



China's Wildlife Enforcement News Digest (June 2013)

Ivory hidden in car portrayed as wood



Hexun.com, June 9th 2013- At 3p.m. of June 6th, Pingnian police station of Funing, Yunnan Province searched a car during an anti-drug check. The police discovered an object resembling an elephant tusk from the car. However, the driver Zhou Yi claimed that it was wood. According to the verification, it was an ivory product, weighing 8.25kg, worth CNY343,752 (USD54,564). The driver Zhou Yi was arrested and the case is under further investigation.

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Luohu Customs seizes 48kg raw rosewood

Jisi.com, June 9th 2013- On May 28th, an Indian was intercepted by the Luohu Customs for illegally carrying a bunch of wood which was identified as red sander, weighing 48kg. This was the largest red sander smuggling case yielded this year. The case has been transferred to the Customs' anti-smuggling

department. [Read More](#)

Wildlife detector dog programme a first for China



TRAFFIC.org, June 10th 2013- China is all set to begin using detector dogs to assist enforcement officers to locate wildlife contraband, the first time the technique has been used in the country. Three Labradors are currently being trained at the Ruili Drug Detector Dog Base, Anti-smuggling Bureau of the General Customs in Yunnan province and are expected to make their enforcement debut later in 2013. Ruili is the largest drug detector dog training base in China, supplying trained dogs to customs departments across mainland China and Hong Kong. It also serves as the Detector Dog Training Centre in Asia for the World Customs Organization (WCO).

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SASAC requires Central enterprises strengthen wildlife conservation education

Chinatibetnews.com, June 13th 2013- Recently, the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council (SASAC) issued a circular advocating Central enterprises to strengthen the education toward staffs involved in the foreign affairs of Wildlife Conservation, in order to maintain international image, including enhancing the advocacy of the CITES and other relevant wildlife conservation knowledge, as well as raising the awareness of eco-environment protection. [Read More](#)

Instrument processor detained for illegally transporting python skins

Forestry.gov.cn, June 13th 2013- On 3rd September 2012, during routine inspection, Pingxiang Border Police seized 81 python skins at Bantou Checkpoint of Nanyou Highway from a truck (plated Gui FB**91) bound to Guangdong Province. It was said that the suspect Zhou runs a business of Urheen. He purchased python skins from other countries because the domestic market was strictly controlled. The suspect Zhou has been detained for illegally transporting endangered species. [Read More](#)

Xishuangbanna yields wildlife smuggling case

Jisi.gov.cn, June 14th 2013- Recently, Xishuangbanna Border Police of Yunnan Province detected 5 monitor lizards, 8 big-headed turtles, and arrested a suspect. The smuggling case has been transferred to the Mongla Forest Police. [Read More](#)

Huanggang Customs seizes 4 kg of pangolin scales

Cqn.com.cn, June 14th 2013- On May 24th, Huanggang Inspection and Quarantine Bureau of Shenzhen uncovered 4kg of pangolin scales from a passenger who claimed that the scales were purchased in Pakistan, worth CNY80,000 (USD12,698). As he failed to offer any official permit, the confiscation has been transferred to the Huanggang Customs. [Read More](#)

Traditional medicine industry strengthens commitment to protect endangered species





TRAFFICChina.org, June 14th 2013- Representatives from the traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) and traditional Tibetan medicine (TTM) industry met last week in Beijing to discuss how they can help further protect species with a high medicinal value and to reaffirm their commitment not to use parts from Tigers and other endangered animals. They were joined by academic institutions and conservation organizations at a symposium on Endangered Species Conservation and Sustainable Development of TCM jointly hosted by TRAFFIC, the China Wildlife Conservation Association (CWCA), and the World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies (WFCMS).

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213 bear paws discovered by Chinese customs along CN-RU borders



Jisi.gov.cn, June 17th 2013- On May 22nd, a total of 213 smuggled bear paws were confiscated by China's Customs officials in Manzhouli of North

China's Inner Mongolia autonomous region. The bear paws were smuggled from Russia and discovered in the tires of a Russian passenger van trying to enter China. To date, this is the biggest bear paw smuggling case in China. Two Russian suspects have been detained by police, and are awaiting trial.

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Fangchenggang border seizes 6.5 tons of nationally protected animals

Legaldaily.com.cn, June 17th 2013- On June 15th, Fangchanggang Border Police, Guangxi Province came across a large nationally protected animals smuggling case. 6.5 tons of wild animals, including Chinese water snakes, cobras, and tortoises, were found in 160 boxes and seized from a van. The confiscation has been transferred to the local forestry department on June 16th. [Read More](#)

A bunch of nationally protected animals seized in Xishangbanna

Yunnan.cn, June 18th 2013- On the morning of June 17th, according to the report, Mengla police intercepted a motorcycle, which was from the neighboring country and was carrying 8 monitor lizards, 36 big-headed turtles, and 2 pangolins. [Read](#)

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Antique shop owner sentenced to 7 years for smuggling ivory

Jisi.gov.cn, June 19th 2013- On Jan. 23rd, the suspect Dong arrived at Pudong International Airport from Paris. The Customs uncovered 15 ivory products and 7 rhino horn products, worth CNY2,980,000 (USD473,016). On June 18th, the defendant Dong argued that he took the products back for exhibition during the hearing in Shanghai First Intermediate People's Court. Finally, the suspect Dong was sentenced to 7 years in jail with a fine of CNY150,000 (USD23,810) for smuggling endangered species. [Read More](#)

Ivory and Jade items seized by Huanggang Customs



Jisi.gov.cn, June 19th 2013- On June 17th, two passengers were intercepted by the Huanggang Customs for illegally transporting 2 ivory products and a jade product. These products were hidden

under the back row in the car and were in a bag. The passenger suspects claimed that they auctioned the items in other countries and regions and planned to give them to someone as gifts. The case has been transferred to the Customs' anti-smuggling department. [Read More](#)

Xiamen Customs detects zebra skin

Xinhuanet.com, June 19th 2013- Recently, according to the Gaoqi Airport Customs of Xiamen, during routine inspection, the Customs found a zebra skin in a Chinese passenger's luggage who did not have any declaration. [Read More](#)

Guangdong and Hong Kong Customs jointly detects 4003.71 kg of ivories



Jisi.gov.cn, June 19th 2013- According to the information, on October 14th, Huangpu Customs conducted enforcement actions in Dongguan, Zhongshan, and Shenzhen of Guangdong Province, confiscating 291.11 kg of elephant tusks and



arrested 7 suspects. After that, based on Guangdong Customs' intelligence, Hong Kong Customs detected 3811.2 kg of elephant tusks and 1.4 kg of ivory products, which haven't been smuggled into Mainland China. So the Customs of Guangdong and Hong Kong confiscated a total of 4103.71kg of ivories, worth CNY170 million (USD27million). The criminals admitted that they purchased the ivories from Africa and transferred them to Hong Kong by declaring them as Red Bean or Waste Plastics. Later, they smuggled them in batches by motorboat to mainland China for sale. Now, the case has been transferred to the procuratorate. [Read More](#)

Guangzhou Customs seizes 11.56kg of smuggled ivory products



Customs.gov.cn, June 25th 2013- Recently, Baiyun Airport Customs seized 765 ivory products, weighing 11.56kg, which were disguised as candies and hidden in a passenger's luggage. [Read More](#)

Tianjin Customs seizes 37 ivory products



Jisi.gov.cn, June 19th 2013- Recently, the post office branch of Tianjin Customs seized 37 ivory products, weighing 349g. [Read More](#)

The Customs seizes 28kg of pangolin scales

Qlwb.com.cn, June 25th 2013- On 6th June, Jinan Customs of Shandong Province intercepted 28 kg of pangolin scales in two foreign parcels during X-ray screening. These pangolin scales were declared as dried fruits. This is the largest smuggling case yielded by Shandong Customs in recent years. The case has been transferred to the Customs anti-smuggling department. [Read More](#)



4 suspects detected for selling ivory products

Ptwbs.net, June 25th 2013- According to the intelligence, Xianyou Forest Police uncovered ivory products in 3 local residents' house. A total of 4 suspects Hu Xhong, Wu Xxiong, Lu Xfeng and Wu Xhui were arrested for illegally selling endangered species products. Now, the case is under further investigation. [Read More](#)

Ivory products uncovered in parcel

Xinhuanet.com, June 27th 2013- In March 2013, the suspect Wu purchased two ivory carvings from Japan. In order to escape inspection, he concealed the ivories. However, the parcel was intercepted by Suzhou Customs in the same month. According to the verification, the two ivory carvings weighed 2.79kg, worth CNY110,000 (USD17,460). [Read More](#)

Manzhouli Customs succeeds in halting smuggling of wildlife

Xinhuanet.com, June 27th 2013-In the past ten years, Manzhouli Customs seized a good number of endangered species products, including bear paws, saiga horns, musk, wolf bodies, tiger furs, brown bear furs, and etc. Out of the many smuggling cases, 17 have been filed as criminal cases. The value of the 17 cases reach CNY4,000,000 (USD634,920). [Read More](#)

Lhasa Customs intercepts 180kg of Tibetan Antelope wool

Tibetol.cn, June 28th 2013- Lhasa Customs seized 182.7kg of Tibetan antelope wool on 7th November 2012, which aimed to be smuggled out of China. In order to obtain this wool, at least 1218 Tibetan Antelopes were killed. Tibetan antelope was listed as a national first-class protected animal. [Read More](#)

Saiga horns and leopard skins seized in Jinan



Sina.com.cn, June 28th 2013- On the evening of June 22nd, Jinan Police of Shandong Province uncovered three leopard skins (Common Leopard, Snow Leopard, and Clouded Leopard) and four Saiga horns, as well as some ivory, tiger bone, and wolf /lion teeth products from 2 people in a nearby hotel on Jingshi Street. The suspect Zheng confessed that he had been working in Zibo, Shandong Province for a decade. Meanwhile, he runs an online shop in Taobao.com for processing and selling animal products. He came to Jinan to show the leopard skins,



which were purchased in Beijing and Hebei Province. According to the evaluation, the products are worth over CNY300,000 (USD47,619) in total. Currently, the suspect Zheng has been detained for illegally selling endangered species products. [Read More](#)

Guangxi seizes 5326 Tiger Frogs

People.com.cn, June 29th 2013- Recently, Nanning Customs seized 5326 Tiger Frogs (weighing 399.6kg) and 673.2kg of Gvnther`s frogs in Bongquan Section of No.322 national road. Two suspects were arrested and their vehicle confiscated. Customs has detained the suspects. [Read More](#)

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