



China's Wildlife Enforcement News Digest (October 2013)

Man sentenced for smuggling endangered black pond turtles



Info.gov.hk, October 3rd 2013- A spokesman for the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) said that a 26-year-old man was sentenced at the Tsuen Wan Magistrates' Courts on October 3 to three months' imprisonment for illegal import of endangered species and three months' imprisonment for cruelty to animals. Customs officers intercepted the man who came from Thailand at the arrival hall of the Hong Kong International Airport and seized a total of 338 freshwater turtles from his luggage on October 1. Of them, 335 were black pond turtles. [Read More](#)

Hong Kong Customs seizes 769kg of ivory tusks hidden in soya bean containers

Cninanews.com, October 3rd 2013- The 769kg haul of 189 pieces was hidden in three 20-foot containers labeled as soya beans that came from Ivory Coast,

West Africa, via Malaysia on September 14 and 19. The banned tusks would have fetched HK\$11.5 million (USD2.4 million) on Asia's black market. The haul was discovered after the officers opened the containers.

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Hong Kong: Say No to Ivory Trade and Crafts



News.QQ.com, October 5th 2013- A coalition of concerned individuals and NGOs, Hong Kong for Elephants, rallied on October 4 in the city center calling on the Hong Kong Government to destroy its entire stockpile of 25 tones of confiscated ivory. [Read More](#)

Six-months imprisonment for illegally processing a pangolin

People.com.cn, October 10th 2013- On August 2012, the suspect Zhang was arrested for illegally purchasing



a pangolin and reselling them without any permission. According to the verification, the pangolin is worth CNY1 670 (USD175). Recently, the suspect Zhang was sentenced to 6 months in jail, probation for 1 year with a fine of CNY5000 (USD820). [Read More](#)

Manzhuang Border checkpoint seizes one ton of endangered wood



Jisi.gov.cn, October 10th 2013- On October 8th 2013, Manzhuang border checkpoint of Xishuangbanna, Yunnan Province yielded a case of smuggling one ton of Ironwood and one suspect was arrested. [Read More](#)

Shenzhen border police intercepts over 2000 pieces of smuggled mink furs

Jisi.gov.cn, October 14th 2013- On October 13th, Shenzhen border police in Shajing Station intercepted a yacht in Dongbao Hekou dock and seized 2016 pieces of smuggled mink furs along with a bunch of electronic equipments. [Read More](#)

Manchuria Customs confiscates 110 musk pods



Xinmin.cn, October 15th 2013- On October 14th and 15th, Manchuria Customs yielded 2 musk smuggling cases and seized 110 musk pods, weighing 1.5kg and worth CNY700,000 (USD116,667). [Read More](#)



Huanggang Customs intercepts a bunch of endangered species products



Xinmin.cn, October 16th 2013- On September 30th, the Huanggang Customs seized a total of 3kg of red coral products, 5.76kg of ivory products, 5 bird specimens and 40 dry water monitor galls in a Chinese passenger's luggage through X-ray check. The confiscation is worthy over CNY 300,000 (USD 50,000)[Read More](#)

Guangxi police intercepts nearly 100 wild Africa lizards



Chinanews.com, October 16th 2013- On the afternoon of 15th October, the Highway Traffic Police yielded a wild lizard smuggling case, and nearly 100 Africa lizards, weighing 350 kg, were seized in the Qinzhou Section of Lanhai Highway. Now, the vehicle along with the animals has been transferred to Qinzhou Forest Police and the suspects were under pursuit.

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Border departments of China and Viet Nam sign an agreement on cracking down on border crime

Xinhuanet.com, October 17th 2013- On October 17th, Fangchenggang Border Police of Guangxi Province joint with Mong Cai International Port of Viet Nam signed a border cooperation agreement. The both sides will establish the hotline and communicator system, strengthen the international law enforcement cooperation and crack down on wildlife and drug trafficking. [Read More](#)

Three Monitor lizards concealed in an international shuttle

Jisi.gov.cn, October 18th 2013- On the morning of October 11th, during the routine inspection in an international shuttle bus from Lao to China, Mohan Port Customs officers of Yunnan Province detected an unclaimed bag which contained 3 dead monitor lizards. [Read More](#)



Lhasa initiates a multi-departmental special action to combat smuggling

People.com.cn, October 18th 2013- Since September, the Lhasa Customs, in collaboration with Tibet border police, Public Security Department and other 11 departments or units has initiated a special action to combat smuggling in Tibet. The action aims at 5 main areas, including crackdown on narcotics, endangered species and human organ trafficking. [Read More](#)

Imprisonment for illegal purchase and transportation of pangolin scales

Jxnews.com.cn, October 21st 2013- Since July 2012, the suspect Liu has purchased 50kg of pangolin scales from Nigeria with the help of a Chinese worker there. The scales were mailed back to China by express and then sent to Traditional Chinese Medicine markets in Henan and Jiangxi Province for sale. In December 2012, Liu was arrested when coming back to Pingxiang, Jiangxi Province from Baiyun Airport of Guangzhou. On October 20th 2013, the Anyuan District Court sentenced Liu to 3 years in jail, probation for 3 years with a fine of CNY50,000 (USD8197) for illegally purchasing and transporting endangered species products. [Read More](#)

Hefei tried huge ivory smuggling case

163.com, October 21st 2013- Within 18 months, eight suspects smuggled over 3200kg of ivory tusks, worth CNY 135 million (USD 22 million). On the afternoon of October 20th 2013, Hefei Intermediate People's Court sentenced the suspects to 3-15 years in prison. [Read More](#)

Shenzhen Bay Customs seizes 25kg of black coral

CITES.gov.cn, October 22nd 2013- On October 9th, the Shenzhen Bay Customs intercepted a passenger back from Indonesia, who carried 25kg of black coral (CITES Appendix II). [Read More](#)

Shanghai Inspection and Quarantine Bureau intercepts ivory products

Aqsiq.gov.cn, October 22nd 2013- Recently, Shanghai Inspection & Quarantine Bureau intercepted an ivory product. The product was taken by a Chinese passenger from Flight LX188 (from Zurich, Switzerland to Shanghai, China), and it was uncovered by the X-ray check. [Read More](#)

Hebei establishes Provincial Inter-agency CITES Enforcement Coordination Group (PICE-CG)



People.com.cn, October 23rd 2013- Hebei Provincial Inter-agency CITES Enforcement Coordinating Group (PICE-CG) was established on 22nd in Shijiazhuang. The group is composed by the departments of forestry, agriculture, the customs, public security and industry & commerce. This group will take the joint efforts to crack down on wildlife crime in Hebei province. [Read More](#)

Hunchun Customs seizes a tiger skin

Jisi.gov.cn, October 24th 2013- On the morning of October 11th, during the routine inspection, Hunchun Customs seized a resembling tiger skin and a crippled animal skull from an entry vehicle. According to the identification, the skin belongs to an adult Amur Tiger, worth CNY480,000 (USD 78,689). In addition, based on the DNA test, the skull also belongs to tiger. [Read More](#)

Punishment for illegally transporting endangered species

Forestry.gov.cn, October 25th 2013- On April 27th, during the routine inspection, Fusui Police uncovered 18 geckos from a TOYOTA SUV in Fuzui service area of Nanyou Highway, Guangxi Province. On October 20th, Fusui County People's Court sentenced the Driver Li to 6 months in jail, probation for a year with a fine of

CNY5000 (USD?) for illegally transporting endangered species. [Read More](#)

Shenzhen border police yields ivory smuggling case

163.com, October 25th 2013- On the early morning of 25th 2013, Shenzhen border police received the intelligence that a van near Binhai Street and Shenwan 5th Street was illegally transporting endangered species products. When arriving the crime scene, the police found the suspects were unloading ivory tusks and products, as well as and a bunch of cell phone battery. [Read More](#)

A Guangxi couple tried for illegally transporting rhino horns

lfeng.com, October 26th 2013- On the morning of October 25th 2013, a couple was on trial in Xitang District People' Court for illegally transporting 14 rhino horns, worth CNY10.71 million (USD 1.76 million). On January 6th 2013, according to the intelligence, the couple was arrested when they were trading the 13 rhino horns. Later on, another one along with a tiger skin, several animal skeletons and ivory products were discovered in their house. [Read More](#)



Manchuria check port intercepts live Russian tortoises

Cqn.com.cn, October 28th 2013- Recently, the Highway branch of Manchuria Inspection & Quarantine Bureau uncovered 2 live Russian tortoises from a Chinese passenger's luggage. [Read More](#)

Jiangmen Customs seizes over eight tons of frozen pangolins

Jisi.gov.cn, October 28th 2013- On the evening of October 23rd 2013, according to the intelligence, Jiangmen Customs intercepted the target ship named "Yuetai Yuyun 06013" and 5 suspects were detained. In the ship, the police discovered 8.1 tons of frozen pangolins, 1.6 ton of pangolin scales, 200 kg of sharkfin and 300 kg of python skins. The total value reached CNY18 million (USD3 million). The pangolins were suspected from Indonesia, and the case is under further investigation. [Read More](#)

A fishman detained for illegally processing hawksbills

Gmw.cn, October 28th 2013- Tanmen police of Qionghai, Hainan Province uncovered 12 hawksbill specimens in a logistics company's vehicle. After the further investigation, on October 25th, the police detected 227 hawksbill specimens (worth USD 163,934) from the suspect Feng's factory in Jiujipo of

Tanmen. Now, the suspect Feng was detained. [Read More](#)

10-year imprisonment for illegally transport ivory products

China.com.cn, October 29th 2013- In early March, the defendant Li delivered 2 ivory tusks from Zhuhai, Guangdong Province to Beijing by express. In addition, he asked another person Huang to send 168 ivory products from Zhuhai to Beijing by express. On March 10th, Li was arrested. Recently, the defendant Li was sentenced to 10 years in jail, deprivation of political right for 2 years, with a fine of CNY20,000 (USD3 175) for illegally transporting endangered species. [Read More](#)

Shanghai establishes PICE-CG

CITES.gov.cn, October 30th 2013- In order to enhance CITES law enforcement cooperation, effectively construct regional enforcement platform and further enhance law enforcement capacity, led by the Shanghai branch of CITES MA, the PICE-CG was officially established in Shanghai on October 29th. The first meeting of this group was attended by over 40 participants from Shanghai Forestry Administration, Agriculture Department, Industrial & Commercial Bureau, Public Security Bureau, Shanghai Customs and



Shanghai Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine Bureau.

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Nanning Customs seizes 17 smuggled hawksbills

Jisi.gov.cn, October 31st 2013- Nanning Customs detected 17 smuggled hawksbills in Malu County of Dongxing, Guangxi Province. The biggest of the hawksbill reached 12.1kg and the smallest one was over 3.3kg. [Read More](#)

Beijing Customs detects a big pangolin scale smuggling case

Legaldaily.com.cn, October 31st 2013- Beijing Customs released that they detected a big pangolin scales smuggling case, involving 1030 kg of pangolin scales. Three suspects smuggled these scales from Pakistan to Nanchang City, Jiangxi Province for over 20 times by EMS from April to July this year. [Read More](#)

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