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Man was sentenced to jail by selling hawksbill for benefit

Jan. 10, 2018, Tianjin—On 15th May, 2017, suspect Zhou was caught for selling hawksbill product by Inner Mongolia police. After verification, the 11 products sold by Zhou were national second-class protected animal-hawksbill. Now, Heping District Court sentenced suspect Zhou for 3 months for illegal selling endangered animals with a fine of 3000 RMB. [Read More](#)

Medicine owner illegally sold pangolin scales in Sichuan



Jan. 10, 2018, Neijiang, Sichuan — Neijiang Shizhong District Food and Drug Administration found 500 grams pangolin scales in one medicine store. In the meantime, officers investigated that the store owner also purchased 500 grams pangolin scales for sale from one Medicine Company in 2012. After trial, the store owner was sentenced for 10 months with probation for one year for illegal purchasing and selling endangered animal products, with a fine of 2000 RMB. [Read More](#)

Man was arrested by selling ivory products in antique shop

Jan. 19, 2018, Xi'an, Shaanxi — Xi'an Forestry Bureau received a report that a man sold ivory products. After investigation, a total of 92 suspected ivory

products were seized, some of which are ornaments, bracelets and necklaces and some crafts, the suspect later turned in 8 suspected ivory products after being caught. The final identification concluded that 51 out of 100 were ivory products. Subsequently, Xi'an Weiyang District People's Procuratorate approved the arrest of the suspect for illegally acquiring and selling of precious and endangered wildlife products. [Read More](#)

Guangdong Customs seized 130 kg smuggling ivory



Jan. 25, 2018, Gongbei, Guangdong — Guangdong Gongbei Customs successfully shut down an ivory smuggling case. They inserted the ivory in the tool boxes by using the trucks with both Guangdong and Hong Kong license plates to smuggle the ivory. There was a driver to delivery and another one to accept the ivory in the place of receipt. Six suspects were caught during the process of delivering, and 130kg smuggling ivory was found in the meantime. Finally, a criminal gang was destroyed. [Read More](#)

124 cases of smuggling endangered species were investigated and prosecuted by the National Customs during the last year



Jan. 25, 2018, Shenzhen -- In 2017, a total of 124 smuggling cases of endangered species and their products were investigated and prosecuted by national customs offices. A total of 393 tons of endangered species and their products were seized, of which 37 cases of illegal ivory trafficking were investigated and prosecuted, meanwhile over 670 kg of smuggling ivory was seized. [Read more](#)

Guangxi Beihai seized a national wild protected animal Hawksbill Turtle



Jan. 26, 2018, Beihai, Guangxi — On 26 January, officers and soldiers heard abnormal sound in the foam box in the luggage compartment when they inspecting a shuttle, and then found a live turtle. As the shuttle car owner cannot contact the owner of cargo, and the legal procedures of the turtle can't be provided either, the station officers seized the turtle. It has been identified that the turtle is a national secondary protected animal. it's about 50 cm long and 35 cm wide. Ultimately, the precious turtle was put in nature. [Read more](#)

Man was caught in Shanghai for carrying ivory products and rhino horn

Jan. 29, 2018, Shanghai Pudong — On 11th January, Customs of Shanghai's Pudong International Airport found abnormalities from X-ray machines in a luggage carried by a Chinese male passenger. After checking out of the box, the officers at the scene seized suspected ivory products and rhino horn in the baggage carried by the passenger. After identification, they confirmed 46 pieces of ivory products, with a total of 2.57 kg, and a rhino horn product of 4.29 kg. At present, the suspect has been taken to impose criminal detention measures.

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Kaohsiung crashed the largest pangolins smuggling case ever since

Jan. 30, 2018. Kaohsiung, Taiwan — Kaohsiung Customs accepted a case that the receiver delayed the declaration and rejected picking up the items in recent days. After risk analysis, Customs thought the items were very suspicious. On 30th, January, the Customs opened the cabinet for inspection. They found that there were lots of pangolin scales and bodies in hiding in the cabinet with the cover of frozen sardines. After preliminary statistics, the numbers of pangolins were over 4000, weighting 13000 kg and were valued over 30 million NT. These items were not same as the declaration document so Kaohsiung Customs seized items according to the relative laws. [Read more](#)

A Chengdu business was caught for buying hawksbill product for "warding off evil spirits"





Jan. 31, 2018, Chengdu Sichuan — Joint enforcement team found a hawksbill product hanging in a shop that sells seafood in a seafood market in Qingshiqiao, Chengdu. According to the owner saying, they bought this hawksbill when they travelled. They mainly heard that the hawksbill product could "ward off evil spirits", and that hawksbill product were not for sale. The joint enforcement unit confiscated the hawksbill products on the spot and conducted an investigation. If the case is true, the owner of the hawksbill products would be punished with a value of 1-10 times the value of the commodities by illegally utilized without obtaining legal formalities. [Read more](#)

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