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



News Release Date: 2 August 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Luohu Customs

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

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Two Live Ornate Box Turtles (*Terrapene ornata*), CITES II

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger (wrapped in tape and black socks and hidden in coat pockets; no declaration channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Transferred for follow-up handling.

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Lukou Airport Customs Seized Three Hawksbill Turtle Bracelets and 11 Giant Clam Necklaces and Bracelets Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 3 August 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Lukou Airport Customs

Location: Nanjing Lukou International Airport, Jiangsu Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), three bracelets, about 50 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I; Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae spp.*), 11 necklaces and bracelets, about 620 g, Class I/II of National Protected Species (wild populations only), CITES II

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

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The items were temporarily withheld from release in accordance with regulations.

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Lukou Airport Customs Seized 11 Giant Clam Bracelets and Bead Bracelets Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 4 August 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Lukou Airport Customs

Location: Nanjing Lukou International Airport, Jiangsu Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Giant Clam (*Tridacnidae spp.*), 11 bracelets and bead bracelets, about 700 g, Class I/II of National Protected Species (wild populations only), CITES II

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

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The items were temporarily withheld from release in accordance with regulations.

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Xiaoshan Airport Customs Seized 26 Ivory Products Carried by Two Inbound Passengers



News Release Date: 5 August 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Xiaoshan Airport Customs

Location: Hangzhou Xiaoshan International Airport, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 26 pieces of ivory bracelets, pendants, seals and tusk tips, 1.548 kg, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Passengers' Checked Luggage (some wrapped in aluminum foil and concealed in milk-powder cans and vacuum flasks)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 2

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Xiamen Cruise Port Customs Seized Two Red Foxes and Two Bourret's Box Turtles Carried by an Outbound Passenger



News Release Date: 5 August 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Xiamen Cruise Port Customs

Location: Xiamen Cruise Port, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Two Live Red Foxes (*Vulpes vulpes*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES III (India); Two Live Bourret's Box Turtles (*Cuora bourreti*), CITES I

Transport Method: Concealed on Outbound Passenger (bound with socks and hidden against the thighs; no declaration channel)

Country of Export: China

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Tianjin Postal Customs Seized Four Ivory Tuning Pegs in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 6 August 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Tianjin Postal Customs

Location: Tianjin Municipality

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Four ivory tuning pegs, gross weight 79 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (declared as food)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Customs lawfully detained the items.

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Qianjiang Customs Seized 176.8 g of Agarwood Products in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 7 August 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Qianjiang Customs

Location: Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Agarwood (*Aquilaria spp.*), seven products, gross weight 176.8 g, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Luohu Customs Seized Six Live Box Turtles Carried by Two Inbound Passengers



News Release Date: 12 August 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Luohu Customs

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

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Six Live Box Turtles (*Terrapene spp.*), CITES I/II

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passengers (wrapped in socks and tape and hidden on the legs, waist and back; no declaration channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 2

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Urumqi Tianshan Airport Customs Seized One Saiga Antelope Horn Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 15 August 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Urumqi Tianshan Airport Customs

Location: Urumqi Tianshan International Airport, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Saiga Antelope (*Saiga tatarica*), one horn, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II (zero export quota for wild specimens for commercial purposes, except conditional trade in Kazakhstan stockpiles)

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Carry-on Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Zhakou Customs Seized 158 Common Musk Turtles Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 18 August 2026

Seizure Date: 24 July 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhakou Customs

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

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 158 Live Common Musk Turtles (*Sternotherus odoratus*), CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Carry-on Luggage (packed in four transparent plastic containers and concealed in a black shoulder bag; no declaration channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Nationality: Chinese (Macao SAR)

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Xiamen Airport Customs Seized One Siamese Crocodile Skull in Export Cargo



News Release Date: 21 August 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Xiamen Airport Customs

Location: Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Siamese Crocodile (*Crocodylus siamensis*), one skull, CITES I

Transport Method: Export Cargo (cross-border e-commerce parcel declared as a toy model)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: The item was lawfully detained.

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Ruili Customs Seized Half an Indochinese Tiger Skin



News Release Date: 21 August 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Ruili Customs

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

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Indochinese Tiger (*Panthera tigris corbetti*), half a skin, net weight 1,112.6 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger (hidden in a compartment beneath an electric bicycle footboard)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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

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Suzhou Postal Customs Seized 13 Endangered Animal Products in an Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 28 August 2026

Seizure Date: 24 August 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Suzhou Postal Customs

Location: Suzhou City, Jiangsu Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Four ivory jewelry items, 40.5 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; Red Coral (*Corallidae spp.*), seven jewelry items, 69.4 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES III (China); Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), two jewelry items, 19 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Customs detained the parcel.

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Nantong Customs Seized Four Crocodilian Leather Products Carried by a Relief Crew Member of an International Ship



News Release Date: 29 August 2026

Seizure Date: 20 August 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Nantong Customs

Location: Nantong Port, Nantong City, Jiangsu Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Crocodilians (*CROCODYLIA spp.*), four leather products, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Crew Member's Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Customs lawfully detained the items.

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Xining Police Seized One Bearded Vulture Specimen and Arrested Two Suspects

News Release Date: 17 August 2026

Seizure Date: 11 August 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Environmental, Food and Drug Crime Investigation Detachment of Xining Municipal Public Security Bureau

Location: Xining City, Qinghai Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Bearded Vulture (*Gypaetus barbatus*), one specimen, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Sale (online platform)

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Two suspects were arrested; the specimen was seized and sent for identification; further investigation is underway.

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Liwan District Forestry Bureau Seized 3,170 Golden Chicken Ferns and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 20 August 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Liwan District Forestry Bureau; Forest Branch of Guangzhou Municipal Public Security Bureau

Location: Liwan District, Guangzhou City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 3,170 Chain Fern Rhizome (*Cibotium barometz*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

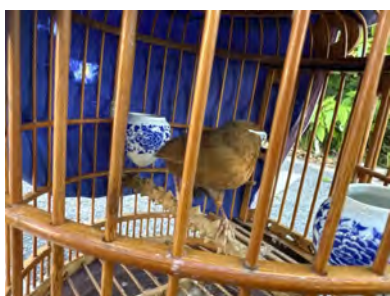
Reason for Seizure: Illegal Sale

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The suspect was criminally detained.

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Lanxi Municipal Public Security Bureau Seized Two Chinese Hwamei and Arrested Two Suspects



News Release Date: 24 August 2026

Seizure Date: 21 August 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Lanxi Municipal Public Security Bureau

Location: Xiangxi Town, Lanxi City, Jinhua City, Zhejiang Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

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

Transport Method: Vehicle (bird nets, a Bluetooth speaker and other tools were also seized)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Both suspects were subjected to criminal compulsory measures; the case is under further handling.

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Hejing County Public Security Bureau Seized 1,353 kg of Pink Arnebia and Arrested Nine Suspects



News Release Date: 25 August 2026

Seizure Date: 21 August 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Hejing County Public Security Bureau

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

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Pink Arnebia (*Arnebia euchroma*), 1,353 kg of fresh and dried material, Class II of National Protected Species

Transport Method: Courier Delivery (dried material disguised as ordinary household goods and sent in batches to Anhui and Hebei)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase, Transport and Sale

Estimated Value: Over CNY 160,000

Number of Offenders: 9

Case Progress: Nine suspects were arrested; further investigation is underway.

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Huining County Public Security Bureau Seized Przevalski's Partridges and Arrested Three Suspects



News Release Date: 28 August 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Huining County Public Security Bureau

Location: Tumenxian Town, Huining County, Baiyin City, Gansu Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Live Przevalski's Partridge (*Alectoris magna*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting and Sale

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: Three suspects were arrested; the case is under further handling.

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Saybag District Public Security Branch Seized Two Green-cheeked Conures and One Common Hill Myna and Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 28 August 2026

Seizure Date: 28 August 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Environmental, Food and Drug Crime Investigation Brigade of Saybag District Branch, Urumqi Municipal Public Security Bureau

Location: A Flower Market, Saybag District, Urumqi City, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Two Live Green-cheeked Conures (*Pyrrhura molinae*), approved as Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; One Live Common Hill Myna (*Gracula religiosa*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Sale

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The birds were sent for examination and identification; the operator was taken in for investigation; the case is under handling.

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Guancheng Hui Primary People's Court in Zhengzhou Sentenced Two Persons for Illegally Purchasing and Selling Common Hill Mynas

News Release Date: 30 July 2026

Judgment Date: 18 May 2026

Seizure Date: 29 November 2024; 31 March 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhengzhou Forest Public Security Branch

Judicial Authority: Guancheng Hui Primary People's Court; Guancheng People's Procuratorate

Location: Zhengzhou City, Henan Province

Species: 22 Common Hill Mynas (*Gracula religiosa*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Air Cargo

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Sale (online platform)

Estimated Value: CNY 82,500

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Both defendants, Guo and Liu, were convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wildlife. Guo was sentenced to two years' imprisonment, suspended for two years, and fined CNY 10,000; his illegal proceeds of CNY 4,000 were recovered, confiscated and turned over to the state treasury. Liu was sentenced to five months' detention and fined CNY 5,000; the suspended portion of his previous sentence was revoked, and, combined with the one-year imprisonment and CNY 9,000 fine imposed for the previous offence, he was ordered to serve one year's imprisonment and pay a total fine of CNY 14,000. The seized and recovered live Common Hill Mynas were transferred respectively to Zhengzhou Zoo, the Wildlife Rescue Station of Zhengzhou Forestry Bureau, and Dalian Forest Zoo Co., Ltd. for care.

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Fuyang Primary People's Court Sentenced One Person for Illegally Purchasing and Hunting Chinese Hwamei

News Release Date: 31 July 2026

Judgment Date: 28 May 2026

Seizure Date: 13 November 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Fuyang Branch of Hangzhou Municipal Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Fuyang District, Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province

Species: Six Live Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Four Live Plumbeous Water Redstarts (*Rhyacornis fuliginosa*), Species with important ecological, scientific and social value

Transport Method: Collection in person

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 30,900

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Ren A was convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced to nine months' imprisonment and fined CNY 6,000. He was also convicted of illegal hunting and sentenced to two months' detention. For the combined punishment of the two offenses, it was decided that he would serve nine months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and pay a fine of CNY 6,000. All 16 seized birds were released; the bird cages, bird stands and other items involved in the case were confiscated and destroyed in accordance with the law.

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Zhenxiong Primary People's Court Sentenced One Person for Illegally Harvesting *Cremastra appendiculata*

News Release Date: 31 July 2026

Judgment Date: 23 June 2026

Seizure Date: 26 October 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhenxiong County Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Zhenxiong County, Zhaotong City, Yunnan Province

Species: 35 *Cremastra appendiculata*, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Yu was convicted of the crime of endangering plants under special state protection and sentenced to three years' imprisonment, suspended for four years, and fined CNY 2,000. The 35 plants involved in the case were replanted by Zhenxiong County Public Security Bureau in a suitable wild habitat.

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Fuyang Primary People's Court Sentenced One Person for Illegally Purchasing and Hunting 14 Chinese Hwamei

News Release Date: 31 July 2026

Judgment Date: 28 May 2026

Seizure Date: 13 November 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Fuyang Branch of Hangzhou Municipal Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Fuyang District, Hangzhou City, Zhejiang Province

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 70,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Liu A was convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced to one year and two months' imprisonment, suspended for one year and six months, and fined CNY 14,000. The four seized Chinese Hwamei were released; the telescopic poles, bird cages and other items involved in the case that had been seized were confiscated and destroyed, while two mobile phones were returned.

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Changchun Railway Transportation Primary Court Sentenced One Person for Illegally Purchasing Chinese Hwamei

News Release Date: 31 July 2026

Judgment Date: 8 December 2025

Seizure Date: 3 August 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Dehui Public Security Authority

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

Location: Dehui City, Changchun City, Jilin Province

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase (online platform)

Estimated Value: CNY 25,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Li was convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced to four months' detention, suspended for ten months, and fined CNY 2,000. During the trial, Li voluntarily paid CNY 12,000 for ecological restoration. The Chinese Hwamei involved in the case was transferred to the Jilin Provincial Wildlife Rescue and Breeding Centre.

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Changchun Railway Transportation Primary Court Sentenced One Person for Illegally Selling Giant Clam Products

News Release Date: 31 July 2026

Judgment Date: 23 March 2026

Seizure Date: 26 June, 15 August and 27 August 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Environmental, Food and Drug Crime Investigation Detachment of Changchun Municipal Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Changchun Railway Transportation Primary Court; Chaoyang District People's Procuratorate

Location: Changchun City, Jilin Province; Tanmen Town, Qionghai City, Hainan Province

Species: Giant Clam (*Tridacna gigas*), four shell products, net weight 41.54 kg, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II; Other Giant Clams (*Tridacnidae spp.*), 73 shell products, Class II of National Protected Species (wild populations only), CITES II

Transport Method: Courier Delivery

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Sale (online platform)

Estimated Value: CNY 157,029

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Wang was convicted of the crime of endangering precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced to eight months' imprisonment and fined CNY 10,000. Her illegal proceeds of CNY 157,029 were recovered in accordance with the law and turned over to the state treasury. The 73 seized giant clam products involved in the case were confiscated in accordance with the law and disposed of by the public security authority.

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One Person Fined CNY 5,000 for Illegally Purchasing Hwamei

News Release Date: 31 July 2026

Judgment Date: 15 July 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Leishan County Forestry Bureau; Leishan County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Leishan Primary People's Court

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

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The Leishan County Forestry Bureau imposed a fine of CNY 5,000 on Jin. As he failed to pay the fine within the prescribed time limit, an additional fine of CNY 5,000 was imposed. The Leishan County People's Court of Guizhou Province ruled to approve compulsory enforcement of the above fine and additional fine. Of the five Chinese Hwamei involved in the case, four had been released, and the remaining one was voluntarily surrendered by Jin and then released.

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Leishan Primary People's Court Sentenced One Person for Illegally Purchasing Chinese Hwamei

News Release Date: 31 July 2026

Judgment Date: 15 July 2026

Seizure Date: 12 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Jianhe County Public Security Bureau; Jianhe County Forestry Bureau

Judicial Authority: Leishan Primary People's Court; Jianhe People's Procuratorate

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

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase (online platform)

Estimated Value: CNY 20,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Long A was convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced to four months' detention, suspended for six months, and fined CNY 3,000. The Chinese Hwamei involved in the case was released into the wild.

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Macheng Primary People's Court Sentenced One Person for Illegally Hunting Chinese Pond Turtles

News Release Date: 5 August 2026

Judgment Date: 9 July 2026

Seizure Date: 7 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Macheng Municipal Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Macheng City, Huanggang City, Hubei Province

Species: 12 Live Chinese Pond Turtles (*Mauremys reevesii*), Class II of National Protected Species (wild populations only), CITES III (China)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (for profit)

Estimated Value: CNY 30,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Tang was convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced to ten months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 5,000. He was also ordered to pay CNY 2,500 as compensation for losses to wildlife resources and the ecological environment, and CNY 4,753.9 for wildlife rescue and feeding costs, totalling CNY 7,252.9, and to make a public apology through municipal-level news media. Of the 12 turtles involved in the case, one died and was disposed of harmlessly, while the other 11 were released into the wild.

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Tonghua Railway Transportation Primary Court Sentenced One Person for Illegally Purchasing Wild Notoginseng

News Release Date: 6 August 2026

Judgment Date: 29 June 2026

Seizure Date: 6 June 2025

Judicial Authority: Tonghua Railway Transportation Primary Court; Ji'an People's Procuratorate

Location: Ji'an City, Tonghua City, Jilin Province

Species: 10 Wild Notoginseng (*Panax notoginseng*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase (for profit)

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Feng was convicted of the crime of endangering plants under special state protection and sentenced to three years' imprisonment, suspended for three years, and fined CNY 6,000. The 10 seized wild notoginseng plants involved in the case were disposed of by the seizure authority in accordance with the law.

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Fuliang Primary People's Court Sentenced One Person for Illegally Hunting Wild Birds

News Release Date: 7 August 2026

Judgment Date: 9 April 2026

Seizure Date: 4 December 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Leping Municipal Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Leping City, Jingdezhen City, Jiangxi Province

Species: One Live Oriental Scops Owl (*Otus sunia*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 38 birds of species with important ecological, scientific and social value, including 25 Spotted Doves (*Streptopelia chinensis*), five Light-vented Bulbuls (*Pycnonotus sinensis*), five Crested Mynas (*Acridotheres cristatellus*), two Yellow-billed Grosbeaks (*Eophona migratoria*), and one Grey-backed Thrush (*Turdus hortulorum*).

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 26,400

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Xie was convicted of the crime of illegal hunting and sentenced to one year's imprisonment, suspended for two years. He was also ordered to pay CNY 26,400 as compensation for losses to wildlife resources, which has already been paid.

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Shanghai Railway Transportation Primary Court Sentenced One Person for Illegally Purchasing Chinese Hwamei

News Release Date: 10 August 2026

Judgment Date: 25 June 2026

Seizure Date: 4 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Public Security Authority

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

Location: Songjiang District, Shanghai Municipality

Species: 22 Live Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase (online platform)

Estimated Value: CNY 110,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Wang was convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced to eight months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 8,000. The fine had already been paid in advance. The seized precious and endangered wildlife, as well as the defendant's property used in the commission of the crime, were confiscated.

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Urumqi County Primary People's Court Sentenced Two Persons for Illegally Purchasing and Selling Elk Antlers and Pink Arnebia

News Release Date: 10 August 2026

Judgment Date: 4 August 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Food, Drug and Environmental Crime Investigation Bureau

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

Location: Urumqi County, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Species: Elk (*Cervus canadensis*), 908 pieces of antlers, about 2,293 kg, Class II of National Protected Species (wild populations only); Pink Arnebia (*Arnebia euchroma*), 1,355 kg, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 1,538,339.7

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Defendant Li was convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wildlife and the crime of endangering plants under special state protection. For the combined punishment of the two offences, it was decided that he would serve three years and six months' imprisonment and pay a fine of CNY 25,000. Defendant Ha was convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wildlife and the crime of endangering plants under special state protection. For the combined punishment of the two offences, it was decided that he would serve three years' imprisonment and pay a fine of CNY 15,000. Li's illegal proceeds of CNY 41,603.8 and Ha's illegal proceeds of CNY 32,187.5 were recovered in accordance with the law and turned over to the state treasury. The elk antlers, pink arnebia, electronic scale and cutting machine involved in the case were confiscated and disposed of in accordance with the law, while the two seized mobile phones were returned to the two defendants respectively.

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Gusu Primary People's Court in Suzhou Sentenced One Person for Illegally Hunting and Purchasing Chinese Hwamei

News Release Date: 11 August 2026

Judgment Date: 16 April 2026

Seizure Date: 11 July 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Yixing Municipal Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Dingsh Town, Yixing City, Wuxi City, Jiangsu Province

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting and Purchase

Estimated Value: CNY 35,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Yang was convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced to eight months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 5,000. The seven Chinese Hwamei involved in the case were released.

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Linjiang Primary People's Court Sentenced One Person for Illegally Logging Amur Cork Trees

News Release Date: 14 August 2026

Judgment Date: 17 July 2026

Seizure Date: 22 May 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Linjiang Forest Public Security Branch

Judicial Authority: Linjiang Primary People's Court; Hunjiang District People's Procuratorate

Location: Hunjiang District, Baishan City, Jilin Province

Species: Four Young Amur Cork Trees (*Phellodendron amurense*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Logging

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Han was convicted of the crime of harming plants under special state protection and sentenced to seven months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 2,000, which had been paid. Han had voluntarily replanted 50 trees, with a survival rate of over 90%; the seized brush cutter was handled by the public security authority in accordance with the law.

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Ganluo Primary People's Court Sentenced Seven Persons for Illegally Hunting and Killing Wild Birds

News Release Date: 14 August 2026

Judgment Date: 15 July 2026

Seizure Date: 17 November 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Ganluo County Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Tianba Town, Ganluo County, Liangshan Yi Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan Province

Species: Silver Pheasants (*Lophura nycthemera*), 12 carcasses, Class II of National Protected Species; One Red-billed Blue Magpie (*Urocissa erythroryncha*) and One White-throated Laughingthrush (*Garrulax albogularis*), carcasses, species with important ecological, scientific and social value

Transport Method: Light Truck

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

Estimated Value: CNY 60,600

Number of Offenders: 7

Case Progress: Chi, Mu A, Mu B, and Wang A were each convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced to ten months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 6,000. A, Wang B, and Wei A were each convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced to eight months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 5,000. The seven defendants jointly paid CNY 60,600 as compensation for losses to ecological and environmental resources. The bird carcasses involved in the case were disposed of harmlessly, and the tools used in the crime were confiscated in accordance with the law.

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

News Release Date: 17 August 2026

Judgment Date: 14 July 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Linjiang Forest
Public Security Branch

Judicial Authority: Linjiang Primary People's
Court; Hunjiang District People's Procuratorate

Location: Diaoshuihu Village, Banshi
Community, Hunjiang District, Baishan City, Jilin
Province

Species: Five Manchurian Ash (*Fraxinus
mandschurica*), including one sapling, standing
volume 0.1337 m³, Class II of National Protected
Species; four oak trees and seven other saplings

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Logging

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Zhao was convicted
of the crime of harming plants under special state
protection and sentenced to ten months'
imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined
CNY 2,000, which had been paid. Zhao had
voluntarily replanted 25 Manchurian ash
seedlings; one seized folding handsaw and one
sickle were confiscated and disposed of in
accordance with the law.

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Huocheng Primary People's Court Sentenced Two Persons for Illegally Harvesting, Purchasing and Selling Pink Arnebia

News Release Date: 18 August 2026

Judgment Date: 28 July 2026

Seizure Date: 22 December 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Xinjiang
Environmental, Food and Drug Crime Investigation
Bureau; Huocheng County Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Huocheng County, Ili Kazak Autonomous
Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Species: Pink Arnebia (*Arnebia euchroma*), 264.5
kg, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest, Purchase and
Sale

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Defendant Ye and Bu were both
convicted of the crime of harming plants under
special state protection. Each was sentenced to six
months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and
fined CNY 5,000. Ye's illegal proceeds of CNY 9,011
and Bu's illegal proceeds of CNY 9,011 were
recovered in accordance with the law, confiscated
and turned over to the state treasury.

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Shuocheng Primary People's Court Sentenced Two Persons for Illegally Purchasing and Selling Parrots

News Release Date: 18 August 2026

Judgment Date: 25 June 2026

Seizure Date: 22 September 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Shuocheng Branch of Shuozhou Municipal Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Shuocheng District, Shuozhou City, Shanxi Province

Species: 270 Live Parrots, including 179 Green-cheeked Conures (*Pyrrhura molinae*), 11 Sun Conures (*Aratinga solstitialis*), seven Coconut lorikeets (*Trichoglossus haematodus*), and 71 Fischer's Lovebirds (*Agapornis fischeri*), all approved as Class II of National Protected Species and listed in CITES II; Two Rose-ringed Parakeets (*Psittacula krameri*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Sale (online platform)

Estimated Value: CNY 1,532,500

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Defendant Yang A and Zhang A were both convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wildlife. Yang A was sentenced to three years' imprisonment, suspended for three years, and fined CNY 50,000. Zhang A was sentenced to three years' imprisonment, suspended for three years, and fined CNY 50,000. Yang A's illegal proceeds of CNY 16,100 and Zhang A's illegal proceeds of CNY 1,600 were recovered in accordance with the law and turned over to the state treasury. The 270 seized parrots were confiscated in accordance with the law and transferred to the competent department for shelter and rescue, while the items involved in the case were handled in accordance with the law.

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Huocheng Primary People's Court Sentenced Two Persons for Illegally Purchasing and Selling Pink Arnebia

News Release Date: 18 August 2026

Judgment Date: 16 July 2026

Seizure Date: 24 December 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Xinjiang Environmental, Food and Drug Crime Investigation Bureau; Huocheng County Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Huocheng County, Ili Kazak Autonomous Prefecture, Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region

Species: Pink Arnebia (*Arnebia euchroma*), 594.8 kg, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 237,920

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Defendants Ma and Ma A were both convicted of the crime of harming plants under special state protection. For the combined punishment of the crime of endangering plants under special state protection and the previous offence, it was decided that Ma would serve three years and two months' imprisonment and pay a fine of CNY 12,000. Ma A was sentenced to three years' imprisonment, suspended for four years, and fined CNY 8,000. The illegal proceeds of CNY 14,870 obtained by the two defendants were recovered in accordance with the law and turned over to the state treasury. The 27.5 g of *Arnebia euchroma* seized in the case was confiscated and disposed of in accordance with the law, while the mobile phones involved in the case were returned.

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Jiaxiang Primary People's Court Sentenced One Person for Illegally Hunting and Selling Eurasian Skylarks

News Release Date: 20 August 2026

Judgment Date: 30 July 2026

Seizure Date: 21 November 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Jiaxiang County Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Jiaxiang County, Jining City, Shandong Province

Species: 26 Live Eurasian Skylarks (*Alauda arvensis*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 39,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Liu was convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced to three months' detention, suspended for four months, and fined CNY 1,000. The 26 Eurasian Skylarks involved in the case were released. The three adhesive nets and six steel pipes seized in the case were confiscated and handled by Jiaxiang County Public Security Bureau in accordance with the law.

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Zayu Primary People's Court Sentenced One Person for Illegally Purchasing Black Musk Deer Musk

News Release Date: 25 August 2026

Judgment Date: 16 June 2026

Seizure Date: 6 October 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Zayu County Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Zayu County, Nyingchi City, Tibet Autonomous Region

Species: Black Musk Deer (*Moschus fuscus*), two musk pods, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II (Populations in Afghanistan, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, and Pakistan are listed in Appendix I)

Transport Method: Motorcycle

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase

Estimated Value: CNY 48,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant A was convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced to two years' imprisonment, suspended for three years, and fined CNY 3,000. The two musk pods and 39 animal skins involved in the case were confiscated and disposed of by the seizure authority in accordance with the law.

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Shimen Primary People's Court Sentenced One Person for Illegally Hunting and Killing Tufted Deer

News Release Date: 27 August 2026

Judgment Date: 5 June 2026

Seizure Date: 17 December 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Shimen County Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Shimen County, Changde City, Hunan Province

Species: Two Tufted Deer (*Elaphodus cephalophus*), Class II of National Protected Species; two Wild Boars (*Sus scrofa*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting and Killing

Estimated Value: CNY 31,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Wang was convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced to eight months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 8,000. The wildlife products and crime tools, including hunting traps and steel wire ropes, seized by the public security authority were confiscated in accordance with the law.

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Guangning Primary People's Court Sentenced One Person for Illegally Hunting and Killing Wild Birds

News Release Date: 27 August 2026

Judgment Date: 15 June 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangning County Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Guangning County, Zhaoqing City, Guangdong Province

Species: One Live Collared Scops Owl (*Otus lettia*) and One Dead Collared Owlet (*Glaucidium brodiei*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 24 birds of species with important ecological, scientific and social value, including two Fork-tailed Sunbird (*Aethopyga christinae*), two Orange-bellied Leafbird (*Chloropsis hardwickii*), two Great Tit (*Parus major*), eight Red-whiskered Bulbul (*Pycnonotus jocosus*), three Olive-backed Pipit (*Anthus hodgsoni*), one Long-tailed Shrike (*Lanius schach*), one White-crowned Forktail (*Enicurus leschenaulti*), one White Wagtail (*Motacilla alba*), one Siberian Blue Robin (*Larvivora cyane*), one Daurian Redstart (*Phoenicurus aureus*), one Common Tailorbird (*Orthotomus sutorius*), one Black-faced Bunting (*Emberiza spodocephala*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting and Killing

Estimated Value: CNY 37,200

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Lian was convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced to eleven months' imprisonment, suspended for one year and three months, and fined CNY 2,000. He was also ordered to pay CNY 26,475 as compensation for ecological value losses and CNY 2,000 for appraisal costs. The Collared Scops Owl and Black-faced Bunting involved in the case were released into the wild; the live Red-whiskered Bulbul was destroyed after dying naturally. The 23 bird carcasses transferred with the case were destroyed in accordance with the law, and three black bird nets were confiscated.

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Wutai Primary People's Court Sentenced One Person for Illegally Purchasing and Selling Chinese Goral Products

News Release Date: 27 August 2026

Judgment Date: 19 August 2026

Seizure Date: 1 April and 8 May 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Wutai County Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Wutai County, Xinzhou City, Shanxi Province

Species: Chinese Goral (*Naemorhedus griseus*), 12 hooves, three pairs of horns (with bone), 26 horns, four heads (with horns), 10 heads, one skull (with horn bases), and two pairs of horn base bones, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Courier Delivery

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Sale (online platform)

Estimated Value: CNY 765,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Zheng was convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced to three years' imprisonment, suspended for four years, and fined CNY 35,000. Zheng had disgorged all illegal proceeds. The seized Chinese goral products and mobile phone were confiscated in accordance with the law, and the animal products involved in the case were disposed of by Wutai County Forestry and Grassland Bureau in accordance with the law.

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Shangcai Primary People's Court Sentenced One Person for Illegal Hunting of Wild Birds

News Release Date: 28 August 2026

Judgment Date: 20 July 2026

Seizure Date: 26 and 28 December 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Shangcai County Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Shangcai County, Zhumadian City, Henan Province

Species: One Common Hill Myna (*Gracula religiosa*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; One suspected Mongolian Lark (*Melanocorypha mongolica*) and 20 suspected Eurasian Skylarks (*Alauda arvensis*), Class II of National Protected Species; other birds of species with important ecological, scientific and social value, including two Common Pheasants (*Phasianus colchicus*), nine Japanese Quails (*Coturnix japonica*) (wild population only), one Warbling White-eye (*Zosterops japonicus*), and one Crested Myna (*Acridotheres cristatellus*).

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 26,200

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Kuang was convicted of the crime of illegal hunting and sentenced to two months' detention. The headlamp set and incubator seized by the public security authority were handled in accordance with the law; Kuang had paid CNY 2,620 for ecological restoration.

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Fulaerji Primary People's Court Sentenced Two Persons for Illegally Purchasing and Selling *Lampetra reissneri*

News Release Date: 28 August 2026

Judgment Date: 30 July 2026

Seizure Date: 18 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Fulaerji Branch of Qiqihar Municipal Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Fulaerji District, Qiqihar City, Heilongjiang Province

Species: 179 *Lampetra reissneri*, 1.602 kg, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 44,750

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Defendant Han and Zhang were both convicted of the crime of harming precious and endangered wildlife. Han was sentenced to seven months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 5,000. Zhang was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 5,000. The 179 seized Arctic lampreys involved in the case were confiscated in accordance with the law and disposed of by the seizure authority.

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Gushi Primary People's Court Sentenced Four Persons for Illegally Harvesting, Purchasing and Selling Feber's *Cymbidium*

News Release Date: 31 August 2026

Judgment Date: 20 July 2026

Seizure Date: 10 March 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Gushi County Forestry Bureau

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

Location: Gushi County, Xinyang City, Henan Province

Species: 102 Feber's *Cymbidium* (*Cymbidium faberi*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest, Purchase and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 459

Number of Offenders: 4

Case Progress: Defendants Gu, Xia, Zeng and Yang were all convicted of the crime of harming plants under special state protection. Each was sentenced to three years' imprisonment, suspended for four years, and fined CNY 2,000. All four defendants paid CNY 2,000 in ecological compensation. The 102 wild *Cymbidium faberi* plants involved in the case were transferred to Fangji Town People's Government for care and management.

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