

《四川小伙网购象牙，或面临十年监禁》

导读:汤某花3万元从马来西亚购买6根象牙制品，被公诉后求轻判。



22-year-old man surnamed Tang is likely to face up to 10 years of jail for smuggling ivory into China.

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Tang, from Sichuan Province, bought six ivory products from Malaysia with 30,000 yuan. He intended to resell them in China. When the ivory products arrived in Chengdu, he was scared to collect it as he was told that ivory sales and imports violate the law.

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The smuggled ivory was found by Chengdu's Shuangliu International Airport Customs in August last year. The 12-kilogram ivory products were valued at over 500,000 yuan by a third party.

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When Chengdu's Intermediate People's Court heard the case last week, the court pronounced Tang guilty of smuggling ivory.

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Tang pleaded for a lighter sentence as he never tried to collect the ivory.

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Under China's Criminal Law, smuggling over 200,000 yuan worth of goods made from endangered animals will be given between 5-10 years in prison and must pay the corresponding penalties.

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Last year, China jointly issued a statement with the U.S. on nearly-complete bans on ivory import and export.

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Official numbers show that the market for ivory in China is shrinking.

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According to International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW), the ivory trade is pushing endangered elephants towards extinction. Every year, 25,000-30,000 African Elephants are poached to supply the ivory trade.

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