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Huanggang Customs yields large Algawood smuggling seizure

2016-11-02, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province – On the afternoon of October 30th, a container truck declared for customs to enter China via Huanggang port, and claimed the cargo as plastic granules. However, the customs officials found a hidden compartment built in the narrow space between the trailer and the container, which contains 21 bags of agalwood, weighing a total 40kg.

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5 years imprisonment for smuggling ivory souvenirs from abroad

2016-11-02, Beijing – Mr. Guo and friends travelled to Burundi and purchased a bunch of ivory products, including bracelet, necklets, chess etc. Although knowing that it is illegal to bring ivory products back to China, they decided to have a try. They hid the products in the packages of milk powder and potato chips, but got caught by the airport security. The gross weight of their ivory products is around 20kg. Finally, Mr. Guo was sentenced to 5 years imprisonment with a fine of CNY 100,000 (USD14,705) by Beijing Third Intermediate People's Court for smuggling endangered species products. [Read More](#)

4 years imprisonment for smuggling 52 ivory items from South Africa



2016-11-02, Beijing – The defendant Liu has been working in South Africa for a long time. On June 3rd, 2014, he took the flight EK308 back from Cape Town, South Africa. China customs officer found 52 pieces of suspected ivory products in his luggage. The ivory products weighs 10.173kg and worth CNY 423,878.39 (USD62,335). Eventually, Liu was sentenced to 4 years imprisonment and fined for CNY 40,000 (USD5,882) by Beijing Fourth Intermediate People's Court for smuggling endangered animal products. And the ivory products were confiscated. [Read More](#)

Tengchong Customs seizes 14kg pangolin scales within a month

2016-11-03, Tengchong, Yunnan Province - During the national holiday, Monkey Bridge Port of Tengchong Customs stopped a Myanmar-bound truck for inspection, yet they found 6.3kg of pangolin scale and 1.6 kg of elephant skin. [Read More](#)

Hong Kong police seizes smuggled pangolin worth HK\$ 1.45 million



2016-11-04, Hong Kong - A joint anti-smuggling operation happened in Sai Kung and Tseung Kwan area by Hong Kong customs on October 31st. The operation cracked down a huge pangolin smuggling case, and resulted in the seizure of chilled pangolin which worth a total of HK\$ 1.45 million. However the eight smugglers escaped. [Read More](#)



Huanggang Customs intercepts 5kg pangolin scales

2016-11-04, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province – On the afternoon of Nov. 2nd in Futian Port, a short man with a black backpack drew the officers' attention. Huanggang Customs officers discovered about 5kg of pangolin scales through the X-ray machine. After checking the passenger's cross-boundary record, the officers found the passenger had frequent trips between Shenzhen and Hong Kong. He has also been repeatedly seized or punished by the Customs. According to this passenger, he was hired by someone with a few hundred Yuan as a reward. Currently, Huanggang Customs has confiscated the products, and handed over the case to the Customs Anti-smuggling Department. [Read More](#)

Illegal trade seizure involves ivory and rhino horn worthy 16 million

2016-11-09, Beijing - July 2015, Li Jia sold 9 pieces of rhino horn raw materials (weighting 8.925 kg, worthy over CNY 2.23 million, USD 0.33 million) to Teng at CNY 120,000 per kilo (USD 17,647) via Li Shuo, and had Li Shuo delivering the materials to Beijing through express. On July 30th and 31st, Teng sent the rhino horn to Si and Shan (sentenced) for processing. Teng (38-year-old) is the core person of this transaction, the other five defendants are in his upstream and downstream. Xicheng Court held that Teng constituted illegal purchasing, transportation, sale of endangered species products, and sentenced him to 14 years imprisonment and a fine of CNY 60,000 (USD 8824). Li Shuo constituted illegal transportation and selling of endangered species products, and was sentenced to 13 years imprisonment, deprivation of political rights for 2 years, and a fine of CNY 50,000 (USD 7353). Lijia is sentenced to imprisonment for 11 years, a fine of CNY 30,000 (USD 4412); Si to imprisonment for 7 years and 6 months, a fine of CNY 15,000 (USD 2206); Shan to imprisonment for 5 years, and a fine of CNY 10,000 (USD 1470); Lu to 3 years imprisonment, and a fine of CNY 5,000 (USD 735). The products have been confiscated. [Read More](#)

6 years imprisonment for smuggling 15 pangolins in Guangxi



2016-11-10, Fangchenggang, Guangxi Province — The defendant Wu Wenjiang is uncertain nationality but claimed to be born in Vietnam. On May 17th, 2016, he drove a steel ship in Beilun River from Vietnam to Dongxing, China with 4 bags of pangolins. However, He was caught by anti-smuggling bureau officers when reached the shore. And the steel ship and 15 pangolins were confiscated. Yet the 3 suspects jumped into the river and escaped. The defendant Wu Wenjiang was sentenced to imprisonment for 6 years and fined CNY 60,000 (USD 8823) on Nov.18th. [Read more](#)

Ningxia Forest Police cracked down on wildlife poaching seizure

2016-11-12, Guyuan, Ningxia Province — Liupanshan branch of Guyuan Forest police suspected Lan to poach musk deer, National First-class Protected Wild Animal, and sell musk glands in Aug. 2016. After investigation, the suspect Lan was caught in the Huining highway service area of Qinglan highway, and 12 bags of suspected musk gland and 140g suspected gland powder were confiscated. The suspect Lan confessed to hunting 10 musk deer in Ningxia, Gansu, Shaanxi Provinces etc. and trying to sell musk gland. Since several provinces were involved in this case, Ningxia forest police has established a special investigation team and the other suspects are under chasing. [Read more](#)

3 people arrested for selling endangered species products in Shanghai

2016-11-16, Shanghai — Longbai police station had received a tip-off that stalls in Hongqiao antique market was selling illegal wildlife products. After investigation,

over 200 illegal wildlife products, weighting more than 50kg, including ivory, rhino horn and helmeted hornbill skull were confiscated in stall A2 and A9. Currently, the products have been sent to professional identification. And the suspects Wang, Qian, Shen were arrested and the case is under further investigation. [Read more](#)

Manzhouli customs yields a snow leopard skin smuggling case

2016-11-16, Manzhouli, Inner Mongolia — Policemen of Manzhouli anti-smuggling bureau was informed that Meng, Mongolian, was going to sell snow leopard skin in China. On Nov. 14th, the suspect Meng, a Chinese Se and three other suspects were arrested at a hotel in Manzhouli and one snow leopard skin was confiscated.

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Shenzhen customs yields a red coral smuggling case



2016-11-18, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province — On Sep. 14th 2016, a total of 83kg red coral beads, 5kg red coral slice and 100kg raw red coral, which belongs to National First-class Protected Aquatic Wildlife and CITES Appendix III species, was discovered in the luggage of a Taiwanese traveler in Shenzhen Bay Port. [Read more](#)



6 Burma Pythons were confiscated in Yangjiang

2016-11-19, Yangjiang, Guangdong Province —

According to the intelligence, Yangjiang forest police and wildlife conservation station confiscated 6 wild Burma pythons, which belongs to National First-class Protected Animals. They were discovered in a post station before posting to other province for sale. This endangered wildlife selling seizure has been defined as major criminal case and is under further investigation. The 6 Burma pythons has been transferred to the conservation center.

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Hong Kong police confiscated smuggled rosewood worthy 400,000 HKD

2016-11-21, Hong Kong — On Nov.17th, a man was arrested due to smuggling 20 rosewood, worthy HKD 400,000 (USD 73,529) during the anti-smuggling action in the area of Saigon and Tseung Kwan, which was hosted by HK marine police and customs. And his private car was detained for further investigation as well. [Read more](#)

Jiangsu police yields a wildlife trade case

2016-11-22, Yancheng, Jiangsu Province — Yancheng police yielded a seizure of illegal transporting and trade in wildlife products, which crashed 7 dens, arrested 20 suspects and rescued over 400 National First and Second class protected animals, including orangutans, Black-capped Capuchins, squirrel monkey and various kinds of parrot. According to investigation, the suspect Zhang runs a parrot farm in Xiangshui since 2009. And smuggle endangered wildlife from overseas, such as South

America into China. In addition, he resold parrots and mammals through Internet and earning more than CNY 3,000,000 (USD 441,176). [Read more](#)

6 years imprisonment because of selling endangered parrots

2016-11-23, Beijing — The defendant Zheng, 38 years old, runs a pet shop in Xicheng district, Beijing. He has ever sold 2 red lorries to Chen at CNY 3500 (USD 515) each and one African grey parrot to Kong at CNY 5000 (USD 735) without permission. In Nov. 2015, the defendant Zheng and his shop assistant Geng attempted to sell another 7 rainbow lorikeets. Species mentioned-above are all listed in CITES appendix. Finally, Geng and Zheng was arrested during Nov. to Dec. 2015. And Zheng was sentenced to imprisonment for 6 years and fined CNY 10,000 (USD 1470) because of selling endangered wildlife; Geng was sentenced to imprisonment for 3 years, placed on probation for 3 years and fined CNY 6,000 (USD 882). And the 7 rainbow lorikeets was confiscated. [Read more](#)

17 tons giant clams, 109 hawksbill and 1110 *Cassis cornuta* confiscated in Guangxi





2016-11-24 , Pingxiang, Guangxi Province — On October 31st, Pingxiang customs seized a large number of rare wild animal products in the Kafeng supervision center, which including about 17 tons of , 109 hawksbill products and 1,110 *Cassis cornuta*. The products were claimed as shells and transported by 5 mini vans. All the giant clams, hawksbill and *Cassis cornuta* were listed in Appendix I or Appendix II of CITES, whose protection is equal to National First and Second Class Protected Aquatic Wildlife in China. At present, Pingxiang Customs anti-smuggling branch has arrested four suspects. And the case is under further investigation. [Read more](#)

Jilin forest police seizes 2360 ivory products



2016-11-28, Jilin City, Jilin Province — On June 30th, Jilin forest police established a special task, as it received the intelligence from the State Forest Police that someone were suspected to sell ivory products via the internet. After investigation, the police focused on the suspect Huang. He was also running an antique market in the flowers and birds market. On Jul. 1st, Huang was arrested and a total of 457 items of ivory products, weighing 3089.9g, worthy CNY 128,747 (USD 19,807) was confiscated. According to his WeChat, the rest suspects were arrested. Finally, on Nov. 14th, Jilin High-tech Development Zone Procuratorate prosecuted the 10 suspects. [Read more](#)

WWF designs courses on endangered species protection in China



2016-11-29, Shenzhen, Guangdong Province — Invited by WWF China, Roots and Shoots China, TRAFFIC, WWF-Hong Kong, Vanke Charitable Foundation, Aihuitang and other 2 organization met in Shenzhen, to initiate the first ever environmental education training material in China, according to the methodology developed by WWF. The current training is focusing on WWF icon species such as panda, tiger etc. [Read more](#)

Nanjing customs confiscates 2 Siamese crocodile skins



2016-11-29, Nanjing, Jiangsu Province — Zhenjiang customs found 2 whole Siamese crocodile skins, which was listed CITES Appendix I species and National First Class Protected Animal. The products were hidden in a carry-on luggage of a sailor from Thailand. [Read more](#)



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