



## China's Wildlife Enforcement News Digest (September 2013)

### Zhengzhou Forest Police yields a big case on illegally trading endangered species products



**Cnr.cn, September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013-** Recently, according to the intelligence, Zhengzhou Forest Police of Henan Province detected a big case on illegally trading endangered species products, including 6 ivory tusks, 2kg of rhino horn products and 3 hornbill skull carvings, worth over CNY800,000(USD126,984). The suspects Lin and Zheng were arrested by the forest police on the afternoon of July 20<sup>th</sup> when they were trading the products with another suspect Ma in a tea shop in North Zhengzhou. [Read More](#)

### Baketu Border Police intercepts 1040 saiga horns

**Jisi.gov.cn, September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013-** On the morning of August 29<sup>th</sup>, Baketu Border Police of Sinkiang intercepted a shuttle bus from Kazakhstan. Its storage

space was rebuilt, where 1040 saiga horns, 1478 fox, wolf and otter furs were found inside and these products are worth CNY35million(USD5.56million).

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### Shenzhen Bay Customs seizes 1063 smuggled mink skins



**Customs.gov.cn, September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013-** Recently, Shenzhen Bay Customs seized 1063 mink skins from 8 Chinese passengers, which weighs 71kg and are worth CNY460,000(USD73,016). [Read More](#)

### Chengdu Customs confiscated red coral products

**China.com.cn, September 4<sup>th</sup> 2013-** Recently, the Post Office Branch of Chengdu Customs uncovered 2 red coral Buddhism carvings by X-ray machine, which are worth CNY177,200 (USD28,127). The carvings were concealed in 2 parcels heading for Japan through EMS. The local anti-smuggling police claimed that the



suspect sold them by posting advertisements in Japanese websites as he found red coral products in domestic websites. [Read More](#)



### Shenzhen Police seized 17 pangolins



**Jisi.gov.cn, September 5<sup>th</sup> 2013-** Recently, the Superior People's Court of Zhenjiang Province made a final verdict on "8.18" ivory smuggling case investigated by the Jinhua Customs. The suspect Chen was sentenced to 8 years in jail with a fine of CNY300,000 (USD47,619) for smuggling 125.79kg of ivory segments, 348g of hippo teeth products and an ivory dragon carving within 6 months. [Read More](#)

**Sina.com.cn, September 4<sup>th</sup> 2013-** According to the intelligence in June 2013, Shenzhen Forest Police identified a suspect who was trading endangered species near Dongmen Market. After further investigation, on the afternoon of September 2<sup>nd</sup>, the police confiscated 17 live pangolins and 2 suspects were arrested. [Read More](#)

### Beijing Airport intercepts 3.9kg of pangolin scales



### Eight-year imprisonment for illegally posting ivory products

**Ifeng.com, September 6<sup>th</sup> 2013-** On July 16<sup>th</sup>, during the routine inspection, the Inspection & Quarantine officers at Beijing Capital Airport intercepted 3 Chinese passengers who illegally carried 3.9kg of pangolin scales. According to relevant regulations, the import of pangolin scales is supposed to be strictly



prohibited. In addition, the scales were found with many ticks. [Read More](#)

### **Weihai Customs seizes two leopard skin and 13.97 kg of ivory products**



**Jisi.gov.cn, September 6<sup>th</sup> 2013-** Recently, Weihai Customs of Shandong Province yielded an endangered species smuggling case. A total of 2 entire leopard skins, 6 ivory tusks and 57 ivory products, weighing 13.97kg were confiscated. [Read More](#)

### **10 ivory tusks detected in Zhanjiang**



**163.com, September 6<sup>th</sup> 2013-** Recently, Zhanjiang Customs succeeded in confiscating 10 ivory tusks, weighing 78kg. According to the introduction of customs officers, the ivories simply packed by fiber bags were put in a common family car. The smugglers pretended to be on family trip in order to avoid the inspection. [Read More](#)

### **Four departments jointly combated illegal wildlife trade in Gansu**

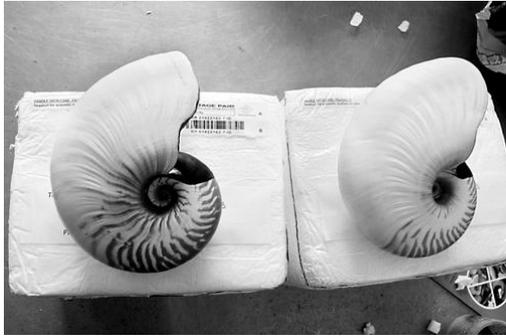
**Xinhuanet.com, September 10<sup>th</sup> 2013-** On September 9<sup>th</sup>, the Gansu Province forest police revealed that in order to protect wildlife resources and crack down on illegal poaching and trading in endangered species, Gansu Forest Police jointly with Lanzhou Railway Police, Gansu Airport Police and Anti-smuggling department of Lanzhou Customs initiated a special action on combating wildlife crime. The action mainly focuses on cutting off trade chains of ivory, tiger & leopard skin, rhino & saiga horn and etc. [Read More](#)

### **Xiamen Customs intercepts 7 saiga horns**

**Cites.gov.cn, September 10<sup>th</sup> 2013-** Recently, Xiamen Customs intercepted a Taiwanese who carried 7 saiga horns, weighing 480g. This was the first endangered species smuggling case yielded from Xia-jin airline. [Read More](#)



**Harbin Inspection and Quarantine Bureau uncovered 2 nautilus specimens**



**Cqn.com.cn, September 11<sup>th</sup> 2013-** On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Post Office Branch of Harbin Inspection and Quarantine Bureau, Heilongjiang Province uncovered 2 nautilus specimens. According to the identification, the specimens are *Nautilus stenomphalus* and their import is strictly prohibited. Now, the specimens have been confiscated and disposed. [Read More](#)

totally weighs 117.4kg; the biggest one reaches 110cm long and 78cm wide, and weighs 12.1kg, and the smallest one is only 76cm long, 46cm wide and weighs 3.3kg. [Read More](#)

**Wenzhou Customs seizes 3642g of red corals**



**Chinadaily.com.cn, September 11<sup>th</sup> 2013-** From August 20<sup>th</sup> to September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Post Office Branch of Wenzhou Customs received 8 parcels from Italy, where 3642g of red coral products were concealed. [Read More](#)

**Nanning seizes 17 hawksbill specimens**



**Jisi.gov.cn, September 11<sup>th</sup> 2013-** On September 10<sup>th</sup>, Nanning Customs released that a total of 17 undeclared hawksbills were confiscated in Malu County of Dongxing, Guangxi Province. The hawksbills

**Sinkiang cracks down a huge saiga horn smuggling seizure**





**Sohu.com, September 12<sup>th</sup> 2013-** On the September 5<sup>th</sup>, Tuergate border police and customs officers jointly yielded a huge saiga horn smuggling seizure, worth over CNY140million (USD22.22million). During the routine check, the officers uncovered 6 horses and 4470 saiga horns in a vehicle. Now, all the 4 suspects have pleaded their guilty. [Watch the film](#)

#### **Jingkou Police rescues wild animals**



#### **One tiger skin product confiscated in Pingxiang**



**Pagx.cn, September 12<sup>th</sup> 2013-** On the noon of August 27<sup>th</sup>, a bus coming from Pingxiang, Guangxi Province to Putian, Fujian Province was intercepted by Pingxiang Border Check Station police in Bantou Checkpoint of Nanyou Highway, Pingxiang. One tiger skin, one tiger tooth and 10 pairs of ivory chopsticks were found in a bag in this bus. The owner of these animal products Wang was then arrested and he pleaded his guilty and claimed that he purchased the products along the border and would take them back to Fujian Province. [Read More](#)

**Xinhuanet.com, September 12<sup>th</sup> 2013-** In mid-August, Jingkou police of Zhenjiang, Jiangsu Province received the intelligence that someone was selling wildlife by the internet. After half-a-month investigation, the police arrested a suspect along with a slow loris and a macaque. The suspect Wang, 24 years old, from Jianbi, Zhenjiang, started to sell pets 4 months ago, such as spiders, snakes, turtles and crocodiles. But later he was interested in monkeys and then knew some suppliers. Wang admitted that he purchased the monkeys from a person surnamed Hong, who comes from Jiaxing, Zhejiang Province. Now, the suspect Wang has been detained and further investigation is ongoing. [Read More](#)

#### **Drum rolls signal new push against illegal wildlife trade across China**

**TRAFFIC.org, September 13<sup>th</sup> 2013-** Publicity for China's annual National Wild Animal Protection Month started in Beijing with an "Eco China, Wild Beauty" awareness campaign jointly organized by the



China Wildlife Conservation Association (CWCA), TRAFFIC and WWF. WWF and TRAFFIC undertook a global illegal wildlife trade campaign in 2012 that urged governments worldwide to improve domestic legislation, strengthen international co-operation on law enforcement, and motivate the general public to reject illegal wildlife products. [Read More](#)

### China's zero tolerance towards wildlife smuggling

**Cpcc.people.com.cn, September 14<sup>th</sup> 2013-** From July to September 10<sup>th</sup>2013, the anti-smuggling department of the Customs filed 35 criminal cases of wildlife smuggling. The case value reaches CNY358 million (USD56.8million). the Vice-Director of Anti-smuggling Bureau of the General Customs Mr. Xu Wenrong said that in the early of this year, the "Operation Cobra" mainly focused on combating the smuggling in tiger, rhino, elephant, pangolin and other endangered species, and what China has achieved indicates our zero tolerance towards wildlife smuggling crime. [Read More](#)

### Hengjiang border checkpoint intercepts rhino horns

**Xinhuanet.com, September 16<sup>th</sup> 2013-** On the noon of September 12<sup>th</sup>, during the routine inspection, the Hengjiang Border Police uncovered 3 rhino horns, weighing 2300g, on the front seat of a Toyota car from Dongxing to Fangchengang, Guangxi Province. Now,

the case has been transferred to the Dongxing Forest Police. [Read More](#)

### Hangzhou Airport seizes ivory products



**Customs.gov.cn, September 16<sup>th</sup> 2013-** On September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, Xiaoshan Airport Customs of Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province seized 32 ivory bangles, 15 ivory stamps and 5 ivory bracelets. [Read More](#)

### Illegal ivory trade in an antique market



**Sohu.com, September 17<sup>th</sup> 2013-** Haidian Forest Police of Beijing found a shop named Hongquange in



Aijia Antique Market had illegally sold ivory products for three years. After further investigation, a total of 23.5 kg of ivory products, worth CNY 1 million (USD158,730) were confiscated in that shop. Now, the suspect has been detained. [Watch the film](#)

### Shenzhen Police seizes over 10 thousand smuggled wild animals



**Sohu.com, September 17<sup>th</sup> 2013-** Recently, according to the intelligence, Shenzhen Border Police intercepted 3 cars and a yacht which carried over 12000 wild animals, including *Geochelone carbonaria*, *Notochelys platynota* and other turtles. The drivers claimed that he was hired to deliver the animals to Dongguan, Guangdong Province, but he could not offer any transportation document. Now, the animals have been transferred to the Shenzhen Wildlife Conservation Center. [Watch the film](#)

### Fujian Province confiscated two rhino horns

**Chinanews.com, September 18<sup>th</sup> 2013-** Fujian police released on 18<sup>th</sup> that after the long-term investigation, the Fuqing Police seized a pair of rhino horn (weighing 7kg, worth CNY 3 million), which were smuggled from South Africa. According to the clue, the two suspects were detained and the seizure has been transferred to the Fuzhou Customs Anti-smuggling department for further investigation. [Read More](#)

### Tried for illegally transporting ivory products

**Morningpost.com.cn, September 19<sup>th</sup> 2013-** In early March this year, without any permission, the defendant Li sent 2 ivory products from Zhuhai, Guangdong Province to Beijing by logistics. According to the verification, the ivory products are worth over CNY210,000 (USD33,333). In addition, the defendant Li revealed that he had hired another person Huang to deliver 168 ivory products, worth CNY170,000 (USD26,984) to Beijing. Recently, Li was tried by the Xicheng District People's Court in Beijing for illegally purchasing, transporting and selling endangered species products. [Read More](#)

### WWF, TRAFFIC joint with Shanghai Ogilvy work on wildlife conservation advocate



**A.com.cn, September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2013-** Recently, WWF and TRAFFIC joint with Ogilvy-Shanghai initialed an action in Henglong Square, which is the most popular site in Shanghai, to enhance the public awareness of wildlife conservation and crack down on illegal wildlife trade.

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**CIQ plays key role in combating global wildlife trade**



**Cqn.com.cn, September 25<sup>th</sup> 2013-** Till July this year, Shenzhen Inspection and Quarantine Bureau detected over 5000 bunches of posted wildlife products, including frogs, crocodile skins and other wildlife products in Luohu Port, Huanggang Port, Futian Port,

Shenzhen Bay Port, Shatoujiao Port and etc. [Read More](#)

**Xiamen Customs uncovers *Morelia viridis* in parcel**



**Customs.gov.cn, September 27<sup>th</sup> 2013-** Recently, the Post Office branch of Xiamen Customs seized 20 *Morelia viridis* in parcels from other countries. The *Morelia viridis* belongs to the CITES Appendix II, whose import is strictly prohibited. [Read More](#)

**Chengdu young man detained for selling snake online**





Chinanews.com, September 29<sup>th</sup> 2013- Recently, a man was detained in Chengdu for illegally trading Red Tail Boa through the internet. The young suspect Ye Tian has bred snakes for over 8 years. A total of 10 boas were uncovered by the police in a rental house

of Jingxing Street and the suspect admitted that he had purchased 12 red tail boas online since last November and 2 of them were sold out. [Read More](#)

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