



## China's Wildlife Enforcement News Digest (November 2012)

### Imprison for illegally transporting 10 bear paws

**News.163.com, November 4<sup>th</sup> 2012-** In January, the suspect Fan asked Tang to delivery 10 bear paws to Qingdao, Shandong Province, and falsely claimed as aquatic products. However, Tang was intercepted at Jiangbei Airport of Chongqing City. According to the identification, these bear paws belong to at least 3 black bears, worth about CNY 50,000(USD7936). Recently, the Yubei District People's Court of Chongqing sentenced the suspect Fan to 4 months in jail with a fine of CNY30,000 (USD4762). [Read More](#)

### A man was detained for smuggling 7.1 kilograms of ivory

**Enorth.com.cn, November 6<sup>th</sup> 2012-** On 5<sup>th</sup>, Gonbei custom released a seizure that Xiakou customs detected a case of smuggling 7.1 kilograms of ivory. The suspect Zhu claimed that he was asked to take the confiscations to Zhuhai by a payment of MOP400 (USD50). The Custom uncovered the ivory products by X-ray. [Read More](#)

### 4 bear paws were uncovered in a bus

**Zgfznews.com, November 9<sup>th</sup> 2012-** Recently, a defendant Chen was sentenced to 5 months in jail with a fine of CNY1000 (USD159) for illegally purchasing endangered species products by Shashi People's Court, Hubei Province. On June 7<sup>th</sup>, Chen bought 4 bear paws at the price of CNY14,400 (USD2286) in Jinzhou. However, he was intercepted by the forest police on the way back to Shiyan, Hubei Province. According to the verification, the paws are worth CNY20,040 (USD3181). [Read More](#)

### The Guangxi border police cracked down a case of illegally transporting 129 pangolins



**People.com.cn, November 9<sup>th</sup> 2012-** On November 6<sup>th</sup>, Fangchenggang Border Police of Guangxi Province uncovered a case of illegal transportation of 129 dead pangolins. During patrolling, the police noticed a suspicious Honda car in the highway from Fangcheng to Dongxing, Guangxi Province. After half an hour



chasing, the car was finally intercepted and 19 bags of 129 pangolins were found in the back seat and tail box. Currently, the two suspects along with pangolins have been transferred to local forest police. [Read More](#)

### **Tianjin heard the first case of illegal trade in ivory products**



**People.com.cn, November 13<sup>th</sup> 2012-** In July 2012, the police arrested 6 illegal ivory traders in Shenyangdao, Tianjin City. On November 12<sup>th</sup>, one of them, the suspect An was tried in Heping District People's Court. Since April 2011, she rented a stall in Shenyangdao Antique Market for peddling ivory products. On the morning of July 4<sup>th</sup>, the police took a sudden inspection and seized 1373 items of ivory products from An's stall, which weighed 21.9kg, worth over CNY910,000 (USD144,444). [Read More](#)

### **Endangered species were seized in a coach**

**Zgfznews.com, November 13<sup>th</sup> 2012-** On the early morning of November 11<sup>th</sup>, Jiangxi traffic police intercepted a coach in Nanfeng Services Station of Jiguang Highway and seized a total of 10 pangolins and 2 owls. The driver claimed that he was hired by a wildlife trader to send these animals from Guangzhou, Guangdong Province to Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province. Currently, the case is under further investigation by Nanfeng County Forest Police. [Read More](#)

### **Fujian famous carving master got 6 years imprisonment for illegally processing ivories**

**Jcrb.com, November 15<sup>th</sup> 2012-** The suspect Guo was a famous woodcarving master in Fujian Province, but he started to work on ivory products in order to get higher profits. Within several months, he carved more than 20 pieces of ivory products, weighing over 30 kilograms and worth over CNY2 million (USD317,460). Xianyou People's Court recently sentenced Guo to imprisonment for 6 years. [Read More](#)

### **5 pangolins was intercepted in Shanghai**

**Eastday.com, November 15<sup>th</sup> 2012-** On June 6<sup>th</sup>, the suspect Zhang Qianjin purchased 5 pangolins in Sanming, Fujian Province and planned to sell them in Shandong Province. However, he was intercepted by Jinshan Police of Shanghai in Shenhai Highway at midnight. Recently, he was sentenced to 2 years in jail



with a fine of CNY20,000 (USD3175) for illegally transporting endangered species. [Read More](#)

#### **Hong Kong Customs seized 569 whole ivories**



**lfeng.com, November 17<sup>th</sup> 2012-** On November 15<sup>th</sup>, Hong Kong Customs seized 569 ivory which worth about HKD1,065 million(USD1,690,476) in a 20-foot container shipped to Hong Kong. The Customs officers checked the container which was claimed as sunflower seeds from Tanzania. However, officers seized 1330 kilogram ivory in the bottom of the container. According to the regulation in Hong Kong, the smuggler would face a fine maximum of HKD2 million (USD258,000) and imprisonment for seven years. Last month, the customs has also intercepted a case of smuggling 3813kg ivory products, worthy HKD26.7million (USD3,444,300). Meanwhile, 7 suspects, including a Hong Kong people, were arrested. [Read More](#)

**Guangxi Forest Police detected a case of 3 rhino horns**



**Pagx.cn, November 22<sup>nd</sup> 2012-** Supported by National Forest Police and Hebei Province Forest Police, Guangxi Province Forest Police detected a case of inter-province illegally transporting rhino horns in Anguo of Hebei Province. A total of 4 suspects and 3 rhino horns were arrested. These horns were worth CNY 5 million (USD793,650). [Read More](#)

#### **Rongshui County confiscated 20 big-headed turtles**

**Pagx.com, November 26<sup>th</sup> 2012-** Recently, during a routine inspection, Rongshui Forest Police arrested a person who attempted to sell big-headed turtles in Huaibao Village. Later, the police confiscated 20 big-headed turtles in his apartment. The suspect claimed that he purchased plenty of turtles from Huaibao Village and Sanfang Village between January and October. Now, the case is under further investigation. [Read More](#)

**4<sup>th</sup> China Wildlife Guard Action Awards Ceremony was held in Beijing**



**Cwca.org.cn, November 26<sup>th</sup> 2012-** On November 24<sup>th</sup>, CWCA, WCS associated with CEPF held the 4<sup>th</sup> China Wildlife Guard Action Awards Ceremony in Beijing. Over 3 hundreds participations from all areas attended the ceremony. Representatives from 15 organizations, including the Customs, the Forest Police, Border Defense and NGOs were honored as the title of “National Wildlife Guard”. [Read More](#)

#### **Lanzhou Forest Police seized Tibetan antelope horns**



**People.com.cn, November 27<sup>th</sup> 2012-** Recently, Lanzhou Forest Police released a case of illegally trading endangered species products. Two suspects were arrested for illegally selling 38 pairs of Tibetan

antelope horns and a single horn, worth about CNY975,000 (USD154,762). Currently, the suspect Tan got a guarantor pending trial and another suspect Yang has been detained. The case is under further investigation. [Read More](#)

#### **Luohu Customs seized 10.5 kg of smuggled ivory**

**Ifeng.com, November 28<sup>th</sup> 2012-** Recently, a Chinese passenger was detected in Luohu Port, Guangdong Province for smuggling 10.5kg of ivory products, worth about CNY436,800(USD6,9333). The smallest one of the products was priced as CNY88,000 (USD13.968). The confiscation was detected by X-ray from a luggage and it was declared as resin products. Now, the case is under further investigation. [Read More](#)

#### **Zhoushan intercepted 51 large marine turtles**



**Chinanews.com, November 28<sup>th</sup> 2012-** Recently, according to the intelligence, Zhoushan Border Police



of Zhejiang Province intercepted a suspicious truck in a local port and seized 51 marine turtles, including 47 Green Turtles, 2 Leatherback Turtles and 2 Olive Ridley Sea Turtles. The biggest one reached 1.5m length and its weight was nearly 100kg. Unfortunately, only 7 Green Turtles of them were alive, which have been released to the ocean later. [Watch the film](#)

### **Shopkeeper was sentenced to 1 year in jail for selling ivory products**

**Chinacourt.org, November 30<sup>th</sup> 2012-** On July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the suspect Wang, who owns an antique shop in Shilihe Market at Chaoyang District, Beijing, was arrested for selling ivory products, including three necklaces, one bracelet, one statue, four cigarette

holders, six piano accessories and one ivory bead. According to the verification, the ivory products are worth CNY10,417 (USD1654). So Xicheng People's Court sentenced the suspect Wang to one year in jail with probation for a year. [Read More](#)

### **Forest Police conducted a nation-wide crack down on wildlife crime**

**Mps.gov.cn, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012-** In order to effectively combat wildlife crime, since November 27<sup>th</sup> to the end of this year, the National Forest Police launched a national-wide enforcement action. The enforcement mainly focuses on cracking down wildlife poaching, illegal process, purchase, transportation and sale in wildlife products. [Read More](#)

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