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Kunming Customs seized an ivory bangle



News Release Date: 2 April 2021
Law Enforcement Authority: Kunming ChangShui Customs
Location: ChangShui Airport
Detection Method: Inspection
Species: 81.2 g of one ivory bangle
Transport Method: Inbound passenger's carry-on luggage
Reason of Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: One

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Maoming Customs seized an ivory pendant



News Release Date: 2 April 2021
Seizure Date: 12 March 2021
Law Enforcement Authority: Zhanjiang Customs
Location: Zhanjiang Customs
Detection Method: Routine Examination
Species: Ivory pendant, net weight 7.4 g (declared as "brooches")
Transport Method: Inbound Mail
Reason of Seizure: Smuggling

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Jinling Customs seized 27 ivory products from incoming mail



News Release date: 2 April 2021
Law Enforcement Authority: Jinling Customs
Location: Jinling Customs, Zhejiang Province
Detection Method: Routine Examination
Species: 27 ivory items seized in 13 seizures, including necklaces, scrolls, incense burners, etc., totaling 2.17 kg
Transport Method: Inbound Mail
Reason of Seizure: Smuggling

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Five pieces of ivory products seized at Kunming Changshui Airport



News Release: 2 April 2021
Law Enforcement Authority: Kunming Customs
Location: Kunming ChangShui Airport
Detection Method: Routine Examination
Species: 5 ivory products, totaling 205.8 g
Transport Method: Inbound passenger's carry-on luggage
Reason of Seizure: Smuggling
Number of Offenders: Three

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Shenzhen Post Office Customs seized 538 g of ivory sculpture



News Release Date: 2 April 2021
Law Enforcement Authority: Shenzhen Post Office Customs
Location: Shenzhen Post Office Customs, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Examination
Species: Ivory sculpture, 538 g
Transport Method: Transit Mail (declared as "Guanyin Sculpture")
Reason of Seizure: Smuggling

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Two ivory pieces of jewellery seized by customs at Kunming Changshui Airport



News Release Date: 2 April 2021
Law enforcement: Kunming ChangShui Customs
Location: Kunming ChangShui Airport, Yunnan Province
Detection Method: Routine Examination
Species: An ivory pendant and a necklace, with a total net weight of 49.9 g
Transport Method: Inbound passenger's carry-on luggage
Reason of Seizure: Smuggling

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Hefei Customs Anti-Smuggling Bureau successfully cracked a case of Saiga antelope horns smuggling



News Release Date: 2 April 2021
Law Enforcement Authority: Hefei Customs Anti-Smuggling Bureau
Location: Hefei Customs Anti-Smuggling Bureau, Anhui Province
Detection Method: Tip-off
Species: 431 Saiga antelope horns in six boxes, 97 kg in total
Transport Method: Railway Transport
Country of Export: Kazakhstan
Intermediate point: Bozhou, Anhui province
Reason of Seizure: Smuggling
Estimated Value: 34.48 million CNY
Number of offenders: Two
Case Progress: Under further investigation

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Nanning Customs Anti-Smuggling Bureau uncovered a case involving more than 7,000 dried seahorses



News Release date: 6 April 2021
Seizure Date: 25 March 2021
Law Enforcement Authority: Longbang Branch of Nanning Customs Anti-Smuggling Bureau
Location: Tunpan Township, Jingxi City
Detection Method: Routine Examination
Species: 7535 dried seahorses
Hippocampus spp., 110 kg dried pipefish
Syngnathus spp., 155 kg dried earthworms
Reason of Seizure: Smuggling
Estimated Value: 1.2 million CNY
Number of Offenders: One
Case Progress: Filed for investigation, and the suspect has been criminally detained in accordance with the law

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Foshan Customs seized a batch of Ginseng in mail



News Release Date: 10 April 2021
Law Enforcement Authority: Foshan Customs
Location: Foshan Customs Office in Shunde, Guangdong Province
Detection Method: Routine Examination
Species: 3 boxes of sliced American Ginseng (*Panax quinquefolius*) (declared as "American Ginseng Capsules"), approximately 300 g
Transport Method: Inbound Mail
Reason of Seizure: Smuggling

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Harbin Customs seized three packages containing American Ginseng products



News Release Date: 10 April 2021
Law Enforcement Authority: Harbin Customs
Location: Bingcheng Customs in Harbin, Heilongjiang province
Detection Method: Routine Examination
Species: 3 packages containing American Ginseng (*Panax quinquefolius*), approximately 4.79 kg
Transport Method: Inbound Packages
Reason of Seizure: Smuggling

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Guangzhou Customs seized five batches of American Ginseng products



News Release Date: 10 April 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Postal Customs

Location: Guangzhou Customs, Guangdong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: 5 batches of American ginseng (*Panax quinquefolius*) products with a total weight of 5 kg

Transport Method: Inbound Packages

Reason of Seizure: Smuggling

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Yantai Customs intercepted 510 g of American Ginseng in the Post Office



News Release Date: 10 April 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Yantai Customs

Location: Yantai Customs in the Post Office of Shandong Province

Detection Method: Routine Examination

Species: American ginseng (*Panax quinquefolius*) products with a total weight of 510 g

Transport Method: Inbound mail

Reason of Seizure: Smuggling

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Chaoshan Airport Customs Seizes American Ginseng



News Release Date: 10 April 2021
Law Enforcement Authority: Chaoshan Airport Customs
Location: Chaoshan Airport, Guangdong province
Detection Method: Routine Examination (abnormal X-ray image)
Species: American ginseng (*Panax quinquefolius*) products with a total weight of 1.84 kg
Transport Method: Inbound luggage
Reason of Seizure: Smuggling
Number of offenders: Three

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Jinling Customs seized 896 g of American Ginseng



News Release Date: 10 April 2021
Seizure Date: 6 April 2021
Law Enforcement Authority: Nanjing Customs
Location: Jinling Customs Postal Office affiliated to Nanjing Customs, Jiangsu Province
Detection Method: Routine Examination
Species: 49 bags of American ginseng (*Panax quinquefolius*) products with a total weight of 896 g
Transport Method: Inbound mail
Reason of Seizure: Smuggling

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Jinan Postal Customs seizes dried American Ginseng



News Release Date: 10 April 2021
Law Enforcement Authority: Jinan Postal Customs
Location: Jinan Postal Customs Office, Shandong Province
Detection Method: Routine Examination
Species: American ginseng products (*Panax quinquefolius*) with a total weight of 460 g
Transport Method: Inbound mail
Reason of Seizure: Smuggling

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Qingdao Customs seized a large number of red coral products



News Release Date: 12 April 2021
Law Enforcement Authority: Qingdao Postal Customs
Location: Qingdao Postal Office, Shandong Province
Detection Method: Routine Examination (abnormal X-ray image)
Species: 92 red coral products including bracelets, necklaces, pendants and ear studs
Transport Method: Inbound mail (declared as "daily necessities")
Reason of Seizure: Smuggling
Case progress: Customs temporarily seized red coral products for further processing.

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Guangxi Coast Guard uncovered a case of wildlife trafficking along the whole supply chain



News Release Date: 20 April 2021
Seizure Date: 1 April 2021
Law enforcement Authority: Guangxi Fangchenggang Coastal Police Bureau
Location: Zhushan Village, Dongxing City, Fangcheng, Guangxi Province
Detection method: Case follow-up investigation
Species: 129 corals
Transport Method: Cargo transportation
Exporting country: Vietnam
Transit point: Guangzhou
Reason of Seizure: Smuggling
Number of offenders: 15
Nationality: One Vietnamese and 14 Chinese
Case Progress: The suspects have been arrested and the smuggled goods have been recovered.

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Tianjin Customs seized 1.196 tonne of suspected Dalbergia wood products



News Release Date: 20 April 2021
Law enforcement Authority: Xingang Customs affiliated to Tianjin Customs
Location: Tianjing Customs
Detection method: Routine Examination
Species: 1.196 t Dalbergia wood products
Transport Method: Freight (declared as "12 items such as wooden cabinets")
Reason of Seizure: Smuggling
Case Progress: Items are temporarily detained, and the case has been transferred to the relevant division.

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Wenzhou Customs seized 145 live frogs

News Release Date: 22 April 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Wenzhou Customs

Location: Wenzhou Customs, Zhejiang Province

Detection method: Routine Examination (X-ray)

Species: 2 parcels of 145 live Cranwell's horned frog (*Ceratophrys cranwelli*)

Transport Method: Inbound packages (declared as "toys")

Reason of Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: Customs has intercepted the parcel for further processing.

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Guangzhou Customs seized multiple endangered wild products

News Release Date: 23 April 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Guangzhou Baiyun Airport Customs

Location: Guangzhou Baiyun airport, Guangdong Province

Detection method: Risk monitoring and routine examination (Abnormal X-ray image)

Species: 2 hawkbill bangles (50 g) and 5 pieces of turtle shell products (1.04 kg)

Reason of Seizure: Smuggling

Number of offenders: One

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Tianjin Customs seized a batch of ivory products



News Release Date: 23 April 2021

Law enforcement Authority: Tianjing Xingang Customs

Location: Xingang, Tianjin

Detection method: On-site inspection

Species: Ivory piano keys (declared as "Old Piano" and the declared specifications are "Non-ivory")

Transport Method: Inbound cargo

Reason of Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: The items have been detained, and the case has been transferred to the relevant division.

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Shanghai Customs seized a batch of cosmetics containing "sturgeon" ingredients



News Release Date: 23 April 2021

Law enforcement Authority: Shanghai Customs Anti-Smuggling Bureau

Location: Customs site in Shanghai Waigaoqiao Free Trade Zone

Detection method: On-site Examination

Species: cosmetics containing "sturgeon" ingredients, a total of 4290 pieces

Transport Method: Outbound cargo

(declared as "Vitamin Skin Moisturizing Soothing Caviar Concentrated Essence Mask")

Reason of Seizure: Smuggling

Case Progress: The case has been transferred to the anti-smuggling department for further processing.

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The Forest Police of Fugong County in Yunnan successively cracked five cases of illegal logging



News Release Date: 8 April 2021

Seizure Date: 7 March – 2 April 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Police in Fugong County, Yunnan Province

Location: Shidi Village, Shangpa Town, Fugong County, Yunnan Province

Detection method: investigation

Species: 30 pieces of *Phoebe zhennan* with a volume of 2.1916 cubic meters; 6 pieces of Taiwanese fir products (*Taiwania flousiana Gaussen*) with a volume of 0.2379 cubic meters; 7 pieces of Yunnan yew (*Taxus chinensis*) timber logs (with a volume of 0.1079 cubic meters), 9 pieces of *Torreya yunnanensis* products and timber (Volume 0.3627 cubic meters), 5 pieces of Yunnan torreya sawn timber (volume 0.111 cubic meters), 1 string of suspected torreya beads (49 pieces are currently being identified).

Reason of Seizure: illegal logging/trade

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Rong County Police detected several forest product cases



News Release Date: 12 April 2021

Law Enforcement Authority: Forest Police Brigade, Zigongrong County, Sichuan Province

Taskforce: "Inspection and protection" action

Location: Case1: A clinic in Rong County, Zigong, Sichuan Province; Case 2: Laoci Village, Liujia Town; Case 3: Dawan Village, Baohua Town

Species: Case 1: 2.9 kg pangolin products; Case 2: Over 140 masson pine trees with over 21 cubic meters stand stock, equivalent to the volume of over 14 cubic meters, forest economic value is over 5800 CNY; Case 3: Masson pine tree with over 20 cubic meters stand stock, economic value is over 7000 CNY

Reason of Seizure: Illegal trading/logging

Reason of Seizure: Case 1: Illegal trade; Case 2&3: Illegal logging

Number of offenders: Case 1: 1; Case 2: 1; Case 3: 1

Case Progress: Police have taken the compulsory measure of releasing the suspect on bail pending trial.

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Uganda

[Six police officers and four soldiers arrested for wildlife poaching in Uganda](#)
[Italian diplomat arrested for possession of 5 kg of ivory](#)

Kenya

[Police arrested a Kwale county government official for carrying 12 ivory tusks](#)

Togo

[Three traffickers, carrying six ivory tusks, arrested in Lome.](#)

Senegal

[Two traffickers arrested in possession of four leopard skins](#)

India

[The Ministry of Forestry intercepts wildlife trafficking in Meghalaya](#)
[The Delhi court asked the CBI to respond to a bail application in a case involving the smuggling of peacock tail feathers to a Chinese entity.](#)

South Africa

[South Africa-Police arrest three suspects for possession of rhino horns](#)
[Police arrested two suspects and confiscated abalone worth R700000](#)
[734 abalone worth R990900 were seized in Western Cape, South Africa](#)

Mozambique

[Police arrest a man in Maputo for carrying two ivory tusks weighing 28 kg](#)

Namibia

[A policeman and a priest arrested for possession of rhino horns](#)