-on Luggage (packed in a blue paper bag and placed inside a backpack; no declaration channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Dongxing Customs Seized 162 Live Stony Corals Carried by Three Inbound Passengers



News Release Date: 5 June 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Dongxing Customs

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

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 162 Live Stony Corals (*SCLERACTINIA* spp.), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Luggage (packed in transparent water bags and concealed inside backpacks; no declaration channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: The corals have been transferred for follow-up disposal.

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Haikou Meilan Airport Customs Seized Two Saiga Antelope Horns Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 5 June 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Haikou Meilan Airport Customs

Location: Haikou Meilan International Airport, Hainan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Saiga Antelope (*Saiga tatarica*), two horns, 368 g, Class I 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: Customs at the site has temporarily withheld the items from release.

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Huanggang Customs Seized One Live Three-toed Box Turtle Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 9 June 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs

Location: Futian Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: One Live Three-toed Box Turtle (*Terrapene triunguis*), CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Carry-on Luggage (wrapped in black socks bound with white tape and placed in a small shoulder bag; no declaration channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Liantang Customs Seized 26 Live Hermann's Tortoises Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 11 June 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Liantang Customs

Location: Liantang Port, Luohu District, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 26 Live Hermann's Tortoises (*Testudo hermanni*), CITES II

Transport Method: Concealed on Passenger (bound between two pairs of black tight leggings; no declaration channel)

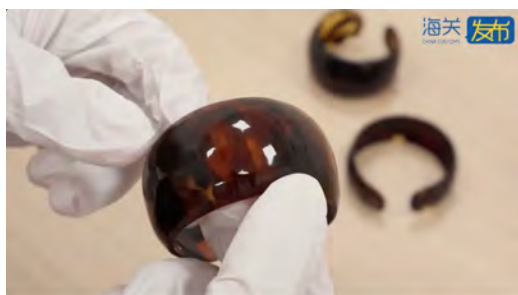
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The live turtles have been transferred to the Luohu Administration of the Shenzhen Municipal Planning and Natural Resources Bureau for rescue and care; the case has been transferred to the anti-smuggling department for further handling

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Zhongshan Port Customs Seized Four Hawksbill Turtle Bracelets Carried by Two Inbound Passengers



News Release Date: 14 June 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhongshan Port Customs

Location: Zhongshan Port, Zhongshan City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), four bracelets, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passengers

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 2

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Liantang Customs Seized Eight Live Turtles Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 15 June 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Liantang Customs

Location: Liantang Port, Luohu District, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Eight Live Turtles, including One Herrera's Mud Turtle (*Kinosternon herrerai*), One Box Turtle (*Terrapene* spp.), and Six Common Box Turtles (*T. carolina*), all listed in CITES II

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger (packed in black stockings and taped to leg sleeves on both calves; no declaration channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The live turtles have been transferred to the Luohu Administration of the Shenzhen Municipal Planning and Natural Resources Bureau for rescue and care; the case has been transferred to the anti-smuggling department for further handling.

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



News Release Date: 20 June 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Luohu Customs

Location: Luohu Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: One Live Common Box Turtle (*Terrapene carolina*), CITES II; One Live Three-toed Box Turtle (*T. triunguis*), CITES II

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger (wrapped in black socks bound with white tape and placed separately in the left and right pockets of a vest jacket; no declaration channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Xiamen Airport Customs Seized 44 Hammerhead Shark Fins Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 22 June 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Xiamen Airport Customs

Location: Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport, Xiamen City, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Great Hammerhead Shark (*Sphyrna mokarran*), 41 pieces of fins, 16.11 kg, CITES II; Scalloped Hammerhead Shark (*S. lewini*), three pieces of fins, 0.84 kg, CITES II

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

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The customs has lawfully detained the items.

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Liantang Customs Seized 64 Live Hermann's Tortoises Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 22 June 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Liantang Customs

Location: Liantang Port, Luohu District, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 64 Live Hermann's Tortoises (*Testudo hermanni*), CITES II

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger (taped and bound to black leg sleeves on both calves; no declaration channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The live turtles have been transferred to the Luohu Administration of the Shenzhen Municipal Planning and Natural Resources Bureau for rescue and care; the case has been transferred to the anti-smuggling department for further handling.

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Jiuzhou Customs Seized Six Animal Skulls in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 23 June 2026

Seizure Date: 3 June 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Jiuzhou Customs

Location: Jiuzhou Port, Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Red Fox (*Vulpes vulpes*), two skulls, Class II of National Protected Species, *V. v. griffithi*, *V. v. montana* and *V. v. pusilla* listed in CITES III; four other animal skulls

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (declared as "clothes"; skulls concealed in clothing)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Daxing Airport Customs Seized 27 Ivory Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 24 June 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Daxing Airport Customs

Location: Beijing Daxing International Airport, Daxing District, Beijing Municipality

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 27 pieces of Ivory products, net weight 0.166 kg, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Luggage (concealed in the lining of a suitcase and wrapped layer by layer in aluminum foil to disguise them as chocolate; no declaration channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The items have been transferred to follow-up departments for handling

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Tianjin Postal Customs Seized 52 Endangered Species Products in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 24 June 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Tianjin Postal Customs

Location: Tianjin Municipality

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 18 pieces of Ivory products, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), three pieces of shell products, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; 31 pieces of Red Coral (*Corallium* spp.) products, including 27 pieces from *C. elatius*, three from *C. secundum*, and one from other red coral, all Class I of National Protected Species, CITES III (China)

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (declared as "vases and ceramic products")

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Customs has lawfully detained the items.

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Chengdu Shuangliu Airport Customs Seized 42 Ivory Products Carried by Three Inbound Passengers



News Release Date: 25 June 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Chengdu Shuangliu Airport Customs

Location: Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport, Sichuan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 42 pieces of Ivory products, approximately 1.103 kg, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Luggage (wrapped in aluminum foil and concealed in clothing; no declaration channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: Transferred to relevant departments for further handling in accordance with the law.

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Qingdao Jiaodong Airport Customs Seized Two Giant Clam Ornaments Carried by an Outbound Passenger



News Release Date: 28 June 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Qingdao Jiaodong Airport Customs

Location: Qingdao Jiaodong International Airport, Shandong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Giant Clam (Tridacnidae spp.), two carved adult shell ornaments, Class I/II of National Protected Species (wild populations only), CITES II

Transport Method: Outbound Passenger's Luggage (undeclared)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Ruili Border Inspection Station Seized About Two Kg of Pangolin Scale Powder and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 1 June 2026

Seizure Date: 29 May 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Ruili Entry-Exit Border Inspection Station

Location: China-Myanmar Street Inbound Passage, Ruili Port, Ruili City, Dehong Dai and Jingpo Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Pangolin (*Manis* spp.), scale powder, net weight 2.0164 kg, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Riding an Electric Bicycle (concealed in the battery compartment and packed in plastic bags)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The case has been transferred to relevant departments for further handling in accordance with the law.

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Erenhot Border Inspection Station Seized 12 Bear Paws Smuggled by Mongolian Passengers



News Release Date: 30 June 2026

Seizure Date: 29 June 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Erenhot Entry-Exit Border Inspection Station

Location: Erenhot Highway Port, Erenhot City, Xilingol League, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Asiatic Black Bear (*Ursus thibetanus*), 12 pieces of paws, 12.4 kg in total, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Luggage (concealed in the lining of close-fitting clothing and in suitcases)

Country of Export: Mongolia

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 2

Nationality: Mongolian

Case Progress: The case has been transferred to the anti-smuggling department for further handling in accordance with the law.

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Jiaojiang Police Branch Seized 436 Ball Pythons and Burmese Pythons Illegally Purchased, Bred and Sold, and Arrested Three Suspects



News Release Date: 16 June 2026

Seizure Date: March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Jiaojiang Branch of Taizhou Municipal Public Security Bureau

Location: Jiaojiang District, Taizhou City, Zhejiang Province; Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Public Tip-off

Species: 435 Ball Python (*Python regius*) (80 sold), One Burmese Python (*P. bivittatus*) (albino individual); both approved as Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Courier Delivery

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase, Breeding (kept and bred in plastic boxes at home), and Sale (online platform and offline pet shops)

Estimated Value: CNY 30,000,000

Number of Offenders: 4

Case Progress: Jiaojiang Primary People's Court has rendered judgments against Guo Bin, Di Chao and Deng Yong; the pet shop owner Zhang was criticized and educated for his lack of legal awareness and minor involvement; the seized pythons had lost the ability to survive in the wild and were all transferred to Taizhou Bay Wildlife Zoo for care.

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Urad Rear Banner Public Security Bureau Seized Six Blue Sheep Illegally Hunted and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 23 June 2026

Seizure Date: 24 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Urad Rear Banner Public Security Bureau

Location: Bayinbaolige Town, Urad Rear Banner, Bayannur City, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Public Tip-off

Species: Six Bharal (*Pseudois nayaur*), Class II of National Protected Species

Transport Method: Vehicle

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

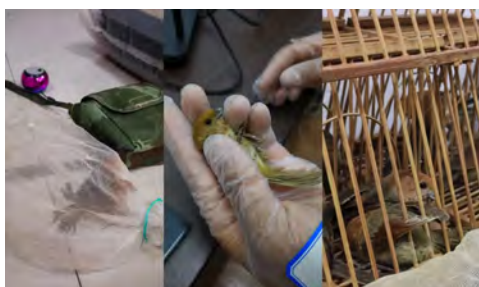
Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Criminal suspect Zhao has been subjected to criminal compulsory measures in accordance with the law, and the case is under further investigation.

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Zeya Police Station Seized Two Chinese Hwamei and 13 Vinous-throated Parrotbills, and Arrested Two Suspects



News Release Date: 25 June 2026

Seizure Date: 22 June 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Zeya Police Station of Ou Hai Branch of Wenzhou Municipal Public Security Bureau

Location: Mountain Area of Zeya Town, Ou Hai District, Wenzhou City, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Patrol

Species: Two Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 13 Vinous-throated Parrotbills (*Sinosuthora webbiana*), Species with important ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Two criminal suspects have been subjected to compulsory measures in accordance with the law, and the case is being further handled; the rescued birds have been taken by the Green Eyes animal protection organization for professional care

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Dongsheng Police Branch Seized One Live Common Kestrel Illegally Transported at No.06 Public Security Checkpoint



News Release Date: 27 June 2026

Seizure Date: 26 June 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Dongsheng Branch of Ordos Municipal Public Security Bureau

Location: Dongsheng District, Ordos City, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: One Live Common Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Vehicle (kept in an iron cage and concealed on the rear seat)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Transport (the driver could not provide legal approval documents for domestication and transport)

Number of Offenders: 1 (vehicle driver)

Case Progress: The involved kestrel has been transferred to the wildlife protection department for proper care; the person involved and evidence have been retained in accordance with the law, and the case is under further handling.

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Lanping Bai and Pumi Primary People's Court Sentenced One Person for Illegally Logging, Transporting and Selling Yunnan Torreya

News Release Date: 1 June 2026

Judgment Date: 12 May 2026

Seizure Date: 26 December 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Lanping County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Lanping Bai and Pumi Primary People's Court; Lanping Bai and Pumi People's Procuratorate

Location: Laojunshan Village, Xinhe Village Committee, Laojunshan Town, Jianchuan County, Dali Bai Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

Species: Yunnan Torreya (*Torreya yunnanensis*), three trees processed into 10 vase-material pieces, seven tea-tray-material pieces and one wall-panel-material pieces, 10.4730 m³, Class II of National Protected Wild Plants

Transport Method: Vehicle

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Logging, Transport and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 9,100

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Yang was convicted of endangering nationally protected plants and sentenced to three years and two months' imprisonment and fined CNY 10,000; the seized chainsaw was confiscated and filed with the case; illegal proceeds of CNY 4,550 were recovered and turned over to the state treasury.

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Tunxi Primary People's Court Sentenced One Person for Illegally Purchasing and Selling Helmeted Hornbill Products

News Release Date: 3 June 2026

Judgment Date: 27 April 2026

Seizure Date: 16 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Tunxi Branch of Huangshan Municipal Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Tunxi Primary People's Court; Tunxi People's Procuratorate

Location: A Courier Station in Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province; Guizhou Province; Chongqing Municipality; Lianyungang City, Jiangsu Province

Detection Method: Public Tip-off + Online Patrol

Species: Helmeted Hornbill (*Rhinoplax vigil*), one skull product (lion dance figurine), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), shell products, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; Ivory products, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; Sika Deer (*Cervus nippon*) products, Class I of National Protected Species (wild populations only), CITES I; Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.) products, Class I/II of National Protected Species (wild populations only), CITES II

Transport Method: Courier Delivery

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Sale ("Xianyu" platform)

Estimated Value: Over CNY 230,000 (including over CNY 160,000 for the lion dance figurine and over CNY 70,000 for the other seized products)

Number of Offenders: 4

Case Progress: Defendant Xu was convicted of harming precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced to four months' detention, suspended for six months, and fined CNY 3,000; the helmeted hornbill product is to be disposed of by the seizure authority and one mobile phone was confiscated; the other three suspects, Chen, Zhai and Cao, have been arrested and will be handled in separate cases.

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Suiyang Primary People's Court Sentenced One Person for Illegally Logging Manchurian Ash

News Release Date: 4 June 2026

Judgment Date: 6 February 2026

Judicial Authority: Suiyang Primary People's Court; Suiyang People's Procuratorate

Location: Suiyang Forest Area, Heilongjiang Province

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Logging

Estimated Value: CNY 673

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Gu was convicted of endangering nationally protected plants and sentenced to one year's imprisonment, suspended for two years, and fined CNY 2,000. The hand saw was confiscated, and five Manchurian Ash trunks were returned to the victim entity.

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Liping Primary People's Court Sentenced Two Persons for Illegally Purchasing and Selling Chinese Hwamei

News Release Date: 8 June 2026

Judgment Date: 20 April 2026

Seizure Date: 28 August 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Liping County Public Security Bureau

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

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

Detection Method: Public Tip-off

Species: 18 Live Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 135,588

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Defendants Pi and Lin were convicted of harming precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced respectively to eight months' and six months' imprisonment, both suspended, and fined CNY 5,000 and CNY 4,000; illegal proceeds were confiscated and continue to be recovered, and crime tools were confiscated.

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Guangchang Primary People's Court Sentenced Two Persons for Illegally Hunting and Selling Chinese Serow, Reeves's Muntjac and Wild Boar

News Release Date: 9 June 2026

Judgment Date: 22 April 2026

Seizure Date: 23 July 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangchang County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Guangchang Primary People's Court; Guangchang People's Procuratorate

Location: Mountain Areas under the Jurisdiction of Guangchang County, Fuzhou City, Jiangxi Province

Species: One Chinese Serow (*Capricornis milneedwardsii*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I; 49 Reeves's Muntjacs (*Muntiacus reevesi*), Species with important ecological, scientific and social value; 62 Wild Boars (*Sus scrofa*)

Transport Method: Van

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 178,000

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Defendants Gao and Huang were convicted of illegal hunting and sale of terrestrial wildlife and harming precious and endangered wildlife; they were sentenced respectively to two years and nine months' imprisonment and one year and eight months' imprisonment, and fined CNY 10,000 and CNY 6,000; illegal proceeds were recovered, and crime tools and wildlife were handled in accordance with the law.

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Guangchang Primary People's Court Sentenced One Person for Illegally Hunting and Selling Chinese Bullfrogs and Other Wildlife

News Release Date: 9 June 2026

Judgment Date: 10 April 2026

Seizure Date: 2 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: A County Public Security Authority

Judicial Authority: Guangchang Primary People's Court; A County People's Procuratorate

Location: Mountain Areas and Farmland near the Jurisdiction of Guangchang County, Fuzhou City, Jiangxi Province

Species: 295 Chinese Edible Frog (*Hoplobatrachus chinensis*), approximately 59 kg, Class II of National Protected Species (wild populations only); Species with important ecological, scientific and social value, including 113 Reeves's Muntjacs (*Muntiacus reevesi*), one Chinese Moccasin (*Deinagkistrodon acutus*), one King Ratsnake (*Elaphe carinata*) (wild populations only), and three Greater Hog Badgers (*Arctonyx collaris*); 31 Wild Boars (*Sus scrofa*)

Transport Method: Vehicle

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting and Sale (for consumption)

Estimated Value: CNY 505,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Gao was convicted of harming precious and endangered wildlife and illegally hunting and selling terrestrial wildlife, and was sentenced to four years' imprisonment and fined CNY 50,000; illegal proceeds of CNY 741,428.9 were recovered and turned over to the state treasury, CNY 10,000 already surrendered was confiscated in accordance with the law, and crime tools were handled in accordance with the law.

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Maqin Primary People's Court Sentenced One Person for Illegally Transporting and Selling Snow Leopard and Eurasian Lynx

News Release Date: 9 June 2026

Judgment Date: 25 November 2025

Seizure Date: Early January 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Gande County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Maqin Primary People's Court; Sanjiangyuan People's Procuratorate

Location: Ganglong Township, Gande County, Guoluo Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Qinghai Province

Species: One Dead Snow Leopard (*Panthera uncia*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; One Dead Eurasian Lynx (*Lynx lynx*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Vehicle (trunk)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Transport and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 575,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Dong was convicted of harming precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced to one year's imprisonment, suspended for one year and six months, and fined CNY 6,500; the seized snow leopard and Eurasian lynx carcasses are to be disposed of by the seizure authority, and other related items were handled in accordance with regulations.

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Chengdu Railway Transportation Intermediate Court Sentenced Seven Persons for Illegally Hunting, Purchasing, Transporting and Selling Golden Snub-nosed Monkeys

News Release Date: 9 June 2026

Judgment Date: 29 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Yucheng Branch of Ya'an Municipal Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Chengdu Railway Transportation Intermediate Court; Chengdu Railway Transportation Procuratorate Branch

Location: Yucheng District and Baoxing County, Ya'an City, Sichuan Province; Xiuwen County, Guiyang City, Guizhou Province; Tongling City, Anhui Province

Species: 10 Golden Snub-nosed Monkey (*Rhinopithecus roxellana*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Vehicle (transported from Sichuan to Guizhou and Anhui)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting, Purchase, Transport and Sale

Estimated Value: Approximately CNY 5,000,000 (estimated at CNY 500,000 per individual)

Number of Offenders: 7

Case Progress: Defendants Yong, Luo, Yang and Chen were sentenced to fixed-term imprisonment ranging from 10 years to 14 years and six months, and fined between CNY 80,000 and CNY 325,000; defendants Xian and Zhang were sentenced to two years and six months' imprisonment and three years' imprisonment respectively, both suspended, and fined CNY 30,000 and CNY 150,000; the defendant entity, a Guizhou animal company, was fined CNY 500,000; three golden snub-nosed monkeys were confiscated and disposed of, illegal proceeds were recovered, and the defendants were ordered to jointly pay CNY 1,447,250 as compensation for the ecological damage and CNY 8,000 in forensic identification fees.

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Xinhui Primary People's Court Sentenced Five Persons for Illegally Purchasing, Transporting and Selling Pangolins and Other Wildlife

News Release Date: 13 June 2026

Judgment Date: 29 September 2025

Seizure Date: August 2024–September 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Xinhui Branch of Jiangmen Municipal Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Xinhui Primary People's Court, Jiangmen; Xinhui People's Procuratorate, Jiangmen

Location: Taishan City and Kaiping City of Jiangmen City and Yangxi County of Yangjiang City, Guangdong Province

Species: 67 Sunda Pangolin (*Manis javanica*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; Species with important ecological, scientific and social value, including 10 Black-crowned Night Heron (*Nycticorax nycticorax*), six Common Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*), one Black-collared Starling (*Gracupica nigricollis*), two Oriental Magpie-robin (*Copsychus saularis*), three Warbling White-eye (*Zosterops japonicus*) and three Chinese Cobra (*Naja atra*), CITES II

Transport Method: Vehicle

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting, Purchase, Transport and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 5,371,900

Number of Offenders: 5

Case Progress: Defendant Li A was convicted of harming precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced to eight years and six months' imprisonment and fined CNY 150,000; defendant Zhu was convicted of harming precious and endangered wildlife and illegally hunting and purchasing terrestrial wildlife, and was sentenced to one year and three months' imprisonment, suspended for two years, and fined CNY 8,000; defendants Huang, Guan and Li B were convicted of harming precious and endangered wildlife and each sentenced to one year's imprisonment, suspended, and fined CNY 5,000; illegal proceeds were recovered, the seized pangolins and other wildlife products were confiscated and disposed of, and defendant Li A was ordered to pay CNY 80,000 in ecological damage compensation.

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Baise Intermediate People's Court Sentenced Three Persons for Illegally Purchasing, Transporting and Selling Saiga Antelope Horns

News Release Date: 15 June 2026

Judgment Date: 23 October 2025

Seizure Date: 23 April 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Longbang Customs
Anti-Smuggling Branch

Judicial Authority: Baise Intermediate People's Court;
Baise People's Procuratorate

Location: Jingxi City, Baise City, Guangxi Zhuang
Autonomous Region

Species: Saiga Antelope (*Saiga tatarica*), 225 horns,
50.4 kg, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES
II (at the time of the offence, zero export quota for wild
specimens traded for commercial purposes, only
conditional trade in Kazakhstan stockpiles)

Transport Method: Vehicle (repackaged into woven
sacks and detergent bags and concealed in the
vehicle's trunk; transported from Lianjiang City,
Guangdong Province to Jingxi City)

Country of Export: Vietnam

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Estimated Value: CNY 18,000,000

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: Defendants Xie, Huang and Zhang
were convicted of smuggling precious animal products
and sentenced respectively to seven years, five years
and three years' imprisonment, and fined CNY
200,000, CNY 80,000 and CNY 50,000; the 225 saiga
antelope horns involved in the case were disposed of in
accordance with the law, and mobile phones used as
crime tools were confiscated.

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Fengqing Primary People's Court Sentenced One Person for Illegally Purchasing and Selling Pangolin Scales

News Release Date: 15 June 2026

Judgment Date: 16 April 2026

Seizure Date: 28 May 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Fengqing County
Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Fengqing Primary People's
Court; Fengqing People's Procuratorate

Location: A Herbal Medicine Store Operated by the
Defendant on Xicheng Shangjie, Xiaoximen,
Xuanwei City, Qujing City, Yunnan Province

Species: Sunda Pangolin (*Manis javanica*), scales,
approximately 200 g, Class I of National Protected
Species, CITES I; Giant Pangolin (*M. gigantea*),
scales, approximately 11,800 g, approved as Class
I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Courier Delivery

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Sale

Estimated Value: Approximately CNY 245,283

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Xiong was convicted of
harming precious and endangered wildlife and
sentenced to five years' imprisonment and fined
CNY 10,000; the pangolin scales involved in the
case were confiscated in accordance with the law,
and illegal proceeds of CNY 10,000 were recovered
and turned over to the state treasury.

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Fenggang Primary People's Court Sentenced Five Persons for Illegally Hunting Chinese Hwamei

News Release Date: 16 June 2026

Judgment Date: 19 December 2025

Seizure Date: 24 July 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Fenggang County Comprehensive Law Enforcement Bureau

Judicial Authority: Fenggang Primary People's Court; Fenggang People's Procuratorate

Location: "Dawan" and "Tianjiawan" Forests, Xinling Group, Tianqiao Village, Tianqiao Town, Fenggang County, Zunyi City, Guizhou Province

Species: 14 Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 70,000

Number of Offenders: 5

Case Progress: Defendants Yang, Tang A, Tang B, Tang C and Tang D were all convicted of harming precious and endangered wildlife and each sentenced to five months' detention and fined CNY 5,000, with Tang D receiving a one-year suspended sentence; crime tools were confiscated, and the 14 Chinese Hwamei involved in the case were released.

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Xingning Primary People's Court Sentenced One Person for Illegally Purchasing and Killing a Crested Goshawk

News Release Date: 17 June 2026

Judgment Date: 28 April 2026

Seizure Date: 29 October 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Xingning Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Xingning Primary People's Court; Xingning People's Procuratorate

Location: Baiqun Village, Luogang Town, Xingning City, Meizhou City, Guangdong Province

Species: One Dead Crested Goshawk (*Accipiter trivirgatus*) (soaked in liquor), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Killing (for consumption)

Estimated Value: CNY 25,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Liu was convicted of harming precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced to 10 months' imprisonment, suspended for one year and six months, and fined CNY 5,000; one bottle of liquor containing the bird was confiscated in accordance with the law; Liu was ordered to pay CNY 25,000 in ecological resource damage compensation and make a public apology.

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Danjiangkou Primary People's Court Sentenced One Person for Illegally Hunting and Killing a Chinese Goral

News Release Date: 23 June 2026

Judgment Date: 13 March 2026

Seizure Date: 20 November 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Danjiangkou Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Danjiangkou Primary People's Court; Danjiangkou People's Procuratorate

Location: Danjiangkou City, Shiyan City, Hubei Province

Species: One Dead Chinese Goral (*Naemorhedus griseus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting and Killing (for consumption)

Estimated Value: CNY 50,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Wang was convicted of harming precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced to one year's imprisonment, suspended for two years, and fined CNY 1,000; the crime tool was confiscated and the Chinese goral carcass was disposed of by the public security authority in accordance with the law.

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Zhenkang Primary People's Court Sentenced Three Persons for Illegally Hunting and Killing Wildlife

News Release Date: 24 June 2026

Judgment Date: 29 May 2026

Seizure Date: 15 July 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhenkang County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Zhenkang Primary People's Court; Zhenkang People's Procuratorate

Location: Near the Intersection of Chagou Village and Mangbing Village, Mengpeng Town, Zhenkang County, Lincang City, Yunnan Province

Species: Two Eastern Buzzard (*Buteo japonicus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Two Silver Pheasant (*Lophura nycthemera*), Class II of National Protected Species; Two Doves (*Streptopelia* spp.), Species with important ecological, scientific and social value; One Common Pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus*), Species with important ecological, scientific and social value

Transport Method: Taxi (concealed in the trunk)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting and Killing (for consumption)

Estimated Value: CNY 60,900

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: The three defendants were convicted of harming precious and endangered wildlife; defendant Lu was sentenced to one year and one month's imprisonment and fined CNY 4,000; defendant Yang was sentenced to one year's imprisonment and fined CNY 3,000; defendant Li was sentenced to 10 months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 2,000; seized hunting tools and animal carcasses were confiscated and disposed of in accordance with the law; the three defendants were ordered to pay ecological damage compensation of CNY 24,360, CNY 24,360 and CNY 12,180, respectively.

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Pinghe Primary People's Court Sentenced One Person for Illegally Purchasing and Selling Chinese Hwamei

News Release Date: 26 June 2026

Judgment Date: 14 February 2025

Seizure Date: 20 January 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Pinghe County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Pinghe Primary People's Court; Pinghe People's Procuratorate

Location: Rooftop of Yude Food Co., Ltd., Fengle Village, Shiting Town, Xiangcheng District, Zhangzhou City, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Courier Delivery

Species: 19 Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*) (nine seized and 10 others illegally purchased and sold), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Sale (through online platforms and farmers' markets)

Estimated Value: CNY 45,000 (assessed value of the nine seized Chinese Hwamei)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Zeng was convicted of harming precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced to six months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 1,000; illegal proceeds of CNY 18,174 were recovered in accordance with the law, and the seized live Chinese Hwamei were released by relevant authorities.

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Ruili Primary People's Court Sentenced One Person for Illegally Purchasing Leopard Bone and White Rhinoceros Horns

News Release Date: 26 June 2026

Judgment Date: 6 June 2025

Seizure Date: 30 January 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Ruili Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Ruili Primary People's Court; Ruili People's Procuratorate

Location: Ruili City and Lianghe County, Dehong Dai and Jingpo Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

Species: Leopard (*Panthera pardus*), one bone product, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; White Rhinoceros (*Ceratotherium simum*), two horn pieces, approved as Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Taxi (two rhinoceros horn pieces concealed in a medicine box and transported from Ruili City to Lianghe County)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase

Estimated Value: CNY 100,937

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Yang was convicted of harming precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced to 11 months' imprisonment, suspended for one year and six months, and fined CNY 10,000; the seized two rhinoceros horn pieces and one leopard bone product were confiscated in accordance with the law.

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Fengshun Primary People's Court Sentenced One Person for Illegally Hunting and Selling Chinese Hwamei

News Release Date: 26 June 2026

Judgment Date: 22 August 2025

Seizure Date: 28 November 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Fengshun County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Fengshun Primary People's Court; Fengshun People's Procuratorate

Location: Fengshun County, Meizhou City, Guangdong Province

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 55,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Dai was convicted of harming precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced to 10 months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 5,000; illegal proceeds of CNY 1,300 were confiscated and turned over to the state treasury, and crime tools including bird cages, snare ropes and a bird-call amplifier were confiscated and destroyed.

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Ruili Primary People's Court Sentenced Two Persons for Illegally Purchasing and Selling Pangolin Scales

News Release Date: 26 June 2026

Judgment Date: 29 December 2025

Seizure Date: 25 October 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Ruili Customs; Ruili Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Ruili Primary People's Court; Ruili People's Procuratorate

Location: Road Section from Jiegao to Ruili Urban Area, Ruili City, Dehong Dai and Jingpo Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Pangolin (*Manis* spp.), scales, net weight 495.76 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Electric Bicycle (packed in a black plastic bag and hidden under the seat cushion)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 67,904

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Defendants Liu and Yang were convicted of harming precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced respectively to 10 months' and nine months' imprisonment, both suspended for one year and six months, and fined CNY 10,000 and CNY 8,000; the seized pangolin scales and illegal proceeds of CNY 1,300 were confiscated, and seized mobile phones were handled by the public security authority in accordance with the law.

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Yangquan Mining Area Primary People's Court Sentenced Two Persons for Illegally Hunting, Purchasing and Selling Chestnut-flanked White-eyes

News Release Date: 29 June 2026

Judgment Date: 9 June 2026

Seizure Date: 19 November 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Mining Area Branch of Yangquan Municipal Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Yangquan Mining Area Primary People's Court; Yangquan Mining Area People's Procuratorate

Location: Mining District, Yangquan City, Shanxi Province

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: 31 Chestnut-flanked White-eye (*Zosterops erythropleurus*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting, Purchase and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 46,500

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Defendants Yang and Wang were convicted of harming precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced respectively to seven months' and six months' imprisonment, both suspended for one year, and each fined CNY 5,000; Yang was ordered to pay CNY 14,475 and Wang CNY 16,275 in ecological damage compensation, and the seized bird-catching tools were confiscated.

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