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Luohu Customs Seized Eight Live Turtles Carried by Two Inbound Passengers



News Release Date: 6 September 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Luohu Customs

Location: Luohu Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Two live Ornate Box Turtle (*Terrapene ornata*), CITES II; Six live Three-toed Box Turtles (*T. triunguis*), CITES II

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passengers (wrapped in socks and transparent tape and hidden inside underwear, on the thighs and in the crotch area; no declaration channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 2

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Wanzai Customs Seized 9.87 kg of Siamese Crocodile Scales and Dried Meat in Export Cargo



News Release Date: 8 September 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Wanzai Customs

Location: Xiangzhou District, Zhuhai City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Siamese Crocodile (*Crocodylus siamensis*), 3 kg of scales and 6.87 kg of dried meat, CITES I

Transport Method: Export Cargo (cross-border e-commerce retail export parcel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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



News Release Date: 9 September 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Chengdu Shuangliu Airport Customs

Location: Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport, Sichuan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Three ivory bracelets, 0.11 kg in total, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Luggage and Carry-on (two pieces hidden in a body lotion container and one worn on the wrist; no declaration channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The case has been transferred to the follow-up disposal department for further handling.

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Huanggang Customs Seized 20 Live Tortoises Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 17 September 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs

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

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 19 live Four-toed Tortoise (*Testudo horsfieldii*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II; One live Leopard Tortoise (*Stigmochelys pardalis*), CITES II

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger (wrapped in socks and taped to both legs; 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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Huanggang Customs Seized 57 Blue Shark Fins Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 17 September 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs

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

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Blue Shark (*Prionace glauca*), 57 fins, 2 kg, CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Carry-on Luggage (hidden in a backpack; no declaration channel)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Chengdu Shuangliu Airport Customs Seized 16 Ivory Products Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 18 September 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Shuangliu Airport Customs

Location: Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport, Sichuan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: 16 Ivory products, about 0.797 kg, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Luggage (hidden in clothing, a cup, a toothpick box and food packaging; no declaration channel)

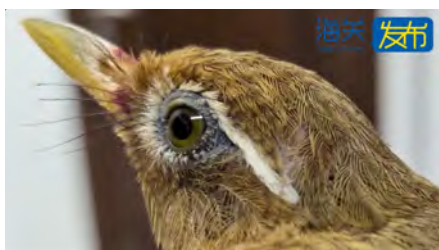
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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

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Tianpeng Customs Seized Two Chinese Hwamei Carried by an Outbound Passenger



News Release Date: 18 September 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Tianpeng Customs

Location: Tianpeng Port, Funing County, Wenshan Zhuang and Miao Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

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

Transport Method: Concealed on Outbound Passenger (wrapped in socks, placed in bamboo tubes and strapped under the armpit and around the abdomen)

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Jinling Customs Seized Seven Cetacean Tooth Products in Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 20 September 2026

Seizure Date: 2 September 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Jinling Customs

Location: Nanjing City, Jiangsu Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Cetaceans (CETACEA spp.), seven tooth products, 384.3 g, Class I/II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II

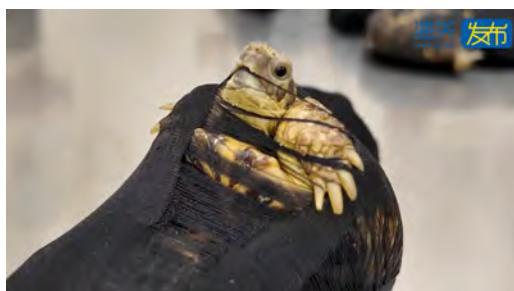
Transport Method: Inbound Parcel

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Customs has temporarily detained the mail item.

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Huanggang Customs Seized 15 Live Four-toed Tortoise Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 21 September 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Huanggang Customs

Location: Futian Port, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 15 live Four-toed Tortoise (*Testudo horsfieldii*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Concealed on Inbound Passenger (wrapped in black stockings, hidden inside a waist support and strapped around the waist and abdomen; no declaration channel)

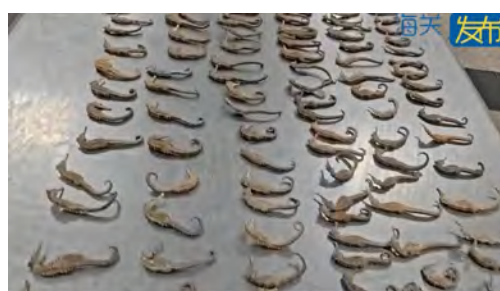
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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

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Xiamen Airport Customs Seized 226 Dried Three-spot Seahorses Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 22 September 2026

Seizure Date: 21 September 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Xiamen Airport Customs

Location: Xiamen Gaoqi International Airport, Fujian Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Three-spot Seahorse (*Hippocampus trimaculatus*), 226 dried specimens, 209.26 g, Class II of National Protected Species (wild populations only), CITES II

Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Luggage

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Number of Offenders: 1

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Beijing Daxing Airport Customs Seized One Brown Bear Skin Carried by an Inbound Passenger



News Release Date: 23 September 2026
Law Enforcement Authority: Daxing Airport Customs
Location: Beijing Daxing International Airport
Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)
Species: Brown Bear (*Ursus arctos*), one fur, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger's Luggage
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: 1

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Nujiang Customs Seized 1,940.9 g of Chinese Pangolin Scales in an Inbound Passenger Vehicle



News Release Date: 24 September 2026
Law Enforcement Authority: Nujiang Customs
Location: Pianma Port, Lushui City, Nujiang Lisu Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province
Detection Method: Routine Inspection
Species: Chinese Pangolin (*Manis pentadactyla*), scales, net weight 1,940.9 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I
Transport Method: Inbound Passenger Vehicle (wrapped in plastic bags and hidden beneath and in the gaps of the folding rear seats)
Reason for Seizure: Smuggling
Case Progress: Transferred to the anti-smuggling department for handling.

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Zhengzhou Postal Customs Seized Two Sperm Whale Teeth in Inbound Parcel



News Release Date: 27 September 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Zhengzhou Postal Customs

Location: Zhengzhou City, Henan Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection (Machine Inspection)

Species: Sperm Whale (*Physeter macrocephalus*), two teeth, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Inbound Parcel (declared as "plastic earrings")

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

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Dalian Zhoushuizi Airport Customs Seized 165 m² of Manchurian Ash Veneer in Export Cargo



News Release Date: 28 September 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Dalian Zhoushuizi Airport Customs

Location: Dalian Zhoushuizi International Airport, Liaoning Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Manchurian Ash (*Fraxinus mandshurica*), 165 m² of veneer, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES III (Russian Federation)

Transport Method: Export Cargo (declared as "veneer")

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: As the required Permit for Export of Endangered Species could not be provided, customs detained the cargo for follow-up handling.

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Urumqi High-tech Zone (Xinshi District) Branch of the Public Security Bureau Seized 161 Protected Wild Birds and Arrested Two Suspects

News Release Date: 5 September 2026

Seizure Date: 3 September 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Environment, Food and Drug Crime Investigation Detachment, High-tech (New District) Branch, Urumqi Municipal Public Security Bureau

Location: Xinshi District, Urumqi City, Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: One live Class-I National Protected Wild Bird; 142 live Class-II National Protected Wild Birds; 18 live birds classified as Species with Important Ecological, Scientific and Social Value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Sale

Estimated Value: More than CNY 400,000

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: A criminal case has been formally opened in accordance with the law. All 161 seized protected wild birds have been transferred to the Changji Wildlife Rescue Center for professional care and management. Further investigation is ongoing.

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Hangjinhouqi Public Security Bureau Seized Six Common Kestrel Chicks and 41 Wild Birds, Arrested Two Suspects



News Release Date: 14 September 2026

Seizure Date: July 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Hangjinhouqi Public Security Bureau, Bayannur City

Location: Hangjinhouqi, Bayannur City, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Common Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*), six chicks, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 35 specimens of Species with Important Ecological, Scientific and Social Value, including Doves (*Streptopelia* spp.), Common Pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus*), White-breasted Waterhen (*Amauornis phoenicurus*), and Ruddy Shelduck (*Tadorna ferruginea*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Suspects Ma and Tao have been formally arrested on suspicion of the crime of Harming Precious and Endangered Wild Animals. The case is under further investigation.

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Mudan Police Station Seized 15 Wild Birds Including Chinese Hwamei and Eurasian Skylark, Arrested Two Suspects



News Release Date: 17 September 2026

Seizure Date: 15 September 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Mudan Police Station

Location: Near the Flower and Bird Market, Mudan District, Heze City, Shandong Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 15 live birds, including Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Eurasian Skylark (*Alauda arvensis*) and Mongolian Lark (*Melanocorypha mongolica*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Sale

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Suspects Ma and Zhang have been subjected to criminal compulsory measures by the public security authorities on suspicion of the crime of Harming Precious and Endangered Wild Animals. The case remains under further investigation.

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Sangri County Public Security Bureau Seized 1,210 Rhodiola Plants and Arrested Two Suspects



News Release Date: 21 September 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Sangri County Public Security Bureau

Location: Sangri County, Shannan City, Tibet Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Tibetan rhodiola (*Rhodiola crenulata*), 1,210 plants, 137.4 kg, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Vehicle (packed in 17 woven bags)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Two suspects have been subjected to compulsory measures on suspicion of the crime of Harming National Key Protected Plants. Further investigation is ongoing.

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Shache County Public Security Bureau Seized Goitered Gazelles and Arrested Four Suspects



News Release Date: 24 September 2026

Seizure Date: 15 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Shache County Public Security Bureau

Location: Aertashi Village, Huoshilafu Township, Shache County, Kashgar Prefecture, Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region

Detection Method: Tip-off

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 4

Case Progress: Four suspects, including Mai and Yi, have been transferred to the procuratorate for examination and prosecution in accordance with the law.

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Yixian County Public Security Bureau Seized 23 Chinese Hwamei and Arrested Two Suspects



News Release Date: 25 Sep 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Yixian County Public Security Bureau

Location: Hongxing Township, Yixian County, Huangshan City, Anhui Province

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: 23 Live Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

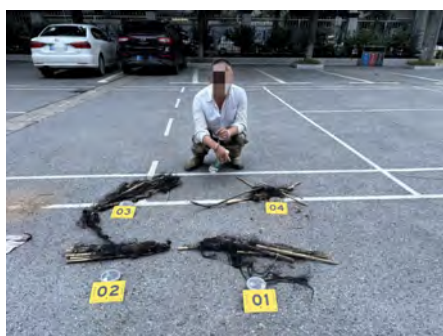
Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Two individuals involved in the case were apprehended. Following health inspections and survival assessments, all 23 Chinese Hwamei were released back into the wild. The case has been closed.

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Linxiang Public Security Bureau Seized Four Chinese Tiger Frogs and 22 Black-spotted Frogs, Arrested One Suspect



News Release Date: 28 September 2026

Seizure Date: 11 September 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Linxiang Public Security Bureau

Location: Huanggai Lake Waters, Nieshi Town, Linxiang City, Yueyang City, Hunan Province

Detection Method: Routine Patrol

Species: Four live Chinese Edible Frogs (*Hoplobatrachus chinensis*), four live individuals, Class II of National Protected Species (wild populations only); 22 live Black-spotted Frogs (*Pelophylax nigromaculatus*), Species with Important Ecological, Scientific and Social Value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Suspect Dai was subjected to administrative punishment in accordance with the law. Further processing of the case is ongoing.

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Yongshun Primary People's Court Heard an Illegal Hunting Case Involving One Chinese Hwamei and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 2 September 2026

Judgment Date: 3 June 2026

Seizure Date: 5 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Yongshun County Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Gaoping Township, Yongshun County, Xiangxi Tujia and Miao Autonomous Prefecture, Hunan Province

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 5,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: The defendant Xiang was convicted of illegal hunting and sentenced to four months of criminal detention, suspended for four months. Two confiscated bird-catching nets were forfeited and ordered to be handled by the detaining authority in accordance with the law. The Chinese Hwamei was released by the public security authority following identification.

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Guangshan Primary People's Court Heard a Case Involving Endangering Nationally Protected Cymbidium and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 2 September 2026

Judgment Date: 13 May 2026

Seizure Date: 10-11 March 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangshan County Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Huanshan Village, Nanxiangdian Township, Guangshan County, Xinyang City, Henan Province

Species: Faber's cymbidium (*Cymbidium faberi*), 54 live plants, Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Jin was convicted of harming nationally protected plants and sentenced to two years' imprisonment, suspended for two years, and fined CNY 1,000. The 54 involved Faber's cymbidium plants were seized by the public security authority and transferred to the Guangshan County Forestry Bureau, which will handle them in accordance with the law.

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

News Release Date: 5 September 2026

Judgment Date: 6 August 2026

Seizure Date: 22 November 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Chaotian Branch of Guangyuan Municipal Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Chaotian Primary People's Court; Chaotian People's Procuratorate, Guangyuan

Location: Chaotian District, Guangyuan City, Sichuan Province; Deyang City, Sichuan Province

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

Transport Method: Vehicle (loaded in bird cages)

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

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: All three defendants were convicted of harming precious and endangered wild animals and sentenced to imprisonment ranging from one year and five months to one year and ten months, with two of the sentences suspended, and fines totaling CNY 10,000. Illegal proceeds of CNY 1,500 were confiscated, with a further CNY 3,860 to be recovered; the 22 live Chinese Hwamei were transferred to the competent authority for release, and the wildlife involved and crime tools were handled in accordance with the law.

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Hunchun Forest Area Primary Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Logging of Seven Manchurian Ash and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 7 September 2026

Judgment Date: 24 June 2026

Seizure Date: 21 February 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Hunchun Forest Public Security Sub-bureau

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

Location: State-owned Forest Land North of a Village, Hunchun City, Yanbian Korean Autonomous Prefecture, Jilin Province

Species: Seven Standing Live Manchurian Ash (*Fraxinus mandshurica*), Class II of National Protected Species; Two Other Tree Saplings

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Logging

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Wang was convicted of harming nationally protected plants and sentenced to eight months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 2,000. Wang had previously been ordered to replant 18 trees at another location and fined CNY 90, which had been paid in full. One seized sickle used as a crime tool was confiscated in accordance with the law.

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Mojiang Primary People's Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Purchase of Four Chinese Hwamei and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 7 September 2026

Judgment Date: 12 February 2026

Seizure Date: 21 August 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Mojiang County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Mojiang Hani Autonomous County Primary People's Court; Mojiang Hani Autonomous County People's Procuratorate

Location: "Hongyun Department Store" and the Defendant's Residence, Mojiang Hani Autonomous County, Pu'er City, Yunnan Province

Species: Nine Live Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Two Live Black-throated Laughingthrush (*G. chinensis*), Class II of National Protected Species; Two Live Silver Pheasant (*Lophura nycthemera*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase

Estimated Value: CNY 20,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Wang was convicted of harming precious and endangered wild animal and sentenced to five months' criminal detention, suspended for eight months, and fined CNY 3,000. The four Chinese Hwamei involved in the case were released, the bird cages were destroyed, and 17 bird-catching snares were confiscated. The birds and crime tools involved were handled in accordance with the law.

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Fangxian Primary People's Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Hunting of Masked Palm Civet, Leopard Cat and Wild Boar and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 7 September 2026

Judgment Date: 14 July 2026

Seizure Date: August 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Fangxian County Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Shanshu Village, Mengu Town, Fangxian County, Shiyan City, Hubei Province

Species: One Leopard Cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; One Masked Palm Civet (*Paguma larvata*), Species with important ecological, scientific and social value (wild populations only); One Wild Boar (*Sus scrofa*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 8,700

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Xie was convicted of illegal hunting and sentenced to eight months' imprisonment, suspended for one year. Xie paid CNY 2,700 in ecological restoration compensation. The wildlife products and crime tools involved were confiscated and ordered to be handled by the seizure authority in accordance with the law.

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Nayong Primary People's Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Purchase and Sale of Chinese Hwamei and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 7 September 2026

Judgment Date: 28 April. 2026

Seizure Date: 23 August 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Nayong County Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Baixing Town, Nayong County, Bijie City, Guizhou Province; Under No. 3 Bridge, Zuoyihe Community, Yongxi Town, Nayong County, Bijie City, Guizhou Province

Species: Six Live Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Seven Live Crested Myna (*Acridotheres cristatellus*), Species with important ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 30,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Guo was convicted of harming precious and endangered wildlife and sentenced to six months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 1,000. The fine shall be paid within three months after the judgment takes effect. The six Chinese Hwamei and seven Crested Myna involved in the case were collectively released into the wild on 23 August 2025.

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Mojiang Hani Autonomous County Primary People's Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Purchase of Four Chinese Hwamei and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 7 September 2026

Judgment Date: 4 February 2026

Seizure Date: 17 January 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Mojiang County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Mojiang Hani Autonomous County Primary People's Court; Mojiang Hani Autonomous County People's Procuratorate

Location: No. 16, Manbeng Villagers' Group, a Village Committee, Mojiang Hani Autonomous County, Pu'er City, Yunnan Province

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

Transport Method: Online Purchase

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase

Estimated Value: CNY 15,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Ma was convicted of harming precious and endangered wild animal and sentenced to three months' criminal detention, suspended for four months, and fined CNY 2,000. On 22 January 2025, the Mojiang County Forestry and Grassland Bureau released three of the seized Chinese Hwamei into the wild and destroyed three bird cages.

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Tongcheng Primary People's Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Hunting of 39 Migratory Birds and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 8 September 2026

Judgment Date: 24 June 2026

Seizure Date: 24-28 December 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Tongcheng Municipal Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Farmland in the Dongfang Geng Area, Yazhi Village, Shuanggang Town, Tongcheng City, Anqing City, Anhui Province (near Xizi Lake Wetland)

Species: One Dead Tundra Swan (*Cygnus columbianus*), Class II of National Protected Species; One Dead Swan Goose (*Anser cygnoides*), Class II of National Protected Species; Two Dead Baikal Teal (*Sibirionetta formosa*), Class II of National Protected Species; 35 Dead Other Wild Birds

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Jiang was convicted of illegal hunting and sentenced to one year's imprisonment, suspended for one year and six months. The 39 seized bird carcasses and the plastic bag containing carbofuran were handled by the Tongcheng Municipal Public Security Bureau in accordance with the law.

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Yuanjiang Primary People's Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Hunting of 21 Wild Birds and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 8 September 2026

Judgment Date: 10 June 2026

Seizure Date: 1 April 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Yuanjiang Municipal Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Waizhou Area, Xingang Village, Gonghua Town, Yuanjiang City, Yiyang City, Hunan Province

Species: One Dead Collared Scops Owl (*Otus lettia*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; 20 Dead Individuals of Species with important ecological, scientific and social value, including Three Black-tailed Godwits (*Limosa limosa*), One Crested Myna (*Acridotheres cristatellus*), One Grey Nightjar (*Caprimulgus jotaka*), Four White-breasted Waterhens (*Amaurornis phoenicurus*) and 11 Eurasian Teal (*Anas crecca*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (for consumption)

Estimated Value: CNY 23,900

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Luo was convicted of illegal hunting and sentenced to seven months' imprisonment. One seized homemade sound lure and one bird-catching net were confiscated and destroyed by the Yuanjiang Municipal Public Security Bureau.

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Dingyuan Primary People's Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Hunting and Purchase of 14 Wild Animals and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 11 September 2026

Judgment Date: 24 August 2026

Seizure Date: 18 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Dingyuan County Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Military Training Grounds in Nanqiao District, Mingguang City and Dingyuan County, Chuzhou City, Anhui Province

Species: Six Dead Chinese Water Deer (*Hydropotes inermis*), Class II of National Protected Species; Five Dead Individuals of Species with important ecological, scientific and social value, including One Azure-winged Magpie (*Cyanopica cyanus*), One White's Thrush (*Zoothera aurea*), One Dusky Thrush (*Turdus eunomus*) and Two Common Pheasants (*Phasianus colchicus*); Three Dead Wild Boars (*Sus scrofa*)

Transport Method: Vehicle

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting and Purchase

Estimated Value: CNY 93,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Zhang was convicted of harming precious and endangered wild animal and sentenced to one year and four months' imprisonment, suspended for one year and six months, and fined CNY 5,000. Zhang was ordered to pay CNY 93,000 in compensation for ecological environmental damage within 20 days after the judgment takes effect and to issue a public apology through provincial-level media. The seized hunting traps, wildlife carcasses and other property were ordered to be handled by the seizure authority in accordance with the law.

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Hunchun Forest Area Primary Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Logging of Three Manchurian Ash and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 11 September 2026

Judgment Date: 21 August 2026

Seizure Date: Early March 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Changbai Mountain Public Security Bureau of Jilin Provincial Public Security Department

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

Location: A Forest Farm under a Forestry Bureau, Jilin Province

Species: Three Standing Live Manchurian Ash (*Fraxinus mandshurica*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Logging

Estimated Value: CNY 40

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Du was convicted of harming nationally protected plants and sentenced to four months' criminal detention, suspended for six months, and fined CNY 2,000. The Manchurian Ash involved in the case was returned to the forest farm under the forestry bureau. One hand saw transferred with the case as a crime tool was confiscated in accordance with the law.

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Fengtai Primary People's Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Sale of Wildlife Products and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 15 September 2026

Judgment Date: 10 February 2026

Seizure Date: 6 August 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Public Security Sub-bureau of Beijing Municipal Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Fengtai District, Beijing

Species: Saiga Antelope (*Saiga tatarica*), horns, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES II; Lion (*Panthera leo*), skull, approved as Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Courier Delivery

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Sale

Estimated Value: Over CNY 140,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Tong was convicted of harming precious and endangered wild animal and sentenced to one year's imprisonment and fined CNY 10,000. Illegal proceeds of CNY 26,040 surrendered by Tong were confiscated. Two mobile phones transferred with the case were ordered to be handled in accordance with the law.

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Pingjiang Primary People's Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Hunting of Five Wild Animals and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 15 September 2026

Judgment Date: 3 September 2026

Seizure Date: 1 June 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Pingjiang County Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Zhibai Village, Wukou Town, Pingjiang County, Yueyang City, Hunan Province

Detection Method: Tip-off

Species: Two Frozen Leopard Cats (*Prionailurus bengalensis*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Three Frozen Reeves's Muntjacs (*Muntiacus reevesi*), Species with important ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 24,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Ling was convicted of illegal hunting and sentenced to six months' imprisonment, suspended for one year. The defendant paid CNY 24,000 in compensation for ecological damage to wildlife. The four seized animal traps were confiscated. The three frozen Reeves's Muntjacs and two frozen Leopard Cats were ordered to be recovered and handled by the public security authority in accordance with the law.

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Guiping Primary People's Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Hunting of 10 Chinese Hwamei and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 15 September 2026

Judgment Date: 11 August 2026

Seizure Date: 31 March 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Guiping Municipal Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Shangcuntun, Bandi Village, Mugen Town, Guiping City, Guigang City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

Species: 10 Live Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 50,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Wei was convicted of harming precious and endangered wild animal and sentenced to eight months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 10,000. The bird-catching snares, audio recorder, bird-catching net, telescopic poles and other crime tools seized by the public security authority were confiscated and ordered to be handled by the seizure authority in accordance with the law.

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Xupu Primary People's Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Hunting of Tufted Deer and Masked Palm Civet and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 17 September 2026

Judgment Date: 30 June 2026

Seizure Date: 5 December 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Xupu County Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Mountain Forest Known as "Behind the Old Nunnery", Jiangxi Village, Sanjiang Town, Xupu County, Huaihua City, Hunan Province

Species: One Live Tufted Deer (*Elaphurus davidianus*), Class II of National Protected Species; Two Live Masked Palm Civets (*Paguma larvata*), Species with important ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 17,400 (Tufted Deer: CNY 15,000; Masked Palm Civets: CNY 2,400)

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Defendant Lu was convicted of illegal hunting and sentenced to five months' criminal detention, suspended for five months. Illegal proceeds of CNY 1,150 surrendered by Lu were confiscated and turned over to the state treasury.

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Meitan Primary People's Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Hunting of 16 Golden Pheasants and Five Chinese Bamboo Partridges and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 18 September 2026

Judgment Date: 29 August, 2025

Seizure Date: 1 December 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Wuchuan Gelao and Miao Autonomous County Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Forest near Dashuijing Group, Wangwu Village, Fenshui Town, Wuchuan Gelao and Miao Autonomous County, Zunyi City, Guizhou Province

Species: 16 Dead Golden Pheasants (*Chrysolophus pictus*), Class II of National Protected Species; Five Dead Chinese Bamboo Partridges (*Bambusicola thoracicus*), Species with important ecological, scientific and social value

Transport Method: Vehicle

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting and Killing

Estimated Value: CNY 85,000

Number of Offenders: 4

Case Progress: Defendant Lou was convicted of harming precious and endangered wild animal and sentenced to one year and two months' imprisonment, suspended for one year and six months, and fined CNY 8,000. Lou was an accessory in the joint offence, and the fine has been paid.

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Meitan Primary People's Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Hunting of 11 Wild Animals and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 18 September 2026

Judgment Date: 17 December 2025

Seizure Date: 24 October 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Zheng'an County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Meitan Primary People's Court; Zheng'an People's Procuratorate

Location: Forest near the Area Known as "Dayinshanwan", Zheng'an County, Zunyi City, Guizhou Province

Species: One Dead Small Indian Civet (*Viverricula indica*), Class I of National Protected Species, CITES III; Two Dead Tufted Deer (*Elaphodus cephalophus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Eight Dead Siberian Weasels (*Mustela sibirica*), Species with important ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 66,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Lou was convicted of harming precious and endangered wild animal and sentenced to eight months' imprisonment and fined CNY 3,000. Lou was also convicted of illegal hunting and sentenced to five months' criminal detention. The penalties for the two offences were combined, resulting in an aggregate sentence of eight months' imprisonment and a fine of CNY 3,000. The eight Siberian Weasel carcasses, two Tufted Deer carcasses, one Small Indian Civet carcass and two sets of animal traps seized in the case were confiscated and ordered to be disposed of by the seizure authority in accordance with the law.

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Meitan Primary People's Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Hunting of Leopard Cat and Other Wild Animals and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 18 September 2026

Judgment Date: 15 December 2025

Seizure Date: 10 September 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Daozhen Gelao and Miao Autonomous County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Meitan Primary People's Court; Daozhen Gelao and Miao Autonomous County People's Procuratorate

Location: Yangchang Group, Shanmu Village, Longxing Town, Daozhen Gelao and Miao Autonomous County, Zunyi City, Guizhou Province; Forest Area Known as "Tiyang", Daozhen Gelao and Miao Autonomous County, Zunyi City, Guizhou Province

Species: 10 Wildlife Carcasses, including One Leopard Cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Porcupine, Species with important ecological, scientific and social value; Wild Boar and Other Wildlife Carcasses

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 7,500

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Li was convicted of illegal hunting and sentenced to six months' imprisonment, suspended for one year. The 100 m of steel wire, 200 m of electric wire, one transformer, two sets of hunting snares and 10 wildlife carcasses seized by the public security authority were confiscated and ordered to be disposed of by the seizure authority in accordance with the law.

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Qilian Mountain Forest Area Primary Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Harvest and Sale of Caterpillar Fungus and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 20 September 2026

Judgment Date: 22 July 2026

Seizure Date: 14 May-30 June 2025

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

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

Location: Area under the Jurisdiction of Xiyang River Nature Reserve Station, Gansu Qilian Mountain National Nature Reserve, Gansu Province

Species: Caterpillar Fungus (*Ophiocordyceps sinensis*), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 60,131

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Lv was convicted of harming nationally protected plants and sentenced to nine months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 2,000. Illegal proceeds of CNY 60,131 were ordered to be recovered and turned over to the state treasury, of which CNY 6,000 had already been paid.

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Mojiang Hani Autonomous County Primary People's Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Harvest and Sale of Five Nationally Protected Plants and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 20 September 2026

Judgment Date: 11 June 2026

Seizure Date: 21 November 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Police Brigade of Hongta Branch, Yuxi Municipal Public Security Bureau; Mojiang County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Mojiang Hani Autonomous County Primary People's Court; Mojiang Hani Autonomous County People's Procuratorate

Location: A Park and a Public-benefit Forest, Mojiang Hani Autonomous County, Pu'er City, Yunnan Province; Hongta District, Yuxi City, Yunnan Province

Species: Two Live Clusters of Golden Chicken Fern (*Cibotium barometz*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; One Live Goering's Cymbidium (*Cymbidium goeringii*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; One Live Kanran (*Cy. kanran*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; One Live Chinese Cymbidium (*Cy. sinense*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Transport Method: Courier Delivery

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Sale (through the online platforms such as Xianyu, Pinduoduo, and WeChat)

Estimated Value: CNY 980

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Luo was convicted of harming nationally protected plants and sentenced to six months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 2,000. Illegal proceeds of CNY 980 were confiscated and turned over to the state treasury. The three seized orchid plants were confiscated and ordered to be handled by the seizure authority in accordance with the law.

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Mojiang Hani Autonomous County Primary People's Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Logging, Destruction, Processing and Purchase of Red Cedar and Three Persons Convicted

News Release Date: 20 September 2026

Judgment Date: 18 May 2026

Seizure Date: 8 October 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Mojiang County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Mojiang Hani Autonomous County Primary People's Court; Mojiang Hani Autonomous County People's Procuratorate

Location: Wenwu Town, Mojiang Hani Autonomous County, Pu'er City, Yunnan Province; Luxi County, Honghe Hani and Yi Autonomous Prefecture, Yunnan Province

Detection Method: Report by the Carrier

Species: Red Cedar (*Toona ciliata*), nine pieces of sawn timber and three logs, 4.5339 m³ of standing timber volume and 3.4 m³ of timber, Class II of National Protected Species

Transport Method: Truck Hired through the "Yunman (运满)" App

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Logging, Destruction, Processing and Purchase

Estimated Value: CNY 7,319

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: Defendant Luo was convicted of harming nationally protected plants and sentenced to two years' imprisonment, suspended for three years, and fined CNY 3,000. Defendant Zhang was convicted of the same offence and sentenced to eight months' imprisonment, suspended for one year and six months, and fined CNY 3,000. Defendant Su was convicted of the same offence and sentenced to six months' criminal detention, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 3,000. The nine pieces of Red Cedar sawn timber, three Red Cedar logs and the crime tools seized in the case were ordered to be handled in accordance with the law.

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Meitan Primary People's Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Hunting of 33 Wild Animals and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 20 September 2026

Judgment Date: 27 February 2025

Seizure Date: 23 August 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Zheng'an County Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Meitan Primary People's Court; Zheng'an People's Procuratorate

Location: Zheng'an County, Zunyi City, Guizhou Province

Species: 33 skinned carcasses, including one Small Indian Civets (*Viverricula indica*), Class I of National Protected Species; Two Leopard Cats (*Prionailurus bengalensis*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; and 20 Dead Individuals of Species with important ecological, scientific and social value: two Reeves's Muntjacs (*Muntiacus reevesi*), two Chinese Porcupines (*Hystrix hodgsoni*) (wild populations only), four Greater Hog Badgers (*Arctonyx collaris*) and 16 Masked Palm Civets (*Paguma larvata*) (wild populations only)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 128,400

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Deng was convicted of harming precious and endangered wild animal and sentenced to one year and six months' imprisonment and fined CNY 5,000. Deng was also convicted of illegal hunting and sentenced to six months' imprisonment. The penalties for the two offences were combined, resulting in an aggregate sentence of one year and seven months' imprisonment and a fine of CNY 5,000. The seized carcasses and crime tools were confiscated and ordered to be disposed of in accordance with the law.

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Baisha Li Autonomous County Primary People's Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Logging of Mangachapoi and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 20 September 2026

Judgment Date: 26 January 2026

Seizure Date: 24 December 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Branch of Jianfengling Forest Area Public Security Bureau, Hainan Province

Judicial Authority: Baisha Li Autonomous County Primary People's Court; Ledong Li Autonomous County People's Procuratorate

Location: Chahekou Management Area, Nanwang Management and Protection Station, Jianfengling Branch of Hainan Tropical Rainforest National Park, Ledong Li Autonomous County, Hainan Province

Species: *Vatica mangachapoi*, timber and logs from one tree, Class II of National Protected Species

Transport Method: Motorcycle

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Logging

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Defendant Xing was convicted of harming nationally protected plants and sentenced to two years' imprisonment, suspended for three years, and fined CNY 3,000. The fine had been paid in advance. The property involved in the case was handled separately.

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Mojiang Hani Autonomous County Primary People's Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Purchase and Transport of Four Chinese Hwamei and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 20 September 2026

Judgment Date: 14 January 2026

Seizure Date: 26 December 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Mojiang County Public Security Authority

Judicial Authority: Mojiang Hani Autonomous County Primary People's Court; Mojiang Hani Autonomous County People's Procuratorate

Location: Lianzhu Town and Mengnong Township, Mojiang Hani Autonomous County, Pu'er City, Yunnan Province

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

Transport Method: Vehicle

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Transport

Estimated Value: CNY 20,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Chen was convicted of harming precious and endangered wild animal and sentenced to five months' criminal detention, suspended for eight months, and fined CNY 3,000. The four Chinese Hwamei were released into the wild in accordance with the law by the Comprehensive Administrative Law Enforcement Brigade and the Ecological Conservation Division of Mojiang County Forestry and Grassland Bureau.

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Baisha Li Autonomous County Primary People's Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Purchase of Seven Chinese Hwamei and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 20 September 2026

Judgment Date: 23 March 2026

Seizure Date: 22 December 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Dongfang Municipal Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Baisha Li Autonomous County Primary People's Court; Dongfang People's Procuratorate

Location: Dongfang City, Hainan Province

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase

Estimated Value: CNY 35,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Tao Shangang was convicted of harming precious and endangered wild animal and sentenced to eight months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 2,000. The seized Chinese Hwamei, bird cages and feed were ordered to be handled by the seizure authority in accordance with the law. Two seized mobile phones were returned to Defendant Tao Shangang.

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Yanshou Primary People's Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Logging of Two Manchurian Ash and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 21 September 2026

Judgment Date: 30 June 2026

Seizure Date: 12 October 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Yanshou County Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Experimental Forest Farm, Yanshou County, Harbin City, Heilongjiang Province

Species: Two Standing Manchurian Ash (*Fraxinus mandshurica*), producing 0.0315 m³ of timber from the damaged trees, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Logging and Destruction

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Zhou was convicted of harming nationally protected plants and sentenced to six months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 10,000. One hand saw seized as a crime tool was confiscated by the Yanshou County Public Security Bureau and turned over to the state treasury in accordance with the law. Following the incident, Zhou replanted 10 Korean Pine trees, all of which survived.

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Fangxian Primary People's Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Hunting of Four Wild Animals and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 21 September 2026

Judgment Date: 2 September 2026

Seizure Date: April-August 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Fangxian County Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Fangxian County, Shiyan City, Hubei Province

Species: One Tufted Deer (*Elaphurus davidianus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; One Masked Palm Civet (*Paguma larvata*), Species with important ecological, scientific and social value (wild populations only); Two Wild Boars (*Sus scrofa*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 16,200

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Du was convicted of illegal hunting and sentenced to eight months' imprisonment, suspended for one year. Du paid CNY 3,000 in ecological restoration compensation. The seized wildlife products and crime tools were confiscated and ordered to be handled by the seizure authority in accordance with the law.

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Ma'erkang Primary People's Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Hunting of Two Forest and Alpine Musk Deer and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 22 September 2026

Judgment Date: 30 July 2025

Seizure Date: 28 March 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Ma'erkang Municipal Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Ma'erkang Primary People's Court; Ma'erkang People's Procuratorate

Location: Konglong Village, Jiaomuzu Township, Ma'erkang City, Aba Tibetan and Qiang Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan Province

Species: One Dead Forest Musk Deer (*Moschus berezovskii*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I; One Dead Alpine Musk Deer (*M. chrysogaster*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 60,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Bao was convicted of harming precious and endangered wild animal and sentenced to one year's imprisonment and fined CNY 3,000, which had been paid. Bao was ordered to pay CNY 60,000 in compensation for the loss of national wildlife resources, which was turned over to the state treasury. The two seized Forest Musk Deer and Alpine Musk Deer carcasses and 26 hunting snares used as crime tools were confiscated and ordered to be handled by the seizure authority in accordance with the law.

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Qinbei Primary People's Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Purchase and Sale of Leopard Cat and Other Wildlife and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 22 September 2026

Judgment Date: 3 September 2026

Seizure Date: 26 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Qinzhou Municipal Public Security Authority; Qinbei Branch of Qinzhou Forest Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Qinbei Primary People's Court; Qinbei People's Procuratorate, Qinzhou

Location: No. 11, Minyuan First Alley, Qinnan District, Qinzhou City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

Species: Two Dead Collared Scops Owls (*Otus lettia*) and One Dead Grass Owl (*Tyto longimembris*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; One Dead Leopard Cat (*Prionailurus bengalensis*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I/II; Four Dead Bar-backed Partridges (*Arborophila brunneopectus*), two Dead Greater Coucals (*Centropus fuciphagus*), and one Live Radiated Ratsnake (*Coelognathus radiatus*), Class II of National Protected Species; 142 individuals of species with important ecological, scientific and social value, including seven dead Chinese Ferret-badgers (*Melogale moschata*), 12 dead White-breasted Waterhens (*Amaurornis phoenicurus*), 113 dead Squirrels (*Sciuridae* spp.), two live Chinese Rat Snakes (*Ptyas korros*) and eight live Oriental Rat Snakes (*P. mucosa*); 8.275 kg of Live Chinese Water Snakes (*Myrrophis chinensis*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Purchase and Sale

Estimated Value: CNY 65,410

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Chen was convicted of harming precious and endangered wild animal and sentenced to 10 months' imprisonment and fined CNY 10,000. The seized wild animals were confiscated and ordered to be handled by the seizure authority in accordance with the relevant regulations. An additional CNY 5,000 in illegal proceeds was ordered to be recovered, confiscated and turned over to the state treasury. Chen was ordered to pay CNY 65,410 in compensation for ecological damage to wildlife resources, including CNY 30,000 already paid, and to issue a public apology through a publicly circulated newspaper at or above the Qinzhou municipal level or an official new-media platform.

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Hunchun Forest Area Primary Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Logging of Four Amur Linden Trees and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 22 September 2026

Judgment Date: 9 September 2026

Seizure Date: Mid-July 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Antu Forest Public Security Sub-bureau, Forest Public Security Bureau of Jilin Provincial Public Security Department

Judicial Authority: Hunchun Forest Area Primary Court; Dunhua Forest Area People's Procuratorate

Location: A Forest Farm under a Forestry Bureau, Jilin Province

Species: Four Standing Live Amur Linden Trees (*Tilia amurensis*), Class II of National Protected Species; Two Standing Live Manchurian Linden Trees (*T. mandshurica*)

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Logging

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Wang was convicted of harming nationally protected plants and sentenced to five months' criminal detention, suspended for six months, and fined CNY 2,000. Wang voluntarily surrendered and pleaded guilty and accepted punishment. The fine shall be paid within 10 days after the judgment takes effect.

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Xiushui Primary People's Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Hunting of 10 Wild Animals and Four Persons Convicted

News Release Date: 23 September 2026

Judgment Date: 27 August 2026

Seizure Date: 18 January 2026

Law Enforcement Authority: Xiushui County Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Bujiakou Village, Bujia Township, Xiushui County, Jiujiang City, Jiangxi Province

Species: One dead Silver Pheasant (*Lophura nycthemera*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES I; Eight dead Reeves's Muntjacs (*Muntiacus reevesi*), Species with important ecological, scientific and social value; One dead Masked Palm Civet (*Paguma larvata*), Species with important ecological, scientific and social value (wild populations only)

Transport Method: Vehicle

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 30,200

Number of Offenders: 4

Case Progress: Defendant Luo was convicted of illegal hunting and sentenced to one year and four months' imprisonment, suspended for one year and four months. Defendants Yu, Zhou and Song were each convicted of illegal hunting and sentenced to 10 months' imprisonment, suspended for one year. The four defendants were jointly and severally ordered to pay CNY 30,200 in compensation for the loss of wildlife resources, which had been placed in escrow. The seized crime tools were ordered to be handled in accordance with the law.

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Acheng Primary People's Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Logging of Three Amur Cork Trees and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 23 September 2026

Judgment Date: 12 March 2026

Seizure Date: 21 June 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Acheng District Public Security Authority

Judicial Authority: Acheng Primary People's Court, Harbin; Acheng District People's Procuratorate, Harbin

Location: A Forest Farm, Acheng District, Harbin City, Heilongjiang Province

Species: Three Standing Amur Cork Trees (*Phellodendron amurense*), 1.7196 m³ of standing timber volume, Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Logging (for consumption)

Estimated Value: CNY 983.16

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Li was convicted of harming nationally protected plants and sentenced to three months' criminal detention and fined CNY 2,000. After being apprehended, Li truthfully confessed to the offence, voluntarily pleaded guilty and accepted punishment, and paid the required compensation.

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Gusu Primary People's Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Hunting of 10 Chinese Hwamei and Two Persons Convicted

News Release Date: 23 September 2026

Judgment Date: 4 June 2026

Seizure Date: 26 August 2024

Law Enforcement Authority: Yixing Municipal Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Woodland beside Taihu Lake in Dapu Village and Woodland on Fudong Mountain, Dingshu Town, Yixing City, Wuxi City, Jiangsu Province

Species: 10 Live Chinese Hwamei (*Garrulax canorus*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 75,000

Number of Offenders: 2

Case Progress: Defendant Yang was convicted of harming precious and endangered wild animals and sentenced to eight months' imprisonment, suspended for one year and two months, and fined CNY 5,000. Defendant Lin was convicted of the same offence and sentenced to six months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 3,000. The fine deposits already paid were credited against the fines and turned over to the state treasury. One bird-catching net used as a crime tool was confiscated. Two mobile phones, five bird cages and one container of bird feed were returned to Defendants Yang and Lin respectively.

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Dehong Dai and Jingpo Autonomous Prefecture Intermediate People's Court Heard a Smuggling Case Involving 920.1 g of Pangolin Scales and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 23 September 2026

Judgment Date: 28 April 2026

Seizure Date: 26 October 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Ruili Customs

Judicial Authority: Dehong Dai and Jingpo Autonomous Prefecture Intermediate People's Court; Dehong Dai and Jingpo Autonomous Prefecture People's Procuratorate

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

Detection Method: Routine Inspection

Species: Pangolins (*Manis* spp.), scales, net weight 920.1 g, Class I of National Protected Species, CITES I

Transport Method: Concealed on the Person (carried close to the body on the chest and inner thighs and hidden under the insoles)

Country of Export: Myanmar

Reason for Seizure: Smuggling

Estimated Value: CNY 126,080

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Nan was convicted of smuggling precious animal products and sentenced to seven months' imprisonment and fined CNY 1,000. The seized 920.1 g of pangolin scales were confiscated and turned over to the state treasury in accordance with the law.

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Leibo Primary People's Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Harvest and Sale of Wild Notoginseng and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 23 September 2026

Judgment Date: 18 June 2026

Seizure Date: 6 June 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Leibo County Public Security Bureau

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

Location: A Forest Farm, Leibo County, Liangshan Yi Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan Province

Species: 46 live wild Chinese Ginseng (*Panax notoginseng*), Class II of National Protected Species, CITES II; Eight live Chinese Ginseng suspected of being artificially cultivated

Transport Method: Courier Delivery

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Sale (through an online platform)

Estimated Value: CNY 3,400

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Ma was convicted of harming nationally protected plants and sentenced to one year and 10 months' imprisonment, suspended for two years, and fined CNY 2,000. Of the CNY 8,100 surrendered by Ma, CNY 3,400 in illegal proceeds was recovered and turned over to the state treasury, while the remaining CNY 4,700 was returned to the defendant. The wild plants and crime tools involved in the case were handled in accordance with the law.

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Baisha Li Autonomous County Primary People's Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Logging of Five Wild Longan Trees and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 28 September 2026

Judgment Date: 30 March 2026

Seizure Date: 13 January 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Bawangling Forest Area Sub-bureau, Forest Public Security Bureau of Hainan Provincial Public Security Department

Judicial Authority: Baisha Li Autonomous County Primary People's Court; Dongfang People's Procuratorate

Location: E'xianling Management and Protection Station, Bawangling Branch of Hainan Tropical Rainforest National Park Administration, Changjiang Li Autonomous County, Hainan Province

Species: Five live wild Longan Trees (*Dimocarpus longan*), Class II of National Protected Species; Five live wild broad-leaved trees

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Logging

Estimated Value: CNY 1,224

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Ji was convicted of harming nationally protected plants and sentenced to eight months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and fined CNY 2,000. Following the incident, Ji entered into an afforestation agreement for ecological and environmental damage restoration and compensation with the Bawangling Branch of Hainan Tropical Rainforest National Park Administration. Ji replanted 25 trees at the site of the offence, which passed inspection. One seized machete and one hand saw were confiscated.

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Pucheng Primary People's Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Hunting of Three Chinese Hwamei and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 28 September 2026

Judgment Date: 28 May 2026

Seizure Date: 11 October 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Pucheng County Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Pucheng County, Nanping City, Fujian Province

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 15,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Mao was convicted of illegal hunting and sentenced to three months' criminal detention, suspended for four months. The three seized Chinese Hwamei were released into the wild. One black bird-catching net, one loudspeaker and three cylindrical bird cages seized in the case were confiscated and ordered to be handled by the Pucheng County Public Security Bureau in accordance with the law.

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Keqiao Primary People's Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Hunting of Six Wild Animals and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 29 September 2026

Judgment Date: 23 June 2026

Seizure Date: 17 October 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Keqiao Branch of Shaoxing Municipal Public Security Bureau

Judicial Authority: Keqiao Primary People's Court, Shaoxing; Keqiao People's Procuratorate, Shaoxing

Location: Near Nan'an Village in Wangtan Town and Farmland near Chetou Village, Jidong Town, Keqiao District, Shaoxing City, Zhejiang Province

Species: Four Live Mandarin Ducks (*Aix galericulata*), Class II of National Protected Species; Two Live Reeves's Muntjacs (*Muntiacus reevesi*), Species with important ecological, scientific and social value

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting (using a drone)

Estimated Value: CNY 16,000

Number of Offenders: 3

Case Progress: Defendant Jin was convicted of illegal hunting and sentenced to nine months' imprisonment, suspended for one year and two months. After the incident, the two Mandarin Ducks allocated to the defendant were seized by the public security authority and released into the wild. Of the two Mandarin Ducks allocated to the other persons involved in the case, one was consumed and the other was seized by the public security authority and released into the wild.

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Pingyang Primary People's Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Harvest and Sale of Hong Kong Kumquat and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 30 September 2026

Judgment Date: 26 March 2026

Seizure Date: 5 and 14 November 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Pingyang County Public Security Authority

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

Location: Lingxi Town and Zaoxi Town, Cangnan County, Wenzhou City, Zhejiang Province; Pingyang County, Wenzhou City, Zhejiang Province

Species: At Least 150 Kumquat Plants (*Fortunella venosa*) (over 120 plants sold and 32 plants seized), Class II of National Protected Species

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Harvest and Sale (through online livestreaming)

Estimated Value: Illegal proceeds of CNY 12,353; seized Kumquat plants valued at CNY 4,800

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Lin was convicted of harming nationally protected plants and sentenced to three years' imprisonment, suspended for four years, and fined CNY 10,000. The fine had been paid in advance. One screwdriver used as a crime tool, the surrendered illegal proceeds of CNY 12,353 and the Kumquat plants involved in the case were confiscated. One seized mobile phone was returned to the defendant. Lin paid a total of CNY 29,945 for ecological and environmental damage restoration and the loss of ecological service functions. Lin was also ordered to issue a public apology through national-level media within five days after the judgment takes effect and to publish a public apology continuously for seven days through the account used at the time of the offence platform.

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Pingyang Primary People's Court Heard a Case Involving the Illegal Hunting of Chinese Hwamei and One Person Convicted

News Release Date: 30 September 2026

Judgment Date: 4 March 2026

Seizure Date: 18 November 2025

Law Enforcement Authority: Pingyang County Public Security Bureau

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

Location: Beside a Reservoir in Kunyang Town and Other Areas in Pingyang County, Wenzhou City, Zhejiang Province

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

Reason for Seizure: Illegal Hunting

Estimated Value: CNY 15,000

Number of Offenders: 1

Case Progress: Defendant Tai was convicted of illegal hunting and sentenced to four months' criminal detention, suspended for six months. The three seized Chinese Hwamei were transferred to a designated organization. Two bird-catching nets and one military-green portable speaker were confiscated. One seized mobile phone was returned to Defendant Tai.

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