

Introduction of China's Combating Illegal Trade in Wild Fauna and Flora



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I. Introduction

- Wildlife is an important part of the natural ecosystem, playing a significant role in maintaining the balance and stability of the ecosystem.
- Illegal trade in wildlife destroys biodiversity and causes a series of social problems, threatening ecological security, border security and social stability.
- Currently, the protection of wildlife has become a hot and sensitive issue concerned by the international community, which is directly related to China's international image and reputation.
- The CPC Central Committee and the State Council have always attached great importance to wildlife protection and law enforcement of illegal trade. The Chinese government has made great achievements in

Exchange of the following three aspects:

1. Status quo and trend of illegal trade in wildlife in China
2. China's achievements and experiences in combating illegal trade in wildlife
3. China's international cooperation in combating illegal



II. Status quo and Development Trend of Illegal Trade in Wildlife in China

➤The current situation of the illegal trade in wildlife in China is still serious.

- Hundreds of wild animals and plants are poached, stolen and illegally managed in China.
- About 50-60 species of wild animals and plants are smuggled from abroad to China.
- The gang crime and service chain of hunting, transportation and marketing has become a characteristic.
- Illegal trading of wildlife products via the Internet is on the rise.
- Smuggling and illegal carrying of wildlife products such as ivory take place from time to time despite persistent suppression

A Brief Table on the Investigation and Handling of Crimes against Endangered Wild Fauna and Flora by Chinese Customs in Recent Years

Year	Criminal Cases of Endangered Wild Fauna and Flora	Ivory cases among them	Forfeiture of endangered wildlife products (tons)	Forfeiture of ivory(kg) among them
2012-2014	282	177		20867
2015	160	39	358	118.8
2016	170		54	652
2017	124	37	393	670
2018	175	44	25 thousand items*	800
2019(half year)	374	38	500	9050

➤ Trends of illegal Trade in wild Fauna and Flora in China

- From the perspective of driving factors, the impact of traditional culture on illegal trade in wildlife still exists, and the impact of commercial factors such as investment and speculation goes further.
- with the development of The Belt and Road Initiative and economic globalization, the illegal cross border trade of wildlife will probably deteriorate in some areas.
- As a result of the increasing public awareness of ecological civilization and the impacts such as the protection of wildlife, law enforcement and crackdown of illegal wildlife trade, individual crimes will gradually decrease while organized

III. China's Experience in Combating Illegal Trade in Wild Fauna and Flora

➤The CPC Central Committee and the State Council attach great importance to the protection of wildlife.

- Since the Eighteenth National Congress of the Communist Party of China, the Party Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping as its core, has attached great importance to the construction of ecological civilization. General Secretary Xi Jinping has put forward a series of new ideas and strategies for the harmonious coexistence of man and nature and the construction of a beautiful China, forming Xi Jinping's ecological civilization thoughts, which charts the course and provides fundamental guidance for promoting the construction of ecological civilization in the new era and strengthening ecological security protection.
- On December 29, 2016, the General Office of the State Council issued the Notice on the Orderly Cessation of Commercial Processing and Sale of Ivory and Ivory Products, requiring the complete cessation of processing and

China's Criminal System of Combating Trade in Endangered Wild Fauna and Flora

Ministries	
State Forestry and Grassland Administration Department of Animals and Plants (Endangered Species Import and Export Management Office)	land wildlife protection authorities; import and export authorities of endangered species
Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Areas Fishery and Fishery Law Enforcement Administration	aquatic wildlife protection authorities
Ministry of Public Security Food and Drug Investigation Bureau	wildlife crimes investigation authorities
General Administration of Customs Customs Anti-smuggling Bureau	responsible for Customs supervision; comprehensive control of national smuggling crackdown; investigation and punishment of smuggling and irregularities according to law
State Administration for Market Regulation	responsible for organizing and guiding comprehensive law enforcement of market supervision
National Immigration Administration	border management authorities

➤ Fight against the crime of destroying wildlife resources according to law



- Having aimed at the attack on gangs and nests and concentrated on indiscriminate hunting and illegal trading, China has eliminated a number of harmful criminal gangs with numerous members, severely punishing a group of criminal organizers and core members, and resolutely blocking and destroying the industrial chain of wildlife resources.

In recent years, a series of serious cases, such as "4.01" mega illegal acquisition, transportation, sale of precious and endangered wildlife products, and "Mission 1901" mega smuggling of precious animals and precious animal products, have been detected one after another, severely

- Closely follow up the new characteristics and trends of illegal trade in wildlife and enhance the abilities to apply technology means and to investigate and attack for adaption of the most suitable and precise measures, so as to ensure early detection, early control and early management.

Since January 2019, in the full effort to crack down the "1.17" mega smuggling of ivory, Guangdong Public Security Bureau and Huangpu Customs Anti-smuggling Bureau had jointly set up a special task force, with 238 police officers being divided into eight action teams to carry out operations in many places simultaneously. Twenty suspects were captured and 7.48 tons of ivory were seized at the scene.



- Incorporate fleeing suspects of smuggling endangered species and their products such as ivory into the focus of the "fox hunting" operation, and make every effort to carry out overseas arrests.

Since this year, the Public Security Bureau has assisted the Customs Anti-smuggling Department in arresting and repatriating two "Hong Tong fugitives" in the "7.5" mega ivory smuggling from Nigeria and one suspect of ivory smuggling who had spent eight years on the run from Vietnam.

Over the past three years, 18 fleeing suspects have been arrested for the smuggling endangered species such as ivory.

➤ Establish and improve the multi-sectoral cooperation mechanism of combating illegal trade in wildlife

- On November 15, 2016, the State Council approved the establishment of the "Inter-ministerial Joint Conference System of Combating Illegal Trade in wild Fauna and Flora". The inter-ministerial joint conference system is led by the State Forestry Administration and composed with 22 departments, including the Publicity Department, the Cyberspace Administration, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the National Development and Reform Commission, the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology, the Ministry of Public Security, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry of Agriculture, the National Health and Family Planning Commission, the General Administration of Customs, the State Administration for Industry and Commerce, the General Administration of Quality Supervision, the State Administration of Press, Publication, Radio, Film and Television, the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, the State Administration of Civil Service, the Coast Guard, the National Railway Administration, the Civil Aviation Administration, the State Post Bureau and China Railway.

On March 29, 2019, the second meeting of the Inter-ministerial Joint Conference on Combating Illegal Trade in wild Fauna and Flora was held in Beijing. The number of members of the Joint Conference increased from 22 to 25.

Member Units of Inter-ministerial Joint Conference on Combating Illegal Trade in Wild Fauna and Flora

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Leading Unit	State Forestry and Grassland Administration				
Participant Units	Publicity Department	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	National Development and Reform Commission	Ministry of Finance	International Development Cooperation Agency
	Ministry of Public Security	General Administration of Customs	State Administration for Market Regulation	Coast Guard	Cyberspace Administration
	Ministry of Industry and Information Technology	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs	Ministry of Ecology and Environment	Ministry of Transport	National Railway Administration
	State Post Bureau	Civil Aviation Administration	Ministry of Culture and Tourism	National Health Commission	National Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine
	National Cultural Heritage Administration	China Railway	State Administration of Press, Publication, Radio, Film and Television	Chinese Academy Sciences	

- Operation of the Inter-ministerial Joint Conference on Combating Illegal Trade in Wild Fauna and Flora
 - Each member unit formulates and promulgates detailed **laws and regulations** in the fields of wildlife protection, processing, circulation, trade and consumption, strengthening the supervision and management of endangered wildlife and its products.
 - Numerous **special actions** have been carried out to crack down on illegal processing, marketing, transportation and smuggling.
 - **Comprehensive law popularization** publicity has been conducted, along with the establishment of crime prevention mechanism and the improvement of comprehensive ability of wildlife protection and law enforcement;
 - The conference has actively promoted cooperation and exchanges with international organizations, participating in major bilateral and multilateral negotiations and international rule-making to strengthen international law enforcement cooperation and implement chain-wide

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公安部海关总署联手打击整治象牙等濒危物种及其制品走私专项工作取得成效

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为深入学习贯彻习近平生态文明思想和中央领导同志关于打击整治象牙等濒危物种及其制品走私活动系列重要指示精神，近期，公安部连续两次专题调度，部署全国公安机关与海关缉私部门联手开展打击整治象牙等濒危物种及其制品走私活动，实现侦破一批重特大案件，严惩一批违法犯罪嫌疑人，整治一批重点地区，达到强化行业日常管理、提升综合治理水平的目标。

2016年12月29日，国务院办公厅印发《关于有序停止商业性加工销售象牙及制品活动的通知》，要求自2018年1月1日起全面停止加工销售象牙及制品活动，全面禁止商业性象牙交易行为。全国公安机关以践行我国这一庄严承诺为使命，与海关缉私部门对走私象牙等濒危物种及其制品违法犯罪采取“零容忍”的态度，密切配合、通力协作，持续开展专项打击和常态化整治。近年来，相继侦破“4·01”特大非法收购、运输、出售珍贵、濒危野生动物制品案、“使命1901”特大走私珍贵动物、珍贵动物制品案等一系列重特大案件，严惩了一大批危害严重的犯罪分子，坚决遏制此类犯罪活动的猖獗蔓延势头。山东潍坊、安丘两级公安机关从一条疑似象牙制品交易的线索入手，抽丝剥茧，顺线追击，成功摧毁一个特大非法收购、运输、出售珍贵、濒危野生动物制品犯罪团伙，抓获团伙成员41人，扣押象牙制品100余件，犀牛角及犀牛角制品15件，涉案价值600余万元。福州、南宁等地公安机关支持配合福州海关缉私局侦破“使命1901”特大走私珍贵动物、珍贵动物制品案，共查获走私象牙2.25吨、穿山甲鳞片19.98吨。

IV. International Cooperation in Combating Illegal Trade in Wild Fauna and Flora in China

- Joint Statement of Bilateral Governments
 - On October 21, 2016 and November 21, 2018, China and Philippines jointly stated that they would fight transnational crimes such as smuggling of endangered wildlife and its products.
 - On March 24, 2019, China and France jointly stated that they would combat environmental crimes,

The screenshot shows the Chinese Foreign Ministry's website with the title "中华人民共和国和法兰西共和国关于共同维护多边主义、完善全球治理的联合声明 (全文)" (Joint Statement of the People's Republic of China and the French Republic on jointly maintaining multilateralism and improving global governance). The statement was issued on March 27, 2019. It discusses the fight against environmental crimes, including smuggling of endangered species and illegal trade in wild fauna and flora. The text also mentions the Paris Agreement and the UN Convention on Biological Diversity.

八、两国将共同努力，推动全球采取行动应对生物多样性丧失，迎接2020年底在中国召开的《生物多样性公约》第15次缔约方大会。两国将致力于推动“为了自然与人——从沙姆沙伊赫到北京”行动议程，动员各利益攸关方提出具体建议。两国将积极致力于推动《生物多样性公约》第14次缔约方大会提出的“全面参与制定2020年后全球生物多样性框架”进程。

九、两国承诺在联合国框架下就国家管辖范围以外区域海洋生物多样性养护和可持续利用国际协定谈判加强沟通与合作，为协定达成作出积极贡献。两国同意就包括设立南极海洋保护区在内的南极海洋生物资源的养护和可持续利用问题保持交流。

十、两国表示要打击环境犯罪，尤其是偷猎和贩卖濒危动植物物种及其制品、非法跨境转移固体废物，禁止此类物品的非法进出口，并强调应对碳汇能力强和全球生物多样性丰富的热带雨林进行可持续管理。

十一、两国坚定支持通过加强现有机制，尤其是《巴塞尔公约》，针对海洋和陆地塑料污染采取的国际行动。

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十、中方承诺继续支持菲律宾政府打击非法毒品和毒品犯罪的努力，愿在打击毒品和易制毒化学品走私、情报共享、联合办案、戒毒康复等方面加强合作。菲方高度评价中方援建的萨兰加尼省戒毒中心竣工，阿古桑省戒毒中心建设顺利推进，感谢中方捐赠毒品监测检验设备并提供人员培训。

十一、双方强调任何形式的恐怖主义，将加强信息交流、能力建设等合作，共同防范和应对恐怖主义威胁。中方重申将坚定支持和援助菲律宾打击恐怖主义及马拉维战后重建。菲方对此表示感谢。

十二、双方同意加强执法合作，共同打击职务犯罪、电信诈骗、非法网络赌博、计算机犯罪、人口贩卖、濒危野生动植物及其制品走私等跨国犯罪。双方同意加快推进两国移管被判刑人条约履约工作。

十三、双方高度评价中菲经贸合作成果，将继续落实好《中菲经贸合作六年发展规划》，推动双边贸易和投资更多使用本币结算，加强两国海关交流合作，促进经贸活动便利化。

➤Active participation in international assistance for wildlife conservation

- The Chinese government has successively provided wildlife protection materials to Namibia, Zimbabwe and Kenya, including pickup trucks, telescopes, field cameras, winter clothes and tents.
- In May 2018, Li zhanshu, the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, attended the handover ceremony of China's wildlife conservation materials during his visit



➤International law enforcement cooperation

- Successively lead the Cobra Global Law Enforcement Operation during 2013-2015
- Develop a series of law enforcement training to help with African and Southeast Asian law enforcement personnel
- China's law enforcement agencies provide information to Southeast Asian countries to jointly investigate and deal with major cases of cross-border ivory smuggling



“眼镜蛇二号行动”期间，各国共查获**350**多起濒危物种非法贸易案件，处理**400**多名违法犯罪人员，其中我国查获的案件和处理的违法犯罪嫌疑人占全球总量的**50%**以上

▼ 共缴获犀牛角**36**根
▼ 象牙及其制品**3**吨以上
▼ 红木将近**200**吨
▼ 活体欧洲鳗鲡和猪鼻龟各**1万**多只
▼ 活体蛇类**2000**多条
▼ 包括虎皮、豹皮、猎豹皮、蟒蛇皮在内的各类野生动物皮张**1000**多张
▼ 穿山甲片**数百千克**
▼ 以及其他大量野生动植物及其产品



Eight tons of smuggled pangolin scales seized in Vietnam port

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- Case 1: Xiamen Customs provided information, and cracked major cases of ivory and pangolin scales smuggling jointly with Vietnam Customs.

In 2018, Xiamen Customs Anti-smuggling Bureau carried out investigation with an information clue of endangered species smuggling and found that suspects of Shijiazhuang origin, Li and Zheng from Putian colluded with each other to purchase pangolin scales from abroad, and shipped them from Nigeria to Vietnam, planning to smuggle them into China. Xiamen Customs, under the coordination of the Anti-smuggling Bureau of the General Administration of Customs, notifies Vietnamese Customs of this clue and carried out joint operations. On March 25, 2019, according to information, Vietnamese Customs seized 8.25 tons of pangolin scales in a container declared as imported plastic granules (cassia seed as the camouflage) in Haiphong City, Vietnam. Subsequently, Xiamen Customs launched a unified operation, which eventually destroyed the seized pangolin scales.

Singapore Seizes Record 8.8 Tonnes Of Elephant Ivory

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- Case 2: Nanning Customs provides information to Singapore and jointly intercepts large quantities of pangolin and ivory

On July 22, under the unified command of the General Administration of Customs, Customs of Nanning, Harbin and Guangzhou, together with the Public Security Department of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, seized a mega case of ivory smuggling and destroyed an international criminal gang, arresting 12 suspects. At the same time, the Customs provided accurate information, guiding the Singaporean Customs to intercept 8.8 tons of ivory smuggled by the gang, which created the new record for the number of ivory seized by the Chinese Customs in recent years. Besides, 11.9 tons of pangolin scales were also seized.

It has been preliminarily identified that the smuggling group acquired endangered species such as ivory and pangolin scales in African countries. They hid the endangered species in containers and transported them by sea, planning to smuggle

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中非将进一步加强在保护野生动植物领域的合作

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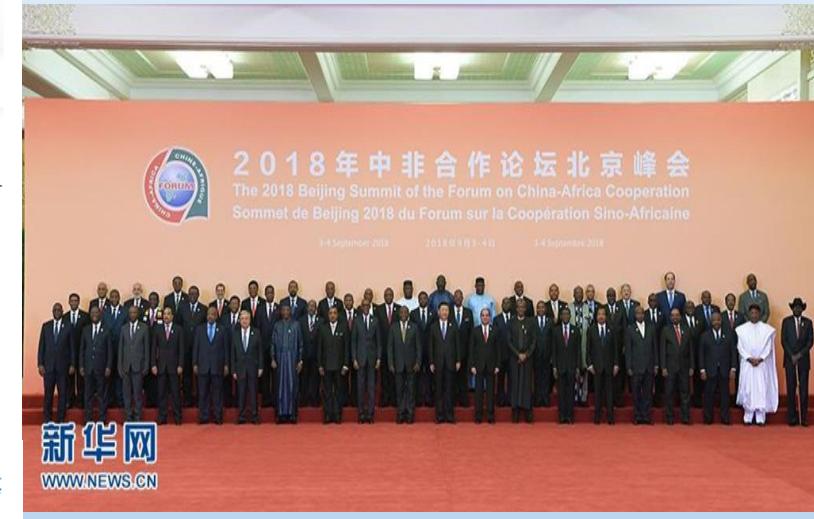
4.6 生态保护和应对气候变化

4.6.7 非方高度赞赏中国政府支持非洲保护野生动植物资源、大力打击盗猎、野生动植物非法贸易，主动停止国内商业性加工销售象牙等行动。双方将加强在保护野生动植物领域的合作，加强在政府间协议、国际公约等多边场合的立场沟通与协商。中方将继续同非洲国家合作提升野生动植物保护能力，为非洲国家提供生态保护领域培训名额，探讨合作实施野生动植物保护示范项目，联合打击野生动植物及其制品非法交易，积极鼓励在打击盗猎及野生动植物非法贸易中作出突出贡献的人员。

6. 和平安全合作

6.2 反腐败、领事、移民、司法与执法

6.2.10 共同打击跨国犯罪，在国际刑警组织框架内推动开展为期三年的打击走私贩运野生动物及制品联合行动。



V. Discussion and Conclusion

➤ The importance attached by the national decision-makers to wildlife protection and law enforcement is the political guarantee for the success of the fight against illegal trade in wildlife.

- Fighting illegal trade in wildlife is a hot and sensitive issue of great concern at home and abroad. The Central Committee of the Party and the State Council attach great importance to it. General Secretary Xi Jinping and other leading comrades of the Central Committee have made important instructions and directives on many occasions, putting forward clear requirements for strengthening protection and



- Multi-sectoral linkage is the key to the success of combating illegal trade in wildlife.
- Since the establishment of the inter-ministerial joint conference system for more than two years, the number of members of the joint conference has increased from 22 to 25. Taking the division of responsibilities, each member unit has established and improved a long-term mechanism of inter-departmental linkage as well as strengthened law enforcement and supervision of wildlife protection in many links, improving the prevention and control system and the coordination mechanism.



➤ International cooperation contributes to the improvement of efficiency of combating illegal trade in wildlife.

- Through the Interpol platform, China has captured 18 fleeing suspects of smuggling endangered species such as ivory in the past three years.
- Through the World Customs Organization and other platforms, China has provided information to law enforcement agencies in Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore and others to seize large quantities of illegal goods.



Thanks for your watching !