Sale Must End Soon: Illegal Wildlife Trade in Asia

Aug 2007 Khankaïskii Frontier Detachment seizures of 480 bear paws & Siberian tiger pelt © Pavel Fomenko
Mission:
To ensure that trade in wild plants and animals is not a threat to the conservation of nature

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Scope and Scale of Trade

• Wildlife trade is booming. A multi-billion dollar business annually.

• Hundreds of millions of animals and plants are traded every year.

• Illegal trade in wildlife = low risk + high profit.

• Involving organized criminal networks.

• But it's a low enforcement priority.
Smuggling routes of Pangolin
a protected species
Pangolin Meat: Illegal Trade Routes
Pangolin Scales: Illegal Trade Routes
Price comparisons of LIVE pangolins since 1990

Year        Highest Price (Yuan/kg)  Lowest Price (Yuan/kg)
Early 1990s  80                 40
Middle 1990s 240                160
Later 1990s  690                420
2006-2007    1500               700

Price (Yuan/kg)
Price comparisons of pangolin SCALES since 1980

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Highest Price</th>
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<td>2006-2007</td>
<td>1200</td>
<td>900</td>
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<td>Early 2000</td>
<td>450</td>
<td>420</td>
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<td>Later 1990s</td>
<td>400</td>
<td>320</td>
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<td>Middle 1990s</td>
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Price (Yuan/kg)
Reasons for Protected Wildlife Consumption in China

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<th>Occasions of using (Used as Foods)</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>Gender</th>
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<td>Business gathering/business trip</td>
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<td>20</td>
<td>13</td>
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<td>Family/friends gathering during normal days</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>33</td>
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<td>Family/friends celebration at festival or special events</td>
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<td>28</td>
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<td>Just a dish in an meal</td>
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<td>Leisure trip</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>4</td>
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<td>To alleviate discomfort</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td>Other (specify)</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>Sample Size</td>
<td>210</td>
<td>113</td>
<td>97</td>
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Base: respondents in Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Kunming, Harbin, and Chengdu that consumed ‘three have’ protected species as food in the past 12 months.
虎酒。工作人员虎酒进行检验。

工作人员正在筛选虎骨，经特殊处理置于北大仓陈年原液中浸泡。

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Warning Signs: Fur Trade
Tibet and China

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Illegal ivory trade hotspots
(ETIS CoP14 Analysis)
同方威視集裝箱檢查系統圖像
Illegal Ivory Internet Trade
China

Illegal ivory Sculptures for sale on Chinese websites.

- 牙雕观音
  - 名称: 牙雕观音三款
  - 编号: gy091
  - 参考价格: 2,800.00

- 牙雕佛公
  - 名称: 牙雕佛公一对
  - 编号: gy170
  - 参考价格: 2,800.00

- 牙雕人物
  - 名称: 牙雕人物
  - 参考价格: 2,800.00
Accredited selling site of ivory carving

Ivory carving can not be taken out of China without special permission of Chinese government.
Enforcement Networking & Capacity Building

Humphead Wrasse - Cheilinus undulatus

Humphead Wrasse
Order: Labridae
Family: Labridae
Common Names: Humphead Wrasse, Cheilinus undulatus

International Conservation Status: CITES: APPENDIX II
IUCN: BR
National Protection in Thailand: Not listed

Description:
- Body shape: Elliptical
- Color: Yellow
- Fin: Black

Denticulation: 14-15 in adults, 16-17 in juveniles

Traded as:
- Living animals for the aquarium and ornamental trade

Habitat:
- Indo-Pacific waters

Behavior:
- Diurnal

References:
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