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Kaohsiung International Airport Customs Seized 70 Live Indian Star Tortoises Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 28 January 2026

Seizure Date: 10 February 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Kaohsiung International Airport Customs

Location: Kaohsiung International Airport, Kaohsiung City, Taiwan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 70 live Indian Star Tortoise (*Geochelone elegans*), CITES I

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger (taped to the inner sides of both legs and concealed on the body)

Country of Export: Thailand

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The Kaohsiung District Prosecutors Office has formally filed charges, and the case has entered judicial proceedings.

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Luohu Customs Seized Five Aldabra Giant Tortoises Carried by Two Inbound Passengers



News Release Date: 2 July 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Luohu Customs

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

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Five Live Aldabra Giant Tortoises (*Aldabrachelys gigantea*), CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Luggage (bound with transparent tape and white tissues, respectively concealed in the inner shorts pockets of trousers and in underwear; 'nothing to declare' channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 2

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Dongxing Customs Seized 233.11 g of White Rhino Horn Pieces Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 2 July 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Dongxing Customs

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

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: White Rhino (*Ceratotherium simum*), three horn pieces, total net weight 233.11 g, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger (wrapped in transparent cling film and concealed in jacket and trouser pockets; 'nothing to declare' channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The case has been transferred to the anti-smuggling department for handling.

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Shenzhen Bay Customs Seized 53 Live Turtles Carried by Eight Inbound Passengers in Consecutive Cases



News Release Date: 4 July 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Shenzhen Bay Customs

Location: Shenzhen Bay Port, Nanshan District, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 53 CITES II-listed live turtles, including 39 Three-toed Box Turtles (*Terrapene carolina triunguis*); nine Ornate Box Turtles (*T. ornata*); five Common Box Turtles (*T. carolina*)

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passengers (wrapped in black stockings and strapped to thighs, waists and chests, and concealed in a stroller mattress layer and tissue packages; 'nothing to declare' channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 8

Case Progress: The live turtles have been transferred to the Nanshan Administration of Shenzhen Municipal Planning and Natural Resources Bureau.

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Tianjin Binhai Airport Customs Seized One Nautilus Shell and One Horned Helmet Shell in Express Parcels



News Release Date: 4 July 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Tianjin Binhai Airport Customs

Location: Tianjin Binhai International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Nautilus (Nautilidae spp.), one shell, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II; Horned Helmet (*Cassis cornuta*), one shell, Class II of National Protected Species

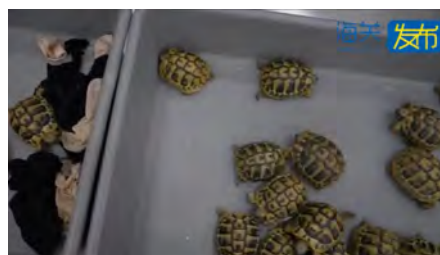
Transport Method: Inbound Express Parcel (declared as daily-use ornaments)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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

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Wenjindu Customs Seized 26 Herman's Tortoises Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 8 July 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Wenjindu Customs

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

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

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

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger (strapped inside the upper garment with a black waist trainer; 'nothing to declare' channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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

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Luohu Customs Seized Two Three-toed Box Turtles Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 9 July 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Luohu Customs

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

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Two Live Three-toed Box Turtles (*Terrapene carolina triunguis*), CITES II

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger (wrapped in black socks, fixed with yellow tape, and concealed in underwear; 'nothing to declare' channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Huanggang Customs Seized 10 Herman's Tortoises Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 11 July 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs

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

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 10 Live Herman's Tortoises (*Testudo hermanni*), CITES II

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger (wrapped in cling film, packed in plastic bags, and concealed in T-shirt pockets on both sides under a vest; 'nothing to declare' channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The case has been transferred to the Customs anti-smuggling department for handling.

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Lukou Airport Customs Seized Five Hawksbill Turtle Bangles and Four Giant Clam Bracelets Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 12 July 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Lukou Airport Customs

Location: Nanjing Lukou International Airport, Jiangning District, Nanjing City, Jiangsu Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), five bangles, approx. 90 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.), two bangles and two bead bracelets, approx. 170 g, Class I/II of National Protected Species (wild populations only), CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The items have been withheld from release in accordance with regulations.

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Tianjin Postal Customs Seized Two Ivory Scroll Heads in Inbound Mail



News Release Date: 12 July 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Tianjin Postal Customs

Location: Tianjin City

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Two pieces of Ivory scroll head, gross weight 969 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Mail (declared as decorations)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Customs has temporarily detained the items in accordance with law.

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Huanggang Customs Seized 33.8 kg of Blue Shark Fins Carried by an Outbound Passenger



News Release Date: 12 July 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs

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

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Blue Shark (*Prionace glauca*), 15 boxes of fins, 33.8 kg, CITES II

Transport Method: Outbound Passenger's Carry-on Luggage (concealed in a suitcase and backpack; 'nothing to declare' channel)

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Hong Kong Customs Seized 33 Live Endangered Turtles in Inbound Mail



News Release Date: 13 July 2026

Seizure Date: 13 July 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Hong Kong Customs

Location: Air Mail Centre, Hong Kong International Airport, China

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 33 Live endangered turtles, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Mail (wrapped in plastic, concealed inside socks and hidden in postal parcels; declared as "polyester-filled cushions")

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Estimated Value: HKD 330,000 (approximately CNY 303,000)

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: Customs officers conducted controlled delivery operations and arrested three recipients of the postal packets. All three individuals have been released on bail pending further investigation. The case remains under investigation.

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Lukou Airport Customs Seized Three Ivory Handicrafts Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 13 July 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Lukou Airport Customs

Location: Nanjing Lukou International Airport, Jiangning District, Nanjing City, Jiangsu Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Ivory fan, snuff bottle and bracelet, three pieces, 110 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The items have been withheld from release in accordance with regulations.

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Guangzhou Postal Customs Seized 13 Three-toed Box Turtles in Transit Mail



News Release Date: 15 July 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Postal Customs

Location: Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 13 Live Three-toed Box Turtles (*Terrapene carolina triunguis*), CITES II

Transport Method: Transit Mail (declared as a speaker; wrapped with white cloth strips, black socks and cling film)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Xiamen Cruise Port Customs Seized Five Common Box Turtles Carried by Two Inbound Passengers



News Release Date: 15 July 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Xiamen Cruise Port Customs

Location: Xiamen International Cruise Center Port, Siming District, Xiamen City, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Five Live Common Box Turtles (*Terrapene carolina*), CITES II

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passengers (respectively concealed in vest pockets and underwear; 'nothing to declare' channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 2

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Youyiguan Customs Seized Three Triton's Trumpet Shells in Cross-border E-commerce Export Parcels



News Release Date: 16 July 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Youyiguan Customs

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

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Triton's Trumpet (*Charonia tritonis*), three shells, Class II of National Protected Species

Transport Method: Export Goods (cross-border e-commerce parcels, declared as handicrafts)

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Customs has temporarily detained the items in accordance with law.

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



News Release Date: 19 July 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs

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

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

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

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Carry-on Luggage (concealed in a yellow plastic bag at the bottom of a black backpack; 'nothing to declare' channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Beijing Capital Airport Customs Seized Five Ivory Bracelets Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 20 July 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Beijing Capital Airport Customs

Location: Beijing Capital International Airport

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Five pieces of ivory bracelets, net weight 0.131 kg, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger (concealed at the ankles and knees; 'nothing to declare' channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Zhongshan Port Customs Seized 0.7 kg of Black Caiman Meat and 65 Shark Fins Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 20 July 2026

Seizure Date: 24 June 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhongshan Port Customs

Location: Zhongshan Port Passenger Port, Zhongshan City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Black Caiman (*Melanosuchus niger*), meat products, net weight 0.7 kg, CITES I/II; Sandbar Shark (*Carcharhinus plumbeus*) and Blue Shark (*Prionace glauca*), 65 pieces of fins, net weight 4 kg, both CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Carry-on Luggage (concealed in a suitcase; 'nothing to declare' channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Luohu Customs Seized Two Live Parrots Carried by Two Inbound Passengers



News Release Date: 21 July 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Luohu Customs

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

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: One Live Sulphur-crested Cockatoo (*Cacatua galerita*), CITES II; One Live White-bellied Parrot (*Pionites leucogaster*), CITES II

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passengers (wrapped in translucent gauze netting, packed in black sealed plastic bags, and concealed in trouser pockets; 'nothing to declare' channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 2

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Guilin Customs Seized 0.616 kg of Sunda Pangolin Scale Powder Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 21 July 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Guilin Customs

Location: Guilin Liangjiang International Airport, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Sunda Pangolin (*Manis javanica*), scale powder, four bags, 0.616 kg, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Carry-on Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: On-site Customs has filed the case for handling in accordance with law.

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Shenzhen Bay Customs Seized 32 Chiapas Giant Musk Turtles in the Trunk of an Inbound Passenger Vehicle



News Release Date: 29 July 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Shenzhen Bay Customs

Location: Shenzhen Bay Port, Nanshan District, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 32 Live Chiapas Giant Musk Turtles (*Staurotypus salvinii*), CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Vehicle (packed in white mesh bags and placed in the vehicle trunk; undeclared)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Xiaoshan Airport Customs Seized Six Queen Conch Shells Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 31 July 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Xiaoshan Airport Customs

Location: Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Queen Conch (*Strombus gigas*), six shells, 5,747.98 g, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Luggage ('nothing to declare' channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Fuyuan County Public Security Bureau Seized 3.1 kg of Pangolin Scales and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 10 July 2026

Seizure Date: June 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Fuyuan County Public Security Bureau

Location: Fuyuan County, Qujing City, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: Pangolin (*Manis* spp.), scales, 3.1 kg, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The criminal suspect Li has been placed under criminal coercive measures by public security authorities on suspicion of endangering precious and endangered wildlife, and the case is under further investigation.

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Horgos Municipal Public Security Bureau Seized Over 9,900 *Rhodiola* Plants and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 16 July 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Horgos City Public Security Bureau

Location: Horgos City, Ili Kazakh Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: *Rhodiola Rosea* (*Rhodiola* spp.), more than 9,900 plants, over 640 kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Vehicle

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The case has been filed for investigation, and the suspect was seized during transport.

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Tumxuk Reclamation Area Public Security Bureau of the Third Division Seized Four Wild Desert Living *Cistanche* Plants and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 22 July 2026

Seizure Date: June 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Tumxuk Reclamation Area Public Security Bureau of the Third Division

Location: Uninhabited Gobi Area within the Jurisdiction of Tumxuk City, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: Desert Living *Cistanche* (*Cistanche deserticola*), four plants, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The criminal suspect A admitted to the above criminal facts, and the case is under further investigation.

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Shengzhou Natural Resources and Planning Bureau Seized One Crested Hawk-Eagle

News Release Date: 23 July 2026

Seizure Date: 19 May 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Shengzhou Natural Resources and Planning Bureau

Location: Forest Area near Houaiban Village, Ganlin Town, Shengzhou City, Shaoxing City, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: Crested Hawk-Eagle (*Nisaetus cirrhatus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Species with important ecological, scientific and social value, including doves (*Streptopelia* spp.) and blue magpies (*Urocissa* spp.)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The suspect was fined CNY 55,400, and the seized Crested Hawk-Eagle was confiscated and transferred to Shaoxing Wildlife Rescue Center.

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Yanyuan County Public Security Bureau Seized Three Suspected Lady Amherst's Pheasants and Five Muntjacs and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 26 July 2026

Seizure Date: 9 July 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Yanyuan County Public Security Bureau

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

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: Three Suspected Lady Amherst's Pheasants (*Chrysolophus amherstiae*), Class II of National Protected Species; Four suspected muntjacs (*Muntiacus* spp.), Species with important ecological, scientific and social value; flying squirrels (*Pteromyidae* spp.)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The criminal suspect Zhang has been criminally detained by Yanyuan County Public Security Bureau in accordance with law, and the case is under further in-depth investigation.

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Chongming Police Seized Four Asiatic Black Bear Paws and Arrested Six Suspects



News Release Date: 26 July 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Chongming Police

Location: Chongming District, Shanghai

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: Asiatic Black Bear (*Ursus thibetanus*), four paws, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase

Number of Offenders: 6

Case Progress: Six criminal suspects, including Jiang, Zhou and Tang, have been placed under criminal coercive measures in accordance with law on suspicion of endangering precious and endangered wildlife, and the case is under further investigation.

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Xunyang City Public Security Bureau Seized Six Wild Faber's Cymbidium and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 27 July 2026

Seizure Date: 19 July 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Xunyang City Public Security Bureau

Location: Shimen Town, Xunyang City, Ankang City, Shaanxi Province

Detection Method: Tip-off

Species: Six Faber's cymbidium (*Cymbidium faberi*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Train Transport (planned to be carried back to Shijiazhuang City, Hebei Province, for cultivation)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Cui has been placed under coercive measures in accordance with law, and the case is being further handled.

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Meitan Primary People's Court Tried a Case of Illegal Purchase and Sale of Cibotium and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 30 June 2026

Judgment Date: 1 June 2026

Seizure Date: 22 March 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Wuchuan Autonomous County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Meitan Primary People's Court, Wuchuan Gelao and Miao Autonomous County People's Procuratorate

Location: Zhennan Town Street, Wuchuan Gelao and Miao Autonomous County, Zunyi City, Guizhou Province

Species: Five Cibotium (*Cibotium barometz*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Sale

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Yu was convicted of endangering national key protected plants and sentenced to ten months' imprisonment, suspended for one year and six months, and fined CNY 10,000. Four seized Cibotium plants were confiscated in accordance with law, and the illegal gains of CNY 20 returned by Yu were confiscated and turned over to the state treasury.

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Hunchun Forest Area Primary Court Tried a Case of Illegal Felling of Manchurian Ash and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 8 July 2026

Judgment Date: 24 June 2026

Seizure Date: 21 February 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Hunchun Forest Public Security Sub-bureau of the Forest Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Hunchun Forest Area Primary Court, Jilin Hunchun Forest Area People's Procuratorate

Location: State-owned forest land north of a village in Hunchun City, Yanbian Korean Autonomous Prefecture, Jilin Province; compartment 14 of forest block 29 of a forest farm of a company in Hunchun

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Logging

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Wang was convicted of endangering national key protected plants and sentenced to eight months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 2,000. An administrative fine of CNY 90 was credited against the criminal fine. The tools involved were confiscated in accordance with law.

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Jinghong Primary People's Court Tried a Case of Illegal Hunting of Pangolin and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 9 July 2026

Judgment Date: 27 May 2026

Seizure Date: 21 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Xishuangbanna Prefecture Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Jinghong Primary People's Court, Jinghong City People's Procuratorate of Yunnan Province

Location: Defendant's home in Jingsan Village, Nabang Village Committee, Mengyang Town, Jinghong City, Xishuangbanna Dai Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Tip-off

Species: One Pangolin (*Manis* spp.), scales kept for medicinal use, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (for food and medicinal use)

Estimated Value: Pangolin scales valued at CNY 64,000; one pangolin valued at CNY 80,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Zhong was convicted of illegal possession of firearms, harming precious and endangered wildlife, and illegal hunting. For multiple offences, the court decided to impose one year and six months' imprisonment and a fine of CNY 20,000. The pangolin scales, wildlife products and tools involved were confiscated in accordance with law.

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Jingxi Primary People's Court Tried a Case of Illegal Hunting and Sale of Chinese Hwamei and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 13 July 2026

Judgment Date: 9 February 2026

Seizure Date: 16 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Jingxi City Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Jingxi Primary People's Court, Jingxi City People's Procuratorate

Location: Near Pozhou Tun, Hurun Street, Hurun Town, Jingxi City, Baise City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 40,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Zhao was convicted of harming precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced to five months' detention and fined CNY 2,000.

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Xichou Primary People's Court Tried a Case of Theft and Sale of Chinese Hwamei and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 15 July 2026

Judgment Date: 30 Jun. 2026

Seizure Date: 12 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Xichou County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Xichou Primary People's Court, Xichou County People's Procuratorate of Yunnan Province

Location: Chengnan Area, Wenshan City, and Shangjiepai Village, Jiepai Village Committee, Lianhuatang Township, Xichou County, Wenshan Zhuang and Miao Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

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

Transport Method: Electric bicycle and car (concealed in the trunk)

Reason for Seizure: Theft and Illegal Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 20,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Guo was convicted of theft and sentenced to one year and two months' imprisonment and fined CNY 2,000. Illegal gains of CNY 440 were recovered and turned over to the state treasury.

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Guangning County Procuratorate Handled a Case of Illegal Hunting of Collared Scops Owl, Red-whiskered Bulbul and Other Wild Birds and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 15 July 2026

Seizure Date: Late 2024

Judicial Authority: Guangning County People's Procuratorate

Location: Guangning County, Zhaoqing City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Case Clue

Species: One Collared Scops Owl (*Otus lettia*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 24 species with important ecological, scientific and social value, including Red-whiskered Bulbul (*Pycnonotus jocosus*), Fork-tailed Sunbird (*Aethopyga christinae*) and Orange-bellied Leafbird (*Chloropsis hardwickii*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Lian was sentenced to 11 months' imprisonment, suspended for one year and three months, and fined CNY 2,000 for harming precious and endangered wildlife. The defendant was also ordered to compensate CNY 26,475 for ecological value loss and pay CNY 2,000 for appraisal fees. The judgment has taken effect, and the ecological value loss has been fully compensated.

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

News Release Date: 16 July 2026

Judgment Date: 24 April 2026

Seizure Date: 29 June 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Yangxin County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Yangxin Primary People's Court, Yangxin County People's Procuratorate of Hubei Province

Location: Mountain area near Songxin Village, Fenglin Town, Yangxin County, Huangshi City, Hubei Province; Fuchi Town and Fenglin Town of Yangxin County and Ruichang City, Jiangxi Province

Detection Method: Tip-off

Species: 14 Live Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*) (13 seized on site), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Wang was convicted of endangering precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced to one year and six months' imprisonment, suspended for two years, and fined CNY 5,000. After the incident, Yangxin County Public Security Bureau released the 13 seized Chinese Hwamei.

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Yangxin Primary People's Court Tried a Case of Illegal Hunting of Silver Pheasant and Wild Boars and Two Persons Convicted

News Release Date: 21 July 2026

Judgment Date: 18 June 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Yangxin County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Yangxin Primary People's Court, Yangxin County People's Procuratorate of Hubei Province

Location: Dongyuan Mountain Area, Wangying Town, Yangxin County, Huangshi City, Hubei Province

Species: One Silver Pheasant (*Lophura nycthemera*), Class II of National Protected Species; Seven wild Boar (*Sus scrofa*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (for food)

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Defendants Ni and Shi were both convicted of illegal hunting. Ni was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment, suspended for one year and four months; Shi was sentenced to seven months' imprisonment, suspended for one year and two months. Seized items are to be handled by the seizing authority in accordance with law.

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Tonghua Railway Transportation Primary Court Tried a Case of Illegal Purchase of Wild *Panax Notoginseng* and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 21 July 2026

Judgment Date: 29 June 2026

Seizure Date: 6 June 2025

Judicial Authority: Tonghua Railway Transportation Primary Court, Ji'an City People's Procuratorate of Jilin Province

Species: 10 wild Chinese Ginseng (*Panax notoginseng*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Feng was convicted of harming national key protected plants and sentenced to three years' imprisonment, suspended for three years, and fined CNY 6,000. The 10 wild *Panax notoginseng* plants seized and unsuitable for transfer are to be handled by the seizing authority in accordance with law.

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Yangxin Primary People's Court Tried a Case of Illegal Hunting of Silver Pheasant and Other Wildlife and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 21 July 2026

Judgment Date: 1 July 2026

Seizure Date: 24 March 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Yangxin County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Yangxin Primary People's Court, Yangxin County People's Procuratorate of Hubei Province

Location: Mountain area near Cheliang Village, Yanggang Town, Yangxin County, Huangshi City, Hubei Province; Luo's residence

Detection Method: Yangxin County Public Security Bureau searched defendant Luo's residence in accordance with law and seized iron traps, homemade muskets and other items on site

Species: One Silver Pheasant (*Lophura nycthemera*), Class II of National Protected Species; 13 wild animals with important ecological, scientific and social value, including three Chinese Hare (*Lepus sinensis*), two Chinese Ferret-badger (*Melogale moschata*), and eight Reeves's Muntjac (*Muntiacus reevesi*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Luo was convicted of illegal possession of firearms and illegal hunting. For multiple offences, the court decided to impose six months' imprisonment. Items seized by public security authorities are to be disposed of by public security authorities in accordance with law.

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Shexian Primary People's Court Tried a Case of Illegal Hunting and Purchase of Chinese Hwamei and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 23 July 2026

Judgment Date: 1 June 2026

Seizure Date: 28 August 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Shexian County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Shexian Primary People's Court, Shexian County People's Procuratorate

Location: Guilin Town, Xitou Town and other places in Shexian County, Huangshan City, Anhui Province

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting and Purchase (online)

Estimated Value: CNY 40,000

Number of Offenders: 2 (co-offender handled in a separate case)

Case Progress: Defendant Pan was convicted of harming precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced to eight months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 5,000. The five Chinese Hwamei involved in the case have been released, and the tools involved were confiscated in accordance with law.

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Yangxin Primary People's Court Tried a Case of Illegal Hunting of Silver Pheasant and Other Wildlife and Two Persons Convicted

News Release Date: 23 July 2026

Judgment Date: 28 January 2026

Seizure Date: 7 July 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Yangxin County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Yangxin Primary People's Court, Yangxin County People's Procuratorate of Hubei Province

Location: Mountain in Menlou Village, Longgang Town, Yangxin County, Huangshi City, Hubei Province

Species: One Silver Pheasant (*Lophura nycthemera*), female, Class II of National Protected Species; One Hog Badger (*Arctonyx collaris*), Species with important ecological, scientific and social value; Three Wild Boar (*Sus scrofa*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (for food)

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Defendants Liu and Xiao were both convicted of illegal hunting and were each sentenced to eight months' imprisonment, suspended for one year and four months. Seized items are to be handled by the seizing authority in accordance with law.

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Qilianshan Forest Area Court Tried a Case of Illegal Hunting and Killing of Three Goitered Gazelles and One Red Fox and Three Persons Convicted

News Release Date: 27 July 2026

Judgment Date: 15 April 2026

Seizure Date: 18 July 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Gaotai County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Qilianshan Forest Area Court of Gansu Province, Gaotai County People's Procuratorate of Gansu Province

Location: Forest farm in Gaotai County, Zhangye City, Gansu Province

Species: Goitered Gazelle (*Gazella subgutturosa*), three dead individuals, Class II of National Protected Species; Red Fox (*Vulpes vulpes*), one dead individual, Class II of National Protected Species

Transport Method: Electric bicycle

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

Estimated Value: CNY 79,000

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: Defendants Luo, Wei and Xie were convicted of endangering precious and endangered wildlife and were sentenced to imprisonment ranging from one year and one month to one year and six months, all suspended, and fined from CNY 6,000 to CNY 8,000. The wildlife remains and tools involved were confiscated in accordance with law.

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