

## China's Wildlife Enforcement News Digest (Apr 2019)

### Domestic

#### Zhongshangang Custom seized Pangolin scales weighted 1,025 grams



**Zhongshan, Guangdong, 2 Apr 2019** – On 28 Mar, identification by Huanan Wildlife Species Identification Center confirmed that what seized by Gongbei Customs subordinated to Zhongshangang Customs were pangolin scales. These pangolin scales were carried by inward passengers and seized in the immigration channel weighted 1,025 grams. Now this case has transferred to Anti-Smuggling Bureau to proceed. [Read More](#)

#### Haikou Customs: Haikou Port Customs seized 6 boxes of Tiger bone glue, weighted 3,000 grams by post

**Haikou, Hainan, 2 Apr 2019** – Recently, Haikou Port Customs subordinated to Haikou Customs discovered abnormal X-ray image from a parcel came from Thailand when monitoring inward posts. After opening the parcel, it was confirmed to be 6 boxes of Tiger bone glue, weighted 3,000 grams. On-site officer transferred these items to Anti-Smuggling Bureau. This was the first endangered animal and plants and their productions case seized by inward and outward postal channel in Hainan Port. [Read More](#)

#### Qingdao Liuting Airport Customs seized illegal inward tridacna products



**Qingdao, Shandong, 7 Apr 2019** – On 1 Apr, Qingdao Liuting Airport Customs seized 19 tridacna and red coral products in an inward flight. Including 17 tridacna products weighted 811 grams, and 2 red coral brace lace weighted 75 grams. [Read More](#)

#### Hong Kong Customs cracked down the biggest Rhino horn smuggling case in 5 years

**Hong Kong, 9 Apr 2019** – On 5 Apr, Hong Kong Customs seized a suspected Rhino horn case in Hong Kong airport. In a batch of transit goods, suspected rhino horns and rhino horn slices were seized, weighted 82.5 kilograms, worth around 16.5 million Yuan, which is the biggest suspected rhino horn case cracked by Hong Kong Customs in 5 years. In an inspection for cargo goods, when checking a batch of goods declared as 'car parts' from South Africa and will transferred to Malaysia from Hong Kong, Customs officer found abnormal X-ray image. After opening up, suspected Rhino horn and slices were found inside. This case has transferred to AFCD to proceed. [Read More](#)



### **Xiamen Customs seized illegal endangered animal teeth**

**Xiamen, Fujian, 11 Apr 2019** – Recently, when monitoring an inward parcel with X-ray, Xiamen Customs officer found image indicate green animal horn product. After opening up, and compared with the X-ray image, the animal horn product seemed to be hidden in can. 9 Hidden animal teeth weighted 195 grams were found in red tea bag by thoroughly investigation to the 2 cans of tea. The authentication issued by Fujian Minlin Legal Identification Center showed 9 above seized animal teeth were from protected species puma which were listed in the CITES Appendix II, worth RMB 33,750. [Read More](#)

### **Shenyang Customs successively seized ivory products through inward postal channel**

**Shenyang, Liaoning, 12 Apr 2019** – Recently, Shenyang Postal Customs successively seized 3 paintings with suspected ivory scroll heads sent from Japan. These paintings (including non-ivory part) weighted 540 grams in total. This case is proceeding according to relevant legislations. [Read More](#)

### **Customs cracked down major ivory smuggling case with a shocking number of 2,748**



**Shenzhen, Guangdong, 15 Apr 2019** –30 Mar,

Huangpu Customs Anti-smuggling Bureau cracked down 1.17 major ivory smuggling case under Customs command. 2,748 ivory weighted 7.48 tons were seized on the spot, totally destroyed a long existed international crime group of ivory smuggling. The clue emerged from an ivory smuggling case cracked by Huangpu Customs in 2013, in which they seized 4.46 tons of ivory, yet the prime suspects Chen X cheng, Chen X Guang, Chen X Zong father/son, all born in Fujian, were on the run. After investigation and monitored on them, Customs officer found out the suspects always go to an old factory at night in Wuwei County. In the afternoon of 29 March, Customs officer found 62 wooden boxes with hidden ivory on spot and captured 6 smugglers including those come to receive the ivory.

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### **Gongbei Customs cracked down ivory smuggling case**



**Gongbei, Guangdong, 17 Apr 2019** – In the end of February 2019, intelligence clues indicate suspect Huang ordered 20 ivory products from Vietnam. After receiving this, Gongbei Customs sent 26 officers, together with the support from local police, suspect Huang was captured at noon of 7 Mar in an assembly factory in Tanzhou town, Zhongshan City. 4 ivory products weighted 790 grams



were found on the spot. In 9 March, suspect Yang was captured in Foshan, and 361 ivory products weighted 11.43 kilograms were found in his apartment and factory in Nanhai. Investigation showed that since June 2018, suspects Yang X Wen, Huang X Hao, and Huang X Xiu smuggled ivory from Vietnam to China by international parcel after chatted online. Until now, 3 criminal cases had been filled in this series, arrested 8 suspects, in which 4 of them were taken criminal coercive measures, 365 smuggled ivory weighted 36 kilograms were seized. This series of cases are under further investigation now. [Read more](#)

**Qingdao successfully cracked down a cross-border ivory smuggling group**



**Qingdao, Shandong, 18 Apr 2019** – On 2 Apr, together with Nanning Customs, Rizhao Forrest Police and local Public Security Bureau, Qingdao Customs arrested 15 suspects; seized ivory products weighted 21.6 kilograms, 4 tiger skins, rhino horn weighted 10.9 kilograms, 10.9 kilograms tiger bones, 9 bear gall, 8 tiger teeth, 24.73 kilograms pangolin scales, and 1 hawksbill specimen. A cross-border smuggling endangered animals group was successfully cracked down. [Read more.](#)

**Guangzhou seized 7 cases of illegal mail ivory products in one day**



**Guangzhou, Guangdong, 20 Apr 2019** – On 20 Apr, Guangzhou Post Customs subordinated to Guangzhou Customs seized a parcel sent from UK which declared as cutlery, which was identified as suspected ivory products. At the same day, 6 inward parcels with ivory products were seized, with ivory cutlery and decoration weighted 14.47 kilograms in total, and a batch of hawksbill products weighted 600 grams. [Read more](#)

**Wenzhou, Zhejiang, the toothpaste was actually a cylindrical ivory**



**Wenzhou, Zhejiang, 24 Apr 2019** – This March, when going through the security check at Wenzhou Longwan International airport, luggage of 2 Chinese passenger depart from Africa and transferred in Hong Kong were found strange. After checked their toothpaste,



customs found it was actually a cylindrical ivory. After identification, 1,018 kilograms ivory products, 48 grams hawksbill products, 316 grams pangolin scales were found within their luggage. This is the biggest case of carrying endangered animal and plant in 3 years in the immigration channel. [Read more](#)

#### **Qingdao seized 5 suspected ivory products weighted 138 grams**

**Qingdao, Shandong, 24 Apr 2019** – On 20 Apr, after analyzing manifest risk, Qingdao Liuting Airport Customs deployed in advance for a Chinese male passenger who came back from Angola in KA950. After checking his luggage, 5 suspected ivory products weighted 138 grams were found which were identified as ‘ivory and similar animal bone products’. Above mentioned items have been detained for further identification and process. [Read more](#)

#### **Haikou Customs seized endangered animal carried by a Hainan passenger**

**Haikou, Hainan, 25 Apr 2019** – Recently, Haikou Milan Airport Customs subordinated to Haikou Customs found suspected items in a passenger’s luggage when monitoring inward flight from Kula Lumpur. After checking, it was a batch of suspected pangolin scales. Identification confirmed these items were Malaysia pangolin scales, with 12 pieces, weighted 21 grams. [Read more](#)

#### **Changzhou Customs seized endangered butterfly specimens**

**Nanjing, Jiangsu, 26 Apr 2019** – Recently, Changzhou Customs subordinated to Nanjing Customs seized 3 undeclared butterfly

specimens from an inward flight depart from Thailand. After identification, 3 butterfly specimens aretroides aeacus, and other two species, In which, troides aeacus is listed in the CITES Appendix II . This is the first Changzhou Port seized butterfly specimens. [Read More](#)

#### **Nanjing Customs seized endangered animal Aspidites Melanocephalus**

**Nanjing, Jiangsu, 26 Apr 2019** – Recently, Suzhou Post Customs subordinated to Nanjing Customs found abnormality from a parcel sent from Australia when monitoring inward post. After opening up, 2 living snakes were found in 2 sound boxes. Jiangxi wildlife judicial appraisal center confirmed these 2 snakes were Aspidites Melanocephalus, listed in CITES Appendix I . This is the first time Suzhou Customs seized living endangered animal. Now this case has transferred to Anti-smuggling Bureau for further process. [Read more](#)

#### **Jiangmen Customs seized 3 endangered animal scleractinia**

**Jiangmen, Guangdong, 26 Apr 2019** – Recently, Yangjiang Customs subordinated to Jiangmen Customs seized a case which inward sailor illegally carried endangered animal scleractinia. The sailor carried 3 scleractinia weighted around 1 kilogram. Scleractinia is listed in CITES Appendix II . Because the sailor didn’t declare to the Customs beforehand and couldn’t provide any certification, Yangjiang Customs has preceded this case according to law. [Read more](#)



### Nanchang Man captured when illegally smuggle ivory products by mail



**Nanchang, Jiangxi, 27 Apr 2019** – On 25 Feb 2019, Nanchang Customs seized an inward parcel declared in fake item and sale in antique market afterwards. Nanchang Customs captured 1 suspect on site, seized a batch of ivory tableware,, Buddha carving decorations, necklaces, bracelets, beads, pendants and painting scrolls, and weighted 3684.94 grams in total, worth 153.5 thousand RMB. [Read more](#)

### Shenzhen Customs cracked ivory and other endangered animal smuggling case



**Shenzhen, Guangdong, 27 Apr 2019** – On 7 Mar, under unified command by Customs, Shenzhen, Wuxi, Shanghai simultaneously cracked down thousands of smuggled endangered animal and products including ivory, rhino horns and red coral, weighted 209

kilograms in total. In detail, 2 raw ivory weighted 28.28 kilograms, rhino horn products weighted 12.8 kilograms, red coral weighted 6.9 kilograms and captured 10 suspects. [Read More](#)

### Nanning Customs seized over 196 kilograms ivory in the first quarter this year



**Nanning, Guangxi, 29 Apr 2019** – Since the beginning of 2019, the first quarter registered and investigated 17 smuggling endangered animal cases, including 196.16 kilograms ivory, 611 pangolins, 1.4 kilograms rhino horns and a batch of other endangered animal products. [Read more](#)

### Laogang Customs cracked down 3 cases of international sailor illegally carried rare animal products

**Huangpu, Guangdong, 29 Apr 2019** – Recently, Laogang Customs subordinated to Huangpu Customs found 3 suspected coral crafts weighted 7 kilograms when checking the inward luggage of a Panama sailor. South China Wildlife Species Identification Center confirmed these 3 animal products were *Cassis cornuta*, coral of *Scleractinia*, and *Tridacnidae*. *Cassis cornuta* weighted 2,315 grams, is the animals under the Chinese



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second class key rare and endangered wildlife animal. Coral of Scleractinia weighted 2,490 grams and gastropod Tridacnidae weighted 1,940 grams are listed in the CITES Appendix II Above mentioned animal products were all restricted inward items. Now Anti-smuggling Bureau is working on for further investigation. [Read more](#)



## International

### Singapore seized 13 tons of smuggled pangolin scales



**Singapore, 7 Apr 2019** – After receiving the intelligence, Singapore Customs Office took joint action with Singapore National Park Bureau and found a container claimed to be the frozen beef in an exit checkpoint. 230 packs of pangolin scales weighting 12.9 tons and 177 kilograms ivory products were hidden in the container. The pangolin belongs to four different Africa species. [Read more](#)

**The second time in the year Singapore cracked down large volume of illegal smuggled pangolin scales**



**Singapore, 10 Apr 2019** – The joint announcement by Singapore National Park Bureau, Singapore Customs Office and Immigration Control Office showed that on 8 Apr, they captured pangolin scales in a container with 12 meters high. That container claimed to be cassia seed but actually 474 packs of pangolin scales weighting 12.7 tons. [Read more](#)

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