



# CHINA'S WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT NEWS DIGEST

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## Wuhan Customs Anti-Smuggling Bureau Seized Endangered Animal Products in an Antique Shop



**News Release Date:** 3 February 2021

**Seizure Date:** 7 January 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Wuhan Customs Anti-Smuggling Bureau

**Location:** an antique shop in Xianggang Rd., Wuhan, Hubei Province

**Detection Method:** tip-off and Investigation

**Species:** 30-gram rhino horns products, 938.16-gram ivory products

**Reason of seizure:** smuggling

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## Gongbei Customs Cracked Down Parallel Goods Trader Group Smuggling Red Coral



**News Release Date:** 7 February 2021

**Seizure Date:** from 29 December 2020 to 18 January 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Gongbei Customs Anti-Smuggling Bureau (Under the guidance of Guangdong Customs and Guangdong Provincial Public Security Department, assisted by Customs of Macau)

**Location:** Gongbei, Jiangbei, Zhuhai

**Detection Method:** Investigation

**Species:** 18.61kg of red coral

**Transport Method:** concealed in inbound passenger's luggage and inbound mail

**Intermediate Place:** Macau, China

**Reason of seizure:** smuggling

**Estimated Value:** 9.3 Million RMB

**Number of offenders:** 12

**Case Progress:** under further investigation

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### Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Seized Three Products of Tridacnidae spp.



**News Release Date:** 10 February 2021  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs  
**Location:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport, Guangdong Province  
**Detection Method:** routine Examination (Abnormal X-ray image)  
**Species:** three pieces of Tridacnidae products, 915 g in total  
**Transport Method:** inbound passenger's carry-on luggage  
**Reason of seizure:** smuggling  
**Number of offenders:** one  
**Case Progress:** transferred to anti-smuggling division

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### Maoming Customs Seized Three Ivory Products in Inbound Mail



**News Release Date:** 13 February 2021  
**Seizure Date:** 3 February 2021  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Maoming Customs affiliated to Zhanjiang Customs  
**Location:** Maoming Post Office, Guangdong Province  
**Detection Method:** routine Examination (X-ray and association checking)  
**Species involved:** two parcels: two ivory pendants (declared as "ornament"); one ivory necklace (declared as "sneakers"), 85 g in total  
**Transport Method:** inbound mail  
**Reason of seizure:** smuggling  
**Case Progress:** transferred to anti-smuggling division.

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## Shanghai Waigang Customs Seized Ivory Piano Keys



**News Release Date:** 15 February 2021

**Seizure Date:** 29 January 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shanghai Waigang Customs

**Location:** Waigang Port, Shanghai

**Detection Method:** on-site Inspection (suspected false declaration)

**Species:** ivory piano keys, roughly 1.3 kg in total

**Transport Method:** freight

**Reason of seizure:** smuggling

**Case Progress:** transferred to anti-smuggling division

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## Maoming Customs Consecutively Seized Nine Parcels Smuggling American Ginseng



**News Release Date:** 17 February 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Maoming Customs affiliated to Zhanjiang Customs

**Location:** Maoming Post Office, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** routine Examination (X-ray), manual inspection

**Species:** *Panax quinquefolius*, 3318 g in total

**Transport Method:** inbound Mail (one parcel declared as "tea-leaves")

**Reason of seizure:** smuggling

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## Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Seized Seven Products of Tridacnidae Products in Inbound passenger's luggage



**News Release Date:** 18 February 2021  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs  
**Location:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport, Guangdong Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (X-ray)  
**Species:** one bangle and six beads bracelet all made of *Tridacnidae* spp., 600 g in total.  
**Transport Method:** inbound passenger's carry-on luggage  
**Reason of seizure:** smuggling  
**Number of offenders:** One

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## Tianjin Xingang Customs Seized One Boa Skin Musical Instrument in Outbound Mail



**News Release Date:** 20 February 2021  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Tianjin Xingang Customs  
**Location:** Xingang Customs  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (X-ray)  
**Species:** Boa Skin (an item declared as "sanxian" drum head of which was covered by boa skin)  
**Transport Method:** outbound passenger's check-in luggage in maritime channel  
**Reason of seizure:** smuggling  
**Case Progress:** items detained and to be transferred to subsequent department

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**Suzhou Post Customs Consecutively Seized Six Batches of Go Made of *Tridacnidae* spp.**



**News Release Date:** 22 February 2021  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Suzhou Customs Post Office affiliated to Nanjing Customs  
**Location:** Suzhou Post Office, Jiangsu Province  
**Detection Method:** routine Examination (X-ray)  
**Species:** six batches of go Made of *Tridacnidae* spp., 12.28 kg in total  
**Transport Method:** inbound mail  
**Reason of seizure:** smuggling

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**Tianjin Customs Seized Four Ivory Products Carried Unlawfully by Crew**



**News Release Date:** 28 February 2021  
**Seizure Date:** 9 February 2021  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Tianjin Dongjiang Customs  
**Location:** Tianjin Dongjiang  
**Detection Method:** tip-off  
**Species:** four ivory seal (3cm\*3cm\*10cm each, 280.2g in total)  
**Transport Method:** in backpack of ship crew  
**Reason of seizure:** smuggling  
**Number of offenders:** one  
**Case Progress:** item detained and further processed

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## Ha'erbin Bingcheng Customs Seized Two Ivory Bangles



**News date:** 28 February 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Bingcheng Customs affiliated to Ha'erbin Customs

**Location:** Ha'erbin, Heilongjiang Province

**Detection Method:** routine Examination

**Species:** two ivory bangles, 142.6 g in total

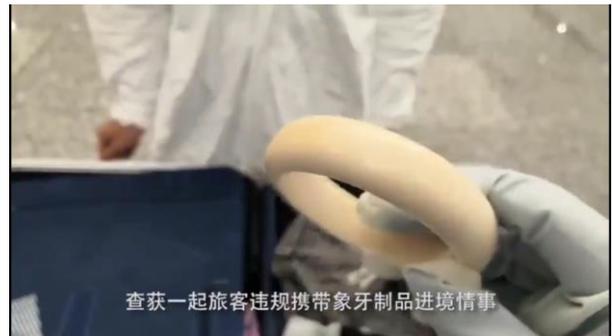
**Mode of transport:** inbound mail (declared as "medicine")

**Reason of seizure:** smuggling

**Case Progress:** transferred to subsequent department for further process

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## Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Seized One Ivory Bangle



**News Release Date:** 28 February 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs

**Location:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport, Guangdong Province

**Detection Method:** routine Examination (X-ray)

**Species:** one Ivory Bangle, 49.4 g

**Transport Method:** inbound passenger's carry-on luggage

**Reason of seizure:** smuggling

**Number of Offenders:** one

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### Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs Seized Several Ivory Products in Passenger's Luggage



**News Release Date:** 28 February 2021  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs  
**Location:** Guangzhou Baiyun Airport, Guangdong  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (Abnormal X-ray image)  
**Species:** 13 pieces of ivory Bracelets and beads, roughly 243.7 g in total  
**Transport Method:** Inbound passenger's luggage (beads wrapped in candy paper and concealed in candy can; bangle concealed in the bottom of stainless steel kettle)  
**Reason of seizure:** smuggling  
**Number of offenders:** One

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### Shenzhen Bao'an Airport Customs Seized Two Ivory Products



**News Release Date:** 28 February 2021  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shenzhen Bao'an Airport Customs  
**Location:** Shenzhen Baoan Airport, Guangdong Province  
**Detection Method:** Routine Examination (X-ray)  
**Species:** Two ivory products, roughly 100 g in total  
**Transport Method:** inbound passenger's luggage  
**Reason of seizure:** smuggling  
**Number of offenders:** Two

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### Kunming Changshui Airport Customs Seized One Ivory Product in Inbound Passenger's Luggage



**News Release Date:** 28 February 2021  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Kunming Changshui Airport Customs  
**Location:** Kunming Changshui Airport, Yunnan Province  
**Detection Method:** routine examination (X-ray)  
**Species:** one ivory product, 73.8 g  
**Transport Method:** inbound passenger's carry-on luggage  
**Reason of seizure:** smuggling  
**Number of offenders:** one

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### Daluo Customs Seized One Ivory Statute in Inbound Passenger's Luggage



**News Release Date:** 28 February 2021  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Daluo Customs affiliated to Kunming Customs  
**Location:** Daluo Land Border, Yunnan Province  
**Detection Method:** routine examination (X-ray)  
**Species:** one ivory statue, 342 g  
**Transport Method:** inbound passenger's carry-on luggage  
**Reason of seizure:** smuggling  
**Number of offenders:** one

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## Hangzhou Customs Seized 66 red coral products in Inbound Mail



**News Release Date:** 28 February 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Qianjiang Customs Post Office affiliated to Hangzhou Customs

**Location:** Qianjiang Post Office, Zhejiang Province

**Detection Method:** routine Examination (X-ray)

**Species:** 66 pieces of red coral products, 685 g in total

**Transport Method:** Inbound Mail

**Reason of seizure:** smuggling

**Case progress:** item proceeded according to Customs' rules

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## Sichuan Ganzi Luhuo Police Cracked Down a Case of Illegal Hunting and Trading of National Protected Wild Animals



**News Release Date:** 5 February 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Sichuan Ganzi Luhuo Police

**Location:** Yiri Gou, Luoqiu Village, Luhuo County, Ganzi Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, Sichuan Province

**Detection Method:** investigation

**Species:** Five Alpine Musk Deer (*Moschus chrysogaster*)

**Reason of seizure:** poaching and illegal trade

**Number of offenders:** three

**Case progress:** under further investigation

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## Rong County Forest Police in Sichuan Province Cracked Down a Case of Poaching and Illegal Selling of Endangered Wild Animals



**News Release Date:** 22 February 2021  
**Seizure Date:** 5 February 2021  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Sichuan Rong County Forest Police, Weiyuan Forestry Police and Gaoshan Police Station  
**Location:** Rong County, Sichuan Province  
**Species:** 10 buzzards (*Buteoninae spp.*)  
**Reason of seizure:** poaching  
**Number of offenders:** two  
**Case progress:** offenders were criminally detained and the case is under further investigation.

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## Jilin Police Cracked Down a Case of Illegal Breeding and Trading Poison dart frogs



**News Release Date:** 23 February 2021  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Jilin Changyi Police  
**Location:** Changyi District, Jilin City, Jilin Province  
**Detection Method:** tip-off  
**Species:** three poison dart frogs and three *Leiurus quinquestriatus*  
**Reason of seizure:** illegal breeding and illegal trading  
**Number of offenders:** one  
**Case progress:** The suspect was taken criminal coercive measures.

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## Changzhou Liyang Police Cracked Down a Seizure on Illegal Purchase and Sale of Endangered Wild Animals and Products



**News Release Date:** 24 February 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Food, Medicine and Environment Patrol of Liyang Police Bureau, Forest Police Station, Daifu Police Station

**Location:** one hotel in Daifu Nanshan District, Liyang City, Jiangsu Province

**Detection Method:** Intelligence and Investigation

**Species:** six pangolins and several masked palm civets, squirrels, snakes and other animal products

**Reason of seizure:** illegal trade

**Number of offenders:** three

**Case Progress:** three suspects were taken criminal coercive measures and the case is under further investigation.

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## Zhangping Court Adjudicated a Case of Illegal Trade in Endangered Animals



**News Release Date:** 2 February 2021

**Judiciary Authority:** Fujian Zhangping Court

**Detection Method:** investigation

**Species:** seven pangolins, 23 big-headed turtles (*Platysternon megacephalum*) and products of serrows (*Capricornis sumatraensis*)

**Reason of seizure:** illegal purchase, transportation and sale

**Estimated Value:** 405,880 RMB

**Number of offenders:** one

**Case Progress:** The principal criminals Yu was sentenced to twelve years and eight months in prison with the fine of 0.4 million RMB; incidental civil action sentenced Yu to compensate damage of wildlife resources over 285,000 RMB and defendants of other cases were sentenced to compensate 70,000 RMB, and apologized on media which is required to be above the level of Zhangping City County Media

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## The People's Court of Linwei District, Weinan City sentenced a poaching case



**News Release Date:** 3 February 2021

**Judiciary Authority:** Weinan Linwei People's Court, Shaanxi Province

**Detection Method:** investigation

**Species:** total nearly 4000 individual animals, including National first-class protected animal-Siberian Musk Deer (*Moschus moschiferus*); national second-class protected animals-Eurasian Sparrowhawk (*Accipiter nisus*), Mandarin Duck (*Aix galericulata*); animals with beneficial, economic and scientific value including Siberian Roe Deer (*Capreolus pygargus*), pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus*), hare (*Lepus sinensis*), Masked Palm Civet (*Paguma larvata*), Hog-Badger (*Arctonyx collaris*)

**Reason of seizure:** Illegal Hunting, purchase and sale

**Number of offenders:** 32

**Case Progress:** 32 defendants were sentenced from two months to ten years in prison and were also required to apologize and compensate for the environmental damage caused by their deeds.

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## Shijiazhuang Customs Announced Results of Joint Special Operation "Guomenlijian 2020"



**News Release Date:** 2 February 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shijiazhuang Customs

**Species:** ivory products, rhino horns, tiger bones, dried seahorse, antelope horns, bear gall and so on weighting in total 6.47 kg and one hawksbill *Eretmochelys imbricata* specimen.

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## Gongbei Customs Achieved Significant Results on Combating Smuggling in 2020



**News Release Date:** 3 February 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Gongbei Customs

**Number of Seizure on Smuggling**

**Endangered Species and their products:** 20

**Species:** ivory products, red coral, agarwood, and dried seahorses, a biggest organized endangered species smuggling seizure in recent years in passenger inspection channel, 449.5 kg dried seahorse confiscated.

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## Fuzhou Customs Anti-Smuggling Bureau Took “Zuji” Action on Special Smuggling Cases



**News Release Date:** 6 February 2021

**Law Enforcement Authority:** Fuzhou Customs  
**“Zuji-02” Special Case of Smuggling Glass Eel**  
Successfully Cracked Down six wild glass eel smuggling gangs, arrested 31 suspects, seized 920,000 glass eels on site, investigated illegally imported 0.23 billion glass eels, estimating value 2.3 billion RMB.

**“Zuji-04” Special Case of Smuggling Hornbill**  
**Number of Offenders:** six persons, two gangs  
**Species:** 23 hornbills on site and hundreds of *Anthracoceros albirostris*, Caracal cat (*Caracal caracal*) and parrots, investigation confirmed 150 precious wild animals were smuggled.

**“Zuji-05” Special Case of Smuggling pangolin scales and dried seahorse**

**Number of Offenders:** six persons, two gangs seized roughly 700 kg of pangolin scales and dried seahorse; 48,000 dried gallbladders of monitor lizard and reticulated python, investigation confirmed roughly 2.37 tons of pangolin scales and dried seahorse relating to the case, estimated value around 0.2 billion RMB. In addition, Hongkong Customs was guided to seized one ton of pangolin scales by international enforcement collaboration.

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## Typical Anti-Smuggling Cases of Xiamen Customs in 2020



**News Release Date:** 8 February 2021  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Xiamen Customs  
**“Zhongcheng 20-01” Special Case of Combating Smuggling of Wild Animals and Their Products**  
**Number of offenders:** 32  
**Species:** 716-kg dries seahorse on site and confirmed 4.3 tons of dried seahorse relating to the case

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## Kunming Customs Announced Results of Joint Special Action “Guomenlijian 2020”



**News Release Date:** 8 February 2021  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Kunming Customs  
**Number of Cases on Smuggling Ivory and Other Endangered Species Products:** 222  
**Seized Endangered Animal Products:** 137.4 kg

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### Zhengzhou Customs Announced Results of Joint Special Action "Guomenlijian 2020"



**News Release Date:** 9 February 2021  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Zhengzhou Customs  
**Seized Wildlife Products:** 304 pieces  
**Filed Cases relating ivory products:** 10  
**Seized Ivory Products:** 964 g  
**Seized Red Coral:** 5.3 kg  
**Other Seized Wildlife Products:** 296 pieces

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### Ningbo Customs Announced Results of Joint Special Action "Guomenlijian 2020"



**News Release Date:** 10 February 2021  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Ningbo Customs  
**Number of Investigated Cases of Smuggling Endangered Species:** 9  
**Seized ivory, tiger bones, *Pterocarpus erinaceus* and other products:** over 20 pieces

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## Dalian Customs Announced Results of “Guomenlijian 2020”



**News Release Date:** 10 February 2021  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Dalian Customs  
**“Guardian” “Thunder” Mission**  
**Number of cases of illegal inbound endangered species and products:** 183  
**Number of endangered species that has transferred to Provincial Forestry and Grassland Bureau:** 922 pieces  
**Number of endangered aquatic species that has transferred to Local Agriculture Department:** 1942 pieces

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## Shenzhou Customs Anti-Smuggling Bureau Work Review of 2020



**News Release Date:** 15 February 2021  
**Law Enforcement Authority:** Shenzhou Customs  
**Number of Investigated Smuggling Cases:** 17  
**Species:** dried seahorse and pangolin scales, 813 kg in total; 530,000 glass eel, 123 live parrots.

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### **Uganda**

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