

China's Wildlife Enforcement News Digest (Mar 2019)

Domestic

Nanjing, Jiangsu seized a batch of ivory and red coral products



Nanjing, Jiangsu, 5 Mar 2019 – Recently, Customs officer in Suzhou Post office subordinated to Nanjing Customs seized a batch of suspected endangered wildlife products when monitoring imported postal mails from Japan. There are a total of 37 products, including 11 ivory products weighted 49 grams, and 26 red coral products weighted 152 grams. [Read more](#)

Yinchuan Customs seized endangered wildlife product scleractinia



Yinchuan, Ningxia, 5 Mar 2019 – Recently, in the immigration control of the airport,

Yinchuan Customs seized inbound passenger illegally carried one endangered wildlife product scleractinia with the weight of 390 grams. At 5 am that morning, when monitoring the flight from Dubai to Yinchuan, Customs officer found questionable X-ray picture from a luggage indicated suspected endangered species. After checking, it was confirmed to be scleractinia. The passenger claimed it was a beautiful 'stone' they found when playing at the beach of Dubai and wanted to bring back home for their kid. After knowing the truth about this 'stone', they immediately gave it up. 'We will not bring it back if we know it is endangered wildlife product. We won't bring any unknown staffs back to China again.' The passenger said. [Read More](#)

Shenzhen Customs seized suspected ivory product inbound case



Shenzhen, Guangdong, 6 Mar 2019 – On 28 Feb, Huanggang Customs subordinated to Shenzhen Customs seized a suspected ivory inbound case, which illegally carried by a passenger in the Huanggang Port inbound lane. At 10 am that day, a car hold two license plates was about to enter China from Huanggang Port questioned by Customs. This car did not



declare to Customs beforehand, after checking by Customs officer, 1 suspected ivory product weighted 300 grams, 4 small ivory products weighted 193 grams were found from the trunk. The suspect claimed those were bought when travelling abroad. Now this case has been transferred to relevant department of Customs to process. [Read more](#)

Lanzhou Customs cracked down endangered species smuggling and sized inbound ivory products from Laos



Lanzhou, Gansu, 6 Mar 2019 – According to the disclosure by Lanzhou Customs on 6 Mar, when monitoring an inbound flight from Luang Prabang, Laos to Lanzhou, 4 ivory bracelets weighted 124.5 grams were found worn by 4 passengers. This was the second time in this year that Lanzhou Customs seized ivory products. Since the beginning of this year, Lanzhou Customs intensified targeted smuggling monitor for immigration control, continuously analysis passengers' information for the flights come from high risk regions, simultaneously compare in multiple dimensions by CT machine, and remain committed to protect endangered species from smuggling, so as to deter illegal trading behavior like ivory to the uttermost. [Read more](#)

Guangxi Pingxiang Customs seized 9 ivory

products weighted 660 grams



Pingxiang, Guangxi, 7 Mar 2019 – Guangxi Pingxiang Customs officer found questionable X-ray images when monitoring a package from UK in the Free Trade Zone for cross-border E-commerce. After immediate examine to the package, 9 suspected ivory products weighted 660 grams and 1 amber colored product weighted 60 grams were seized. Preliminary identification showed above items were products made from ivory, animal bones and hawksbill. This was the first time Pingxiang Customs seized ivory products on the Cross-border E-commerce monitoring spot. This package disguised into books, ceramic tableware, and jewelry in an attempt to avoid monitor. Now, onsite officer has processed according to relevant regulations. [Read more](#)

Qingdao Customs seized 2 successive cases of ivory smuggling inbound

Qingdao, Shandong, 8 Mar 2019 – Recently, Qingdao Customs seized 2 successive ivory smuggling inbound cases, arrested 3 suspects, captured 9 ivory products weighted 300 grams. Suspect Xue purchased ivory products such as bracelet and pendant by contacting foreign guides through social networks or gave by foreign business clients. They then delivered those products to truck drivers by oversea personnel, and smuggled inbound through China's Southern Border Ports by concealing them. After that, mail them by express delivery



to Shandong and other places. [Read more](#)

Wuxi Customs seized endangered wildlife products

Nanjing, Jiangsu, 12 Mar 2019 – Wuxi Customs subordinated to Nanjing Customs seized successive endangered wildlife products in Sunanshuofang Airport. Including 1 suspected ivory necklace, 3 suspected crocodile belts, 1 suspected elephant leather bag, 5 suspected Tridacna necklaces, 2 suspected Verawood combs, and 2 batches of suspected red coral jewelry. All these have been detained for further identification. [Read more](#)

Luohu Customs seized illegally carried endangered wildlife hawksbill



Luohu, Shenzhen, 13 Mar 2019 – On 6 Mar, a girl aged just over 18 carried over 4 kilograms back scales from endangered wildlife hawksbill and wanted to enter China from Luohu Customs when seized by Customs on the spot. Customs officer inspected her backpack and carry-on black plastic bag when she passing the Customs. After X-ray examination, a lot of flaky suspects were found in her plastic bag. According to the identification by Southern China Wildlife Species Appraisal Center, above items were back shells from hawksbill, weighted 4390 grams. Now, this case proceeds by Customs Case Center. [Read more](#)

Shanghai Customs successive seized ivory products



Shanghai, 13 Mar 2019 – Recently, Shanghai Customs successive seized illegally mail or carry ivory products inbound cases. On 4 Mar, Shanghai Post Customs found 1 suspected ivory flute weighted 95 grams from an undeclared parcel by X-ray examination and manual inspection. Now, this case is under further investigation.

On 5 Mar, when regular checking an inbound flight, Shanghai Pudong Airport Customs seized 2 suspected ivory products weighted 40 grams without declaration from 1 Chinese passenger. Above items have been transferred to Customs anti-smuggling department for identification now. [Read more](#)

Nanchang Customs successive seized ivory products from immigration control



Nanchang, Jiangxi, 13 Mar 2019 – In the first quarter, Nanchang Customs successively seized ivory products from immigration control. 1 bracelet and 3 pendants made from animal bone, with a total weight of 40 grams were found from luggage of inbound passengers.



After identification by specialist agencies, above items were ivory products.

On 25 Feb, Nanchang Customs Anti-smuggling Bureau detected a case of smuggling ivory products inbound, with a total weight of 3700 grams. According to intelligence clue, Nanchang Customs Anti-smuggling Bureau found a suspect born in Jiangxi was suspicion of smuggling ivory products inbound by international parcel. Nanchang Customs took immediate action afterwards and cracked down a batch of ivory products in an antiques market in Nanchang, including ivory tableware, Buddha carving decoration, necklace, bracelet, beads, pendant, and scroll, with a total weight of 3,700 grams and 1 suspect. [Read more](#)

Jinling Customs Seized Ivory bracelet and beads



Nanjing, Jiangsu, 13 Mar 2019 – On 26 Feb, the post office of Jinling Customs subordinated to Nanjing Customs found ivory bracelet and 24 ivory beads in a parcel come from Taiwan. [Read more](#)

Zhengzhou Customs successively seized ivory products



Zhengzhou, Henan, 13 Mar 2019 – Recently, Zhengzhou Customs successively seized ivory products from mailing. On 22 Feb, 2 scrolls with ivory head weighted 1,150 grams were found in an inbound mail from Japan. On 5 Mar, 1 ivory necklace weighted 43 grams was found from an inbound mail from Japan. [Read more](#)

Lanzhou Customs seized 2 successive cases of ivory products smuggling

Lanzhou, Gansu, 13 Mar 2019 – In the wee hours of 13 Feb, when monitoring ZA713 from Luang Prabang, Laos to Lanzhou, 7 ivory bracelets were seized from 7 passengers weighted 201 grams, by X-ray examination and manual checking. In the wee hours of 27 Feb, when monitoring a flight from Luang Prabang, Laos to Lanzhou, Customs found 4 ivory bracelets from 4 passengers weighted 124.5 grams. Above cases are under further process. [Read more](#)

Jinan Customs seized ivory jewelry and products





Jinan, Shandong, 13 Mar 2019 – On 21 Feb, Jinan Customs found illegally carried 1 ivory product weighted 31 grams from the immigration control. On 23 Feb, when monitoring an outbound flight from Jinan to Hong Kong, 1 suspected ivory necklace weighted 114 grams was found from a Chinese passenger. On 25 Feb, Jinan Customs cracked 2 batches of suspected ivory products, with 8 items weighted 259 grams in total. [Read more](#)

Changsha Customs seized 7 ivory products



Changsha, Hunan, 13 Mar 2019 – Since the late February, Changsha Customs seized 3 cases of inbound passengers illegally carried ivory products, with a total of 7 items and weighted 176 grams, including ivory pendant, bracelet, and necklace. Those ivory products were bought by Chinese passengers during their travel in Southeast Asia countries like Vietnam, Thailand, and Indonesia. [Read more](#)

Chengdu Customs seized 44 illegally inbound ivory products



Chengdu, Sichuan, 13 Mar 2019 – From 20 Feb to 7 Mar, Chengdu Customs seized 44 illegal inbound ivory products weighted 2105 grams from the immigration control in Chengdu Shuangliu International Airport. [Read more](#)

Xiamen Airport Customs successively cracked ivory products inbound cases



Xiamen, Fujian, 13 Mar 2019 – Recently, Xiamen Airport Customs subordinated to Xiamen Customs successively seized 3 cases of illegally carried ivory products inbound, with a total of 3 items weighted 94 grams. In the afternoon of 13 Feb, when monitoring KE887 from Korea to Xiamen, a beige wristband worn by one passenger walking through the green channel caught attention of the on spot officer. After examination, the bracelet was made from ivory, weighted 24 grams. On 17 Feb, when monitoring a flight MF8692 departed from Phnom Penh to Xiamen, a luggage examination showed questionable image



which belonged to a Chinese female passenger who chose the green channel. After checking, 1 ivory product weighted 35 grams was found. On 28 Feb, 1 ivory bracelet carried by a Chinese Female passenger, weighted 35 grams was seized from a flight from Thailand to Xiamen. At present, Xiamen Customs further investigate above items according to law. [Read more](#)

the Zhoushuizi International Airport, Dalian Customs seized 1 ivory head scroll weighted 23.5 grams from a Chinese passenger departed from Japan. On 27 Feb, Dalian Postal Customs subordinated to Dalian Customs seized 1 ivory censer and 1 cap weighted 386 grams in a parcel from Japan. [Read more](#)

Quanzhou Customs seized ivory products weighted 107 grams



Quanzhou, Fujian, 13 Mar 2019 – On 7 Mar, Quanzhou Customs subordinated to Xiamen Customs seized a suspected ivory inbound case carried by 1 passenger in the Quanzhou airport port immigration control. This case seized a total of 4 suspected ivory products with the weight of 107 grams (including the thread). These items are under identification and will proceed after receiving the result from specialist agency. [Read more](#)

Nanjing Customs seized 77 suspected ivory scrolls



Nanjing, Jiangsu, 13 Mar 2019 – Recently, Postal office of Suzhou Customs subordinated to Nanjing Customs seized 2 batches of antique paintings with 77 items when monitoring inbound mails from Japan. 7 scroll heads in those suspected to be ivory products, weighted 2,630 grams. [Read more](#)

Dalian Customs seized ivory scroll and censer



Dalian, Liaoning, 13 Mar 2019 – On 21 Feb, in

Kunming Customs successively seized illegally carried ivory products weighted 170 grams



Kunming, Yunnan, 13 Mar 2019 – On 2 Mar, on site officer from Post division of Mongla Customs subordinated to Kunming Customs



found 1 ivory bracelet and 1 ivory hand strings weighted 80 grams in total from 1 Laotian passenger and 1 Chinese passenger in the Mohan Port immigration control. On 3 Mar, on site officer found 1 elephant bone product weighted 90 grams worn by a Chinese passenger when driving through the Mohan Port inbound channel. Now, these 3 cases are under further investigations. [Read more](#)

Hefei Customs seized ivory products weighting 108 grams



Hefei, Anhui, 13 Mar 2019-Hefei Customs seized 3 bracelets and 4 necklace in inbound parcel from France. After identification by Forest public security judicial appraisal center of state forestry administration, 2 bracelets and part of the necklaces made of ivory, weighting 108 grams. [Read More](#)

Huanggang Customs seized 40 living corals



Shenzhen, Guangdong, 15 Mar 2019 – Recently, Huanggang Customs subordinated to

Shenzhen Customs seized 40 living corals from a satchel of a male passenger in the port immigration control. This case is transferred to Customs Anti-smuggling department to proceed. [Read more](#)

Tianbao Customs in the Kunming Border of Yunnan seized ivory products



Kunming, Yunnan, 16 Mar 2019 – On 7 Mar, Tianbao Customs officer found 1 Vietnamese driver carried 1 ivory bracelet weighted 72.3 grams in the Tianbao port transportation checking point. On 14 Mar, 1 ivory pendant weighted 11.1 grams was seized when examining carry-on luggage of a Chinese passenger in the exit channel. [Read more](#)

Lanzhou Customs seized tridacna products come from Vietnam

Lanzhou, Gansu, 19 Mar 2019 – Now, Lanzhou Customs seized 3 tridacna products weighted 246 grams when monitoring flight VJ5126 depart from Nha Trang, Vietnam to Lanzhou. These 3 items were carried by Chinese passengers, 2 of them were worn by passengers and 1 was found in the luggage. This case is under further investigation. [Read more](#)

Shenyang Customs seized illegal ivory products inbound case



Shenyang, Liaoning, 21 Mar 2019 – When machine checking a mail came from Japan, 2 scrolls with suspected ivory heads, weighted 560 grams were seized. Preliminary identify confirmed to be ivory products. This is the eleventh ivory cases cracked by Shenyang Customs from inbound postal channel since the beginning of this year. The 11 cases seized a total of 95 ivory products, weighted 11.12 kilograms. They all proceed according to relevant regulations. [Read more](#)

Shenzhen Customs seized 2 illegally carried ivory products cases

Shenzhen, Guangdong, 21 Mar 2019 – Customs officer of Shenzhen Baoan Airport found 2 persons carried suspected ivory products when examining. After identification, 3 of them are made from ivory, including 1 ivory jewelry, and 2 ivory carved decorations, with a total weight of 120 grams. Now they are transferred to relevant department to proceed. [Read more](#)

Zhejiang Hangzhou Customs seized ivory bracelet

Hangzhou, Zhejiang, 21 Mar 2019 – On 21 Mar, Customs officer found one questionable luggage, after checking, 3 beige bracelets were found. They confirmed to be ivory products after identification. Now, there bracelets have been transferred to Customs Anti-smuggling department to proceed. [Read more](#)

Guangzhou Customs seized ivory products weighted 350 grams



Zhongshan, Guangzhou, 22 Mar 2019 – Recently, Zhongshangang Customs seized 1 case of passengers carried ivory products inbound from Angola. This case cracked 5 ivory products weighted 350 grams, 8 dried seahorses weighted 45 grams. Now it is under further investigation. [Read more.](#)

Chengdu Customs seized 39 suspected ivory products



Chengdu, Sichuan, 22 Mar 2019 – On 20 Mar, Chengdu Shuangliu Airport Customs cracked 1 case of carrying suspected ivory product inbound in the immigration control of Chengdu Airport port. It was found when monitoring an Ethiopian Airlines flight departed from Addis Ababa, 39 suspected ivory products weighted 807 grams was hidden in a Chinese passenger’s clothes and luggage. [Read more](#)



Guiyang Airport Customs seized ivory product on the spot



Guiyang, Guizhou, 25 Mar 2019 – On 24 Mar, Guiyang Longdongbao Airport Customs found 1 ivory product weighted 100 grams in a passenger’s luggage. Now, Guiyang Customs has transferred this case to Anti-smuggling department to proceed. [Read more](#)

Shantou, Guangzhou seized rare animals and their products



Shantou, Guangdong, 27 Mar 2019 – In the evening of 24 Mar, Shantou Customs take joint action with Meizhou Police Station seized a gang smuggled from Vietnam through Dongxing where no China-Vietnam border customhouse was set, and overland transported to places like Guangdong to owners for sale. 3 suspects were caught on the spot, rare wildlife and their products including 10 living pangolins, 5 frozen pangolins, 3,750 grams pangolin scales, 4 living eagles, and 9 frozen bear's palms were found, and 1

smuggling gang was cracked down. This case is proceeding now according to the law. [Read more](#)

Sichuan Chengdu Customs found carved decoration made from ivory in inbound parcel



Chengdu, Sichuan, 28 Mar 2019 – On 17 Mar, Chengdu Customs subordinated to Sichuan Customs found 3 suspected ivory carved decorations weighted 1.22 kilograms in a parcel sent from Belgium when monitoring inbound mails. On the spot, Customs officer found questionable mail images by the X-ray checking, which looked like ivory image they saw before. Then officer opened the luggage for further checking, and found 3 suspected ivory carved decorations which declared as ‘3 fliunnes’. Recently, Southern China Wildlife Identification Center confirmed these to be modern ivory products. [Read more](#)

Yinchuan inbound express delivery channel found ivory products for the first time



Yinchuan, Ningxia, 28 Mar 2019 – On 26 Mar, 1 suspected ivory necklace was seized in a mail sent from USA to Shanghai. Customs Postal officer found questionable image which declared as ‘none necklace’ when monitoring X-ray examine. After open it, 1 suspected ivory necklace was found within the parcel. Identified by Judicial Expertise Institution, 11 beads from the necklace were made from ivory, weighted 15.6 grams, while others were fake. Now this case is under further investigation. [Read more](#)

Lanzhou Gansu Seized ivory products weighted 213 grams



Lanzhou, Gansu, 29 Mar 2019 – When monitoring flight from Luang Prabang, Laos to Lanzhou in the Lanzhou Zhongchuan Airport port, 2 ivory bracelets and 1 hand string, weighted 213 grams in total were seized from

2 Chinese passengers’ luggage. Now this case is under further investigation. [Read more](#)

Shandong Jinan Post Customs seized 2 ivory jewelries



Jinan, Shandong, 30 Mar 2019 – Recently, Jinan Post Customs found 2 ivory jewelries weighted 120 grams from an inbound business express send from USA. When machine checking inbound business express this morning, a parcel send from USA declared to be accessory but image showed like necklace, X-ray image indicate highly likely ivory product. After detained this parcel for further checking, 2 necklaces were found inside, which identified to be ivory product by Raman substance monitor. Customs officer has detained this parcel according to the law. [Read more](#)

Hebei Shijiazhuang Customs seized smuggled ivory product



Shijiazhuang, Hebei, 31 Mar 2019 – On 22 Mar, Shijiazhuang Customs seized 56 ivory necklace, bracelet and folding fan weighted 1.78 kilograms, and 37 tableware and mirrors weighted 1.73 kilograms from 2 parcels sent from Belgium. Now this case is under further investigation. [Read more](#)



International

Philippine Customs seized 1500 rare sea turtles with the market value of 570,000 RMB



The Philippines, 6 Mar 2019 – On 3 Mar, in the Manila airport, Philippines, Customs seized 1,500 rare marine turtles with the market price of around 4,500,000 Peso (around 570,000 RMB) from a passenger's luggage. Philippines Customs then detained these sea turtles. In order to fix those sea turtles, some of them were wrapped with tapes. Those 1530 marine turtles were endangered India White Turtle identified by IUCN. They were hidden within shoes and clothes. This marine turtle was sale in Philippines and smuggled to third countries. Now Philippines Customs is investigating smuggler's track. [Read more](#)

4 smugglers were arrested at Cameroon for smuggling 300 kilograms ivory and 2.5 tons pangolin scales



Cameroon, 8 Mar 2019 -- 4 smugglers were

arrested at the 'economic capital' Douala of Cameroon for smuggling 300 kilograms ivory and 2.5 tons pangolin scales. Those 4 smugglers were riding on 2 cars to deliver cargos when under arrested, according to the investigator. Preliminary investigation showed they are long time smuggler, mainly traffic drug to Nigeria black market. Recently, they conveyed a batch of ivory and pangolin scales collected from Southern and Eastern Cameroon to Nigeria. [Read more](#)

Da Nang, Vietnam seized smuggled ivory weighted 9.1 tons



Da Nang, Vietnam, 28 Mar 2019 – On 28 Mar, according to Vice Director Ruan Xiang, they just seized a batch of ivory with record high amount. Beforehand, Da Nang found clues about the illicit smuggling from abroad to Da Nang Port by various techniques. On 24 Mar, Da Nang Customs coordinated with relevant department like Police and Frontier Defense, seized a batch of suspected import timber, in which over 9.1 tons ivories were in disguise. After tracing clues, Da Nang Customs together with relevant departments discovered the purchaser. But the purchaser claimed they just import timber from Congo, rather than ivory, and so was not responsible for these ivories. Da Nang Customs continues



to check this cargo and filing documents with relevant departments. Now this case is transferred to Public Security for further investigation. [Read more](#)

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