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Dehong Forest Police yields huge endangered species case

Ynly.gov.cn, March 14th 2013- On Jan. 12th 2013, according to the intelligence, Dehong forest police of Yunnan Province arrested Zhou and Xia, owners of Chengxin Traditional Medicine Store in Lijiang. In the store, the police seized 122,070 dried *Tylototriton shanjing* (weighing 349.24kg), 1.5kg pangolin scales, 0.9kg Asian Elephant skin, 11 dried geckos, 4.44kg antler slices and 5 saiga horns, worth USD 4.66 million. Through further investigation, another suspect Jiang was arrested in Baoshan and the suspect Peng surrendered. All the four suspects have pledged their guilty. [Read More](#)

Guangzhou Customs seizes hornbill skulls



Chinadaily.com.cn, March 8th 2013- Recently, the post office branch of Guangzhou Customs discovered 28 hornbill skulls (CITES Appendix I) concealed in an importing parcel. This was the first hornbill skulls smuggling seizure handled by Guangzhou Customs.

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One year jail for illicit purchase pangolin and bear paws

China.com.cn, March 8th 2013- The inspection officers discovered a bag of pangolin and two bags of black bear paws in the freezer in a wild meat restaurant in Lin'an, Zhejiang Province on the morning of Oct. 15th 2012. The restaurant owner, who was prosecuted by the local procuratorate, admitted that she purchased the wild meat with USD 556 from a person from Fuyang, Zhejiang Province. [Read More](#)

Putian arrests a pangolins smuggler

Fjsen.com, March 13th 2013- The suspect Wang from Licheng District of Putian City was arrested on Mar. 12th 2013, for smuggling 120 hornbill skulls and 500 pieces of pangolin scales since Nov. 22nd, 2012. The case has been transferred to the Anti-smuggling Bureau of Huanggang Customs. [Read More](#)



Man sentenced for illegally trading bear paws

Xinhuanet.com, March 18th 2013- In the end of December 2012, the suspect Zhang illegally purchased 22 bear paws from Wu in Harbin, Heilongjiang Province and resold four of them at USD 1,135. According to the identification results, the paws belonged to brown bears, which were listed as the national second-class protected animals in China. The paws is worth over USD\$15,873 in total. Later, the remaining 18 paws were destroyed by forest police. Recently, the Youhao District People’s Court of Yichun, Heilongjiang Province sentenced Zhang to seven years in jail with a fine of USD 1,587 for illegally purchasing and selling endangered species products. [Read More](#)



Ifeng.com, March 19th 2013- Recently, an internet user was exposed for showing several pictures of killing pangolin via Wechat (Chinese Skype). According to his location information, Kunming Forest Police has started to investigate the case. If it is true, the picture poster will be charged of criminal punishment. [Read More](#)

Man investigated for killing pangolin



Xi'an Customs seizes 5.18kg ivory products

Sina.com.cn, March 19th 2013- During the Operation Cobra between January and February 2013, Xi'an Customs seized 72 ivory products, weighing 5.18 kg and worth CNY 200,000 (USD 31,746). These products were mailed from African countries. In addition, ten crocodile skin products from Thailand were also confiscated. The customs said ivory products were mostly mailed by Chinese workers in African countries or relatives living in African countries. [Read More](#)

Smuggled python products concealed in a refitting boat



Jisi.gov.cn, March 20th 2013- Guangdong Border Police released on Mar. 19th that Shekou Border Station intercepted a woody boat in Shekou Fisherman's Wharf on Jan. 14th. A total of 320 python skins, 6,852 python galls and a bunch of electronic products, worth over USD three million were seized. Further investigation is ongoing. [Read More](#)

Ivory, rhino horn smuggling rises



News365.com.cn, March 20th 2013- Two airline passengers who tried to smuggle ten white rhinoceros horns, a white rhinoceros horn cup and 37 ivory products worth over CNY five million (US\$805,000) from France to Shanghai in January were arrested at

Pudong International Airport by local authorities. They were charged of illegally taking endangered animal products into China. The names of the men were not released. On March 2, another man was caught at Pudong airport trying to transport six pieces of ivory from Dubai to Shanghai. The estimated value of the items was CNY 1.7 million (USD 0.27 million). The suspect, who was not named, has been detained.

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Torugart Port seizes two smuggling cases



Sina.com.cn, March 20th 2013- Recently, Torugart Port frontier authority intercepted two immigration trucks from Kyrgyzstan, which attempted to smuggle 40 saiga horns, 3,291 muskrat skins and 75.5kg liquid mercury, worth over US\$317,460. The case has been transferred to the local customs. [Watch the film](#)



Driver sentenced for illegally transporting 73 pangolins

Sina.com.cn, March 22nd 2013- The driver Bao was sentenced to 12 years in jail for illicitly transporting pangolins from Guangxi Province to Guangzhou, Guangdong Province. The suspect Bao confessed that he had transported 73 pangolins for three times from Fangchenggang, Guangxi Province with being paid RMB 117. And he admitted that he knew the animals came from Viet Nam, but did not realize it might cause imprisonment. Recently, Conghua People's Court sentenced Bao to 12 years in jail for illegally transporting endangered species. [Read More](#)

Man sentenced three years imprisonment for transporting frozen pangolins

163.com, March 23rd 2013- On the afternoon of Feb.24th, the suspect Ye attempted to deliver seven pangolins, worth USD 2,555, from Shantou, Guangdong Province to Fuzhou, Fujian Province. However, the bus was intercepted by police when passing by the Shao'an, Fujian Province and the pangolins were uncovered. On Mar. 21st, the court sentenced Ye to three years in jail, probation for 3.5 years with a fine of USD 4,762. [Read More](#)

Yanji Customs seizes a thousand of Chinese yew



Jisi.gov.cn, March 22nd 2013- On the morning of Mar.15th, the post office branch of Yanji Customs, Jilin Province detected a parcel whose X-ray image appeared abnormal. Opening the parcel, the officer discovered 1,000 Chinese yew saplings warped into bales. [Read More](#)

Fuzhou Customs seizes 2.58kg smuggled ivory products



Jisi.com.cn, March 26th 2013- On Mar. 22nd, Fuzhou Customs intercepted a passenger whose luggage looked suspicious when X-rayed. The passenger arrived at Fuzhou of Fujian Province with the flight KA660 departure from South Africa, transferred in Hong Kong. His two checked luggage were then



investigated. A total of 2.58 kg ivory products warped in aluminum foil and carbon paper were confiscated. The products were 40 pairs of chopsticks, 13 bangles, 2 bracelets and a column. The case is under investigation by the anti-smuggling department of Fuzhou Customs and the suspect has been detained.

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Shenzhen cracks down a rosewood smuggling case

Jisi.com.cn, March 26th 2013- On Mar. 24th, a Chinese passenger entered China with a big luggage without any declaration. The Huangguang Customs of Guangdong Province discovered 17.2kg brown wood columns in his luggage. The identification showed they were rosewood products, the trade of which is strictly controlled with reference to the *China Customs Law*. [Read More](#)

Henan Province seizes a large amount of endangered species products

Dahe.com, March 28th 2013- On March 28th, the Henan Province Anti-smuggling Task Group released that in 2012, Henan Province yielded eight smuggling cases of endangered species and seized 1.68kg elephant ivories, 0.43kg walrus teeth, 0.16kg hippo teeth, 2.19kg pangolin scales and 6kg sandalwood and rosewood. [Read More](#)

Wenzhou Customs seizes ivory products



Xinhuanet.com, March 30th 2013- At the end of March, the airport office of Wenzhou Customs, Zhejiang Province intercepted a Hong Kong passenger, whose luggage concealed seven items of ivory products, weighing 8.87kg. The ivory products have been confiscated and the case is under further investigation. [Read More](#)

Engaging China's youth in protecting marine turtles



Cites.gov.cn, Apr. 2nd 2013- On Mar.14th, themed as "Small Hands and Big Hands, Hand in Hand", the campaign has reached out to elementary school students in Daxin County and two other cities, namely



Dongxing City and Pinxiang City, both historically important market locations for wildlife products. Around 150 students and their parents, along with school staff, attended the campaign launching event

at the Kafeng Elementary School on 14th March. Also attending were representatives from TRAFFIC, Nanning Branch of China's CITES Management Authority and local government officers. [Read More](#)

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