



China's Wildlife Enforcement News Digest (August 2013)

Detention for illicitly purchasing 2200 geckos



Sina.com.cn, August 1st 2013- In mid-July, according to the intelligence, the police seized 720 live geckos and 1540 frozen geckos from a Guangxi man. The suspect claimed that he had started to purchase geckos since January 2013, and sold them to restaurants. Now, the confiscation has been transferred to the forestry department. [Read More](#)

Over 40 pangolins rescued in a car accident



Sina.com.cn, August 1st 2013- Two drivers escaped in a traffic accident in Guanghe Highway, Guangzhou. However, the traffic police uncovered over 40 pangolins and six fake car plates in a car. Each pangolin weighed from 1kg to 7.5kg. The total pangolins are worth CNY300,000 (USD48,387). [Read More](#)

Huanggang Customs yields 109 wildlife smuggling seizures within 7 months

Sina.com.cn, August 2nd 2013- By the end of July, Huanggang Customs has yielded 109 endangered species smuggling seizures, including sandalwood, ivory, red coral, nautilus and etc. On the afternoon of July 31st, during the routine check, the Customs official found a pair of red deer horns in a luggage, which were claimed from Papua New Guinea as gifts. [Read More](#)

Shenzhen detects a seizure on illegal online trade in endangered species



Man detained for selling tiger products online



Sznews.com, August 6th 2013- Recently, Shenzhen Forest Police has cracked down a huge seizure on trans-provincial illegal online trade in endangered species and arrested 12 suspects. A total of 300 endangered species, including 280 pythons, 11 Siamese crocodiles and 9 monitor lizards were confiscated. According to the police's introduction, due to the strengthened law enforcement in Shenzhen, illegal endangered species trade has gradually been transferred to the internet. [Read More](#)

Gxnews.com.cn, August 9th 2013- In mid-July, Nanning Forest Police received the intelligence that someone was selling tiger bones and skins in a website called "Tanhu Chashe (Tiger Discussion Tea House)". After the long-term investigation, on August 4th, the suspect Zhang was arrested in a hotel nearby Jiangbei Street and a total of 7kg of tiger bones and a Bengal tiger skin were seized. Later, the suspect admitted that he illegally purchased the tiger products from the neighboring country and other tiger products were being stored in his girlfriend's place. Finally, a total of 2 tiger skins, 13kg of tiger bones, 1 tiger skull, 10 pairs of boar teeth and a pair of horns were confiscated. [Read More](#)

40 marine turtles uncovered in Qionghai Railway Station

Sina.com.cn, August 9th 2013- According to the Qionghai Railway Station of Hainan Province, during the routine security check, the station police discovered 40 live juvenile marine turtles in a bubble chamber. Soon, the owner along with the turtles has been taken to the Tanmen fishery department for further investigation. [Read More](#)

Customs and State Forestry Administration conduct a special enforcement action

Forestry.gov.cn, August 14th 2013- According to the General Administration of Customs, a national-wide crackdown action on smuggling endangered species



has been conducted by the Customs and the State Forestry Administration since July 2013. [Read More](#)

Hangzhou Customs intercepts 2.2695 kg of ivory products

Legaldaily.com.cn, August 14th 2013- Xiaoshan Airport of Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province uncovered 24 items of ivory products, weighing 2269.5g, which were carried by seven passengers. According to the further investigation, the passengers came back from Africa and they said that had no idea of the importing limited ivory products. Since they could not provide any permission, the products have been confiscated.

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Ivory worth \$5m seized in Hong Kong



Huanqiu.com, August 16th 2013- Acting on a tip from customs officials in China, authorities at Hong Kong's port confiscated 1,120 ivory tusks, 13 rhino horns and five leopard skins weighing a total of 2,266 kilograms (4,997 pounds). They were found on Tuesday in 21

crates hidden in a container full of wood that originated in Nigeria, and the shipment changed vessels in Shanghai before arriving in Hong Kong.

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E-commerce, logistics firms commit to protect endangered species



TRAFFIC.org, August 16th 2013- Thirteen e-commerce and logistics companies met on 16th August in Beijing to learn about the high priority being given to addressing illegal trade in wildlife by law enforcement agencies. TRAFFIC gave a presentation on the status of illegal online wildlife trade in Beijing, based upon its regular monitoring of the situation. [Read More](#)

Fangchenggang seizes 28 pangolins





Xinhuanet.com, August 16th 2013- At 6 a.m. of 15th, according to the intelligence, Fangchenggang Border Police of Guangxi Province intercepted a car which carried 28 dead pangolins passing by Gangkou District. Now, the case has been transferred to the local Forestry Department. [Read More](#)

Harbin Customs seizes 169 bear paws



Cntv.cn, August 20th 2013- In July 2013, Jianmusi Customs got the intelligence that bear paws smuggled from Russia were being transported to Harbin, the capital of Heilongjiang Province. On the early morning of 12th July, one suspect was seized with 90 bear paws. After the further investigation, three more suspects were arrested with 79 bear paws with the support from local public security and border police. The biggest bear paw is 4 kg while the smallest is only 0.6 kg. [Read More](#)

Whale teeth and sandalwood confiscated Huanggang Customs

Qgtong.com, August 22nd 2013- Recently, Huanggang Customs of Shenzhen seized 1.4kg of whale teeth and 2.9kg of sandalwood from 2 Chinese passengers. Whale and sandalwood are listed in the CITES Appendix II and their import is strictly limited. Currently, the case has been transferred to relevant department for further investigation. [Read More](#)

Forest police in seven provinces jointly protect wildlife

China.com.cn, August 22nd 2013- The National Forest Police Bureau recently released that a total of seven provinces, including Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, Sichuan Province, Shaanxi Province, Gansu Province, Qinghai Province, Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, would jointly crack down on wildlife crimes. [Read More](#)

Shandong Province intercepts 28kg of pangolin scales





Xinhuanet.com, August 24th 2013- Recently, Shandong Enter-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau intercepted a parcel with 28kg of pangolin scales without any legal permission. The parcel came from Pakistan. [Read More](#)

live pangolins. Now, the case is under further investigation. [Read More](#)

Taiwan seizes 2,500 rare turtles bound for dinner plates

Abc.net.au, August 25th 2013- Taiwan coastguards discovered 2,626 rare turtles -- 1,180 Asian yellow pond turtles and 1,446 yellow-lined box turtles -- bound for dinner plates in a container on board a vessel in Kaohsiung on Saturday. They arrested a man surnamed Cheng but declined to provide more details because they are chasing the masterminds of the smuggling ring. [Read More](#)

Huanggang Customs cracks down on huge timber smuggling case



Customs.gov.cn, August 27th 2013- Huangpu Customs of Shenzhen releases the news on August 22nd that during the “Lifu” action which was conducted by Huangpu Customs and public security department, a total of 12 rare timber smuggling gangs were cracked down, and 48 suspects in 20 smuggling cases were detained. Two of the cases were involved with endangered timber and over 190 tons of timbers were seized. [Read More](#)

Fangchenggang Border Police uncovers 60 pangolins



Xinhuanet.com, August 27th 2013- On the night of August 26th, during patrolling, Fangchenggang Border Police intercepted a suspicious car which carried 60

147 Macaws seized in Shenzhen





Hexun.com, August 28th 2013- In late August, Shenzhen Customs District got the information that some smugglers would try to smuggle wild animals from abroad. At 1 am on August 23, the Customs officers found a van on a seaside road in the eastern part of Shenzhen. When opening the van, the customs officers saw 147 macaws, 422 tortoises and a thousand Java sparrows that were crowded in the cages. These wild animals were ferried to Hong Kong from Mali in Africa and then were smuggled by sea, said customs officers after investigation. [Read More](#)

Passenger intercepted for carrying leopard skin and ivories

Xinhuanet.com, August 29th 2013- On August 23rd, Weihai Customs of Shandong Province released that the customs seized 2 entire leopard skins, 6 raw elephant tusks (weighing 10.06kg) and 57 ivory products from a suspect who run business in Kenya and carried the confiscation from Nairobi, Kenya to Weihai via Inchon, Korea. Now, the case has been transferred to the local anti-smuggling department and the suspect has been detained. [Read More](#)

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