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Domestic

A woman in Tianjin was sentenced for illegal sale of hawksbill and hornbill products

Tianjin, May 7th, 2018 - Han, a 54-year-old woman from Lixin County, Anhui Province, runs jade in Tianjin. In September 2017, Han used barter in exchange for a hawksbill grasshopper jar and a bird beak pendant. On November 16 of the same year, Han was seized on the spot by the police when she was selling hawksbill grasshopper jar and bird mouth pendant in the booth of a collectables market. After identification, the grasshopper jar and bird mouth pendant, respectively hawksbill and helmet rhinoceros. After trial, she was sentenced to two months of criminal detention, suspended for three months, and a fine of 2000 yuan.

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Nanning, Guangxi, May 10th, 2018 - On May 4th, a young girl in school uniform entered China through Dongxing Port from Moncay of Vietnam. As she approached the customs inspection area, she put her hands in her pocket in an unnatural gesture in an attempt to flatten her wrinkled clothes. The customs officer immediately stopped her. After examination, the girl's waist and abdomen tied a lot of things, take down a look, unexpectedly all ivory products. A total of 30 beads and 19 ring sculptures were counted. According to the child, the ivory products were instigated by others to bring her into the country for payment, and the case has now been referred to the anti-smuggling department for further disposal. [Read More](#)

Guangxi 13-year-old girl smuggled 49 ivory products



Guangzhou Customs detected an entry case of smuggling ivory products





Guangzhou, Guangdong, May 15th, 2018 - On the afternoon of May 11th, a Chinese man entered the country on a flight from Addis Ababa to Guangzhou. Customs at Baiyun Airport checked the X-ray machine and found a suspicious image of one of the suitcases. After open-box inspection, in the corner of the suitcase found a number of yellow rubber cloth layer-upon-layer wrapped items. Open found bracelets, chopsticks and other ivory products a total of 23 pieces, weighing 1200 grams. The man said the ivory was purchased while he was working in Africa. [Read More](#)

Huangpu Customs seized 740 smuggled ivory products



Guangzhou, Guangdong, May 15th, 2018 - On May 4th, Huangpu Customs Smuggling Department received information that in an express package from Dongxing, Guangxi to Dongguan, Guangdong, the ivory products smuggled from Vietnam were collected in the early morning of May 5th, and the police from Humen of Dongguan followed the final delivery station of the Guangzhou Baiyun District. A man named Peng was captured by the smuggling police on the spot when he received a telephone call from a courier to come to pick up the parcel. Subsequently, the police officers, according to the information mastered by the sudden

trial, searched the domicile of Peng and his associates and nearby processing workshops, found necklaces, bracelets and other ivory products, and 4 sets of CNC machine tools for carving. A total of 2 suspects were arrested in the operation. According to a preliminary confession by the suspect criminal, the African ivory products were organized in Hanoi, Vietnam, smuggle goods from the Sino-Vietnamese border to Dongxing, Guangxi, through illegal channels, and then sent to Peng by express delivery from Dongxing to make profits after preliminary processing. In order to cover up the illegal trade of ivory products, the suspects in various links in the illegal chain of smuggling contact transactions through WeChat voice, and express delivery orders are also sent and sent under pseudonyms. The operation seized 15.72 kg of African ivory products and 13.11 kg of mammoth ivory products and two suspect criminals. [Read More](#)

Yunnan police officer disguised as courier to crack down on smuggling rhinoceros horn 757g





Tengchong, Yunnan, May 16th, 2018 - On May 6th, Tengchong Customs received clues that someone would smuggle rhinoceros horns into the country by mail, and delivery place would be in Tengchong. After receiving the report, a courier company found a suspicious carton package. The address is Fuzhou, the sender is unknown, the addressee is Zhao, and the receiving address is a residential district in Tengchong. At 13:40 on May 7, with the cooperation of the express delivery company, the makeup inspector took the courier carton to deliver the package, and a woman signed for the package on behalf of her son. The parcel is suspected of smuggling rhinoceros horn products, weighing 757 grams on site. The consignee of the package has been verified Zhao's real name is Liu. May 14th, the suspect Liu surrendered himself under pressure, and the case is under further investigation. [Read More](#)

A man who sells ivory products in Tianjin was sentenced to punishment

Tianjin, May 18th, 2018 - In February 2017, defendant Wang took "handicrafts" to a market for sale in the east side of the city, was caught by the patrolling police. By the identification of Forest Public Security Forensic Identification Center, 14 of Wang's sales were ivory products, weighing 0.106 kg, with a reference value of 4417 yuan. After the defendant came to the case, he confessed his crime truthfully. After the trial, the court sentenced the defendant Wang to six months' imprisonment, suspended for one year, and a fine of 5000 yuan for the crime of illegally selling precious and endangered wildlife products. During the probation period, community correction was carried out according to law. [Read More](#)

Twelve ivory products were intercepted in Wuxi, Jiangsu Province



Wuxi, Jiangsu, May 25th, 2018 - On May 25, when the officer of Wuxi Customs Office in the airport supervised the entry express, they questioned a bill of courier that was declared as a doll display. The on-site customs officer checked and found 12 suspected ivory round boxes. After identification, the above 12 products confirmed as ivory products. [Read More](#)

Man was sentenced for illegally selling Endangered Wildlife products in Jiangxi Province

Nanchang, Jiangxi, May 25th, 2018 - At about 15:30 on January 8, 2018, law enforcement of Nanchang Forestry Bureau, according to the report, went to the defendant Liu's shop in Xihu District, Nanchang City, seized 12 suspected ivory products that were illegally selling, including a string of ivory Buddha heads, Ivory flower carving card 1, Ivory Buddha first 1, Ivory Lutong 2, ivory mythical wild animal 1, ivory bracelet 6. A total of 35 suspected ivory products were disassembled, of



which 21 were ivory products with a net weight of 139.19 grams and a value of 5799.63 yuan. Considering that Liu surrendered himself, he was sentenced to criminal detention for five months, suspended for five months, and punished Gold RMB 30,000 yuan. [Read More](#)

Five pieces of ivory from Guangdong were inspected at Gongbei port



Gongbei, Guangdong, May 30th, 2018 - In the early morning of April 28, a Macao woman, Fang, entered through Gongbei Port without a declaration. Customs found that there were something wrong in the X-ray inspection of her luggage. After investigation, it was found that there were a large number of bracelets, pendants, necklaces, pendants and other ornaments in the case. Five of them are very similar to ivory-made pieces of white bracelets and bracelets. A few days ago, it was identified that the above 5 ornaments were all modern elephant ivory products, with a total net weight of 96 grams. At present, the case is being followed up and handled by the anti-smuggling department. [Read More](#)

19 Pangolins seized by traffic police in Yongzhou, Hunan



Yongzhou, Hunan, May 18th, 2018 - At about 10:00 on the evening of May 17th, when the highway police patrolled at Huangpu toll booth on Quannan Expressway , they found that a long-distance bus from Beihai to a township had stopped suddenly and the track was suspicious, and the police on duty immediately stepped forward to check it out. During the inspection of the luggage compartment of the bus, the driver looked flustered, and several suitcases were always unwilling to open, which aroused the vigilance of the police even more, and immediately asked the driver to open the box and cooperate with the inspection. After on-the-spot inspection, five boxes of wild animals were seized on the spot. According to the driver, the goods were consigned, but the owner was not on the bus, nor could he provide a wildlife transport certificate. During the process of law enforcement, the driver tried bribery and was refused by the police. Each of the five suitcases contains a different number of live pangolin, including bottles filled with ice for freezing. After the spot check and count of forest public security in Lingling area, it is preliminarily judged that there are 19 pangolins, the largest of which is 6 kg, and the total value is estimated to be more than 200,000 yuan. At



present, the case has been transferred to the Lingling District Forest Public Security to deal with. [Read More](#)

and Vietnam for profit. At present, the case is under further investigation. [Read More](#)

Guangdong destroyed gangs suspected of smuggling rare animal products



Zhanjiang, Guangdong, May 31st, 2018 - Recently, Zhanjiang Customs, with the vigorous cooperation of the public security organs of Guangdong and Guangxi provinces, simultaneously launched anti-smuggling operations in Nanning, Chongzuo, Guangzhou and Foshan, successfully destroying a group suspected of smuggling rare animal products. Four suspects were captured, the seized items including 429 kg of pangolin scales, 11.25 tons of African horns, 21 tons of Indian beef jerky, 2 storage warehouses were sealed up, and a batch of evidence materials were seized. After investigation, the gang was suspected of smuggling pangolin scales from Africa through the border of China

Tianjin Airport Customs seized cases of passengers bringing in a large number of Endangered Animals

Tianjin, May 31st, 2018 - In early April, at the scene of customs brigade inspection at Tianjin Airport, 59 live pythons, 30 savannah monitors and 6 water monitors were found in the luggage of a Chinese passenger from Hong Kong on flight HX362. Both are restricted species listed in Appendix II of CITES. The male passenger did not make a customs declaration when entering or leaving the country. When officer on duty found that the image of his luggage in machine inspection showed an unusual intestinal pattern, he immediately opened the box for examination. During the inspection process, the passenger showed panic, slow movement and do not cooperate with open-box inspection, so caused suspicion. As a result, the customs officer carried out a thorough examination of the passenger compartment and contacted experts from CITES MA for preliminary species identification, and the relevant clues were delivered to the Anti-Smuggling Department. At present, the living animals have been transferred to Tianjin Wildlife Ambulance and Domestication Center; on April 8th, the suspects were arrested and brought to justice, and the case is under investigation. [Read More](#)



International

More than 500 kg of ivory destroyed in France



Nice, France, May 31st, 2018 - Environmental police in Nice, France, destroyed more than 500 kilograms of ivory seized on May 30, 2018, as part of ending international elephant poaching. France banned sales of ivory and rhino products in 2016. "France is sending a signal to the world that it is trying to end the trade in endangered species," said a senior southern French official. [Read More](#)

More than 30 ivory items seized at Seattle-Tacoma airport, Washington, US



Washington, USA, May 23rd, 2018 - In early May, more than 30 pieces of ivory, including sculptures and daggers, were seized at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport and hidden in a broken paper box by a couple. The couple claimed they were carrying mangoes from the Philippines, but customs officers were suspicious and found the cartons to be ivory products after X-rays. The couple will face a fine of \$500. [Read More](#)

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