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TABLE OF TIGER CRIME INCIDENTS, 01 JANUARY 1999-25 JULY 2017

Summary: This table accompanies the Global Tiger Map (2017) and shows at least 509 tigers were seized in China, Thailand, Vietnam and Lao PDR in the timeframe.

To gain a count of individual tigers seized, this figure is based on skins, live, carcasses and stuffed tigers. This excludes counting incidents of bones alone, to avoid duplicate counting of tiger parts which may come from the same individual, however these parts are also shown. The number of tigers seized in trade across the region is likely to be higher.

Without consistent DNA analysis, or stripe pattern analysis to cross-reference with databases of camera-trap images, it is impossible to say for certain what the source of these tigers is. However, based on a review of circumstances around seizures, it is possible that 61 per cent of the tigers shown here may have been sourced from captive facilities (either wild-caught and laundered through captive facilities, or bred in captivity).

CHINA					
Wild tiger population: Perilously close to extinction at >7 tigers					
Captive tiger population: 5,000-6,000 tigers					
Incident name	Number of Whole Tigers (skins, carcasses, live, stuffed)	Other Tiger Parts/Products Seized	Comment / case outcome	Suspected captive source?	Year
Fuzhou Seizure, July 1999	other	skin seized, quantity not reported in source			1999
Ruili Seizure, July 1999	11	skin seized, quantity not reported in source			1999
Heilongjiang tiger carcass seizure, 2001	1				2001
Baoshan Skin Seizure, 2001	23				2001
Nature Reserve tiger seizure, 2002	1				2002
Yunnan tiger seizure, 2002	1	7 kg bones			2002
Dehong tiger and leopard skins seizure, March 2002	5				2002
Jilin tiger seizure, 2003	1	1 skeleton			2003
Ruili tiger seizure, 2003	1	12 kg bones			2003
Sangsang skin seizure, October 2003	31		Largest ever Asian big cat seizure. Conviction of three couriers, but information not shared with Indian and Nepalese authorities at time, and financial investigations could have identified syndicate bosses and enabled seizure of assets		2003
Heilongjiang tiger seizure, 2004	1				2004
Liaoning tiger seizure, 2004	1				2004
Quanzhou tiger skin seizure, June 2004	1				2004
Dehong tiger seizure, 2005	2				2005
Quanzhou Seizure, 2005	1				2005
Siberian tiger skin offence, April 2005	1				2005
Zhangmu skins seizure, September 2005	12	14 kg bones	Government only report tiger seized, not other CITES Appendix I Asian big cat species seized		2005
Lhasa tiger, otter and bear paw seizure, December 2005	other	1 piece of skin			2005
Jilin Police tiger bones seizure, December 2005	other	1 skeleton			2005
Heilongjiang tiger seizure, 2006	1				2006

Raohe County tiger bone seizure, May 2006	other	4 pieces bones seized			2006
Daqing tiger skin seizure, September 2006	1				2006
Hailin Siberian tiger skin and skeleton seizure, October 2006	1	1 skeleton	One arrest, part of covert operation		2006
Lianghe Skin Seizure, November 2006	1		Two suspects convicted and sentenced to 15 years in prison		2006
Operation Green Shield, November - December 2006	2		Report to CITES, but no details on prosecutions		2006
Chongqing tiger seizure, 2007 (two incidents)	3				2007
Dehong tiger seizure, 2007	1	7 kg bones			2007
Fujian tiger seizure, 2007	1	7 kg bones			2007
Guangdong live tigers seizure, 2007	3			Y	2007
Guangxi tiger seizure, 2007	2			Y	2007
Kunming tiger seizure, 2007	2	7.2 kg bones			2007
Zhangfeng tiger skin and bones seizure, 2007	other	0.7221 kg bones			2007
Qingdao Seizure 21 September 2007	2	bones seized, quantity not reported in source			2007
Menghai County tiger skin seizure, January 2008	1		Suspect gained skin in payment for debt from trading hub of Mong La in Myanmar, travelling via Dalou		2008
Siberian tiger killed in zoo, March 2008	1			Y	2008
Shijiazhuang Customs seized tiger skin handover, April 2008 (not dated when seized)	1				2008
Erenhot checkpoint tiger skin seizure, May 2008	1				2008
Manzhouli Customs Amur tiger skin seizure, June 2008	1				2008
Shenzhen tiger bone seizure, 2009	other	2.2 kg bones			2009
Yuxi drug arms and tiger skin seizure, May 2009	9		Reportedly travelled via Wa State, seized with drugs and firearms		2009
Kunming tiger, ivory and jade seizure, August 2009	1	1 skeleton	Suspect convicted, sentenced to life imprisonment		2009
Mianyang tiger skins seizure, November 2009	2		Offence identified after suspect was investigated for possession of illegal firearms. Sentenced to 14 years imprisonment plus RMB 50,000 (US\$8,000) fine		2009
Beijing tiger skin seizure, November 2009	other	skin seized, quantity not reported in source	Identified by routine inspection. Four sentenced to between five and ten years in prison for attempting to sell the tiger skin		2009
North Korea-China tiger bone smuggling, 2010	other	bones seized, quantity not reported in source			2010
Shenzhen Tiger Bone Seizure, January 2010	other	17 pieces of bone seized			2010
Heilongjiang Police tiger skin and bones seizure, April 2010	1	bones	Decoy buy operation; skin reportedly sourced from Russia		2010
Hunchun Tiger Bone Seizure, July 2010	other	46 pieces bones			2010
Changchun tiger skeleton seizure, August 2010	other	1 skeleton			2010
Suifenhe Tiger Skeletons Seizure, October 2010	other	1 skull, 2 skeletons			2010

Beijing Customs Tiger Skin Seizure, November 2010	1				2010
Shenzhen Tiger Bone Seizure From Indonesia, Early 2011	other	12 kg bones			2011
Suifenhe Border Tiger Skeleton, Musk Pod And Bear Knees Seizure, March 2011	other	2.5 skeletons			2011
Jiegao Wildlife Seizure From Drugs Premises, March 2011	other	big cat teeth (tiger/leopard) seized, quantity not reported in source			2011
Dalian Tiger Bone Wine Seizure, May 2011	other	10 bottles of tiger bone wine			2011
Shenzhen Tiger Bones Seizure, May 2011	other	10 kg bones, 3 skulls			2011
Anhui Circus Tiger Seizure And Sentencing, June 2011	1		Repeat offender for similar offence of illegally transporting wildlife, connected with circus; sentenced to 10 years and six months imprisonment	Y	2011
Shenzhen tiger skin seizure, October 2011	1				2011
Hangzhou Skins Seizure And Links To CPPCC Member, 2012, Reported 2014	2		One suspect, businessman and member of political advisory body, convicted and sentenced to 11 years imprisonment		2012
Yunnan tiger bone wine seizure, June 2012	other	18.7 kg tiger bone, 12,090 bottles tiger bone wine			2012
Manzhouli Customs tiger bone seizure, June 2012	other	0.15 kg bones			2012
Yunnan wildlife operation, reported June 2012	other	22.6 kg bones			2012
Dali To Guizhou Tiger Skeleton Seizure, August 2012	other	1 skeleton			2012
Chongzuo, Guangxi seizure, November 2012	1		Arrested claimed they bought the skin at Vietnam border, intending to sell within China		2012
Nanning tiger, rhino and ivory seizures, reported January 2013	1	1 skeleton			2013
Macau tiger seizure, July 2013	other	69 tiger claws, 78 tiger teeth			2013
Nanning Tiger Skins Seizure, August 2013	3	13 kg bones	Online trading, decoy buy, suspect reportedly stated that he sourced items from Vietnam, and had previously sold tiger bones; sentenced to tend years' imprisonment and fine		2013
Pinxiang tiger skin and ivory seizure, August 2013	1	4 teeth	Suspect arrested, reportedly stated he had bought the items in Pingxiang to Putian		2013
Wuhan tiger cub seizure, September 2013	2		Routine inspection	Y	2013
Dunhang Leopard And Tiger Bone Seizure And Conviction, October 2013	other	0.45 kg bones	Six months imprisonment		2013
Changbaishan tiger trading, October 2013	other	bones seized, quantity not reported in source			2013
Changchun tiger skin seizure, October 2013	1		Routine inspection		2013
Kunming Customs tiger skin seizure via Lao Cai-Hekou, October 2013	1		Suspect reportedly claimed he was hired to transport the skin from Vietnam to China		2013
Haerbin tiger skin enforcement, reported November 2013	1				2013
Hunchun tiger skin seizure, October 2013	1	1 skull			2013
Haerbin tiger skin enforcement, November 2013	other	skin seized, quantity not reported in source			2013
Fujian tiger skin seizure as part of ivory trafficking case, 2013-2014	1				2013
Yunnan tiger skin piece seizure, December 2013	other	skin piece seized			2013
China reports on Operation Cobra II, January-February 2014	7				2014

Wenzhou Tiger Carcass Seizure, January 2014	1		Connected to circus		2014
Yunnan Wildlife Seizure, reported January 2014	4				2014
Suifenh tiger bone seizure, March 2014	other	8.93 kg tiger bones			2014
Leizhou, Guangdong tiger trade gang arrests, March 2014	1		Prosecution of Guangdong-based gang responsible for trading, killing and consumption of tigers. They had previously been investigated in 2007 and 2010 and when arrested in 2014 a tiger carcass was found at the scene. During 2013, one suspect, a businessman, had commissioned the killing of three tigers for consumption in his home province of Guangxi. Tiger parts and other species were seized at his home. He was convicted and sentenced to 13 years imprisonment	Y	2014
Jinan arrest of two men for smuggling ivory, leopard and tiger products, 21 March 2014	other	18 tiger skin products, 1 tiger skull, and bones seized	Sentenced to 6-year imprisonment with a fine of 50,000 RMB		2014
Operation Skynet in Beijing seizes taxidermied tigers, reported 2014	6		Operation: Chinese authorities seized four stuffed tigers which had been purchased from a Beijing taxidermy shop; a further two stuffed tigers were seized from the postal service	Y	2014
Tianjin tiger, lion, ivory trading, until April 2014	other	7 skeletons			2014
Kunming arrests for trafficking in tiger skins, April 2014	3		Reportedly sourced via Vietnam. Two accused under court process		2014
Pu'er tiger skin seizure, reported May 2014	1				2014
Operation Protector in Fujian, June 2014	1		Operation concerning suspects sending ivory from UK to China traced tiger skin at a relative's house. Case prosecuted.		2014
Sanmenxia City Tiger Cub Seizure, July 2014	2		Investigation covered six provinces, at least nine arrests made	Y	2014
Danzhou, Hainan tiger bone seizure, October 2014	other	tiger bone			2014
Kunming tiger skin and ivory seizure, February 2015	1	7.7 kg tiger bone			2015
Tiger Falls From Shandong Building, February 2015	1		Suspect fined RMB 3,000 (US\$ 480) and resigned his role in Qingdao People's Congress. Suspension and removal of local forestry employees	Y	2015
Dongxing arrests and seizures, March 2015	1	tiger bone			2015
Kunming tiger skin and ivory seizure, April 2015	1	7.7 kg tiger bone	Reportedly sourced via Vietnam		2015
Dandong North Korean tiger bone wine seizure, May 2015	other	16 bottles tiger bone wine			2015
Hekou County seizure of tiger teeth and claws, leopard teeth, June 2015	other	4 tiger skeletons, 15 tiger teeth			2015
Ruili tiger skin seizure, July 2015	1		Six-month investigation		2015
Manzhouli arrest and seizures, September 2015	other	tiger bone			2015
Lancang County tiger bone seizure, reported October 2015	other	0.4 kg tiger bone			2015
Kinmen tiger bone wine seizure, December 2015	other	2 bottles tiger bone wine			2015
Siberian tiger killed by snare, Hunchun Nature Reserve, Jilin, 22 January 2016	other				2016
Suzhou seizure of ivory, rhino horn and tiger teeth, March 2016	other	tiger teeth			2016
Dalian Airport tiger skin and ivory seizure, reported June 2016	1				2016

Yanbian tiger teeth seizure, reported August 2016	other	28 tiger teeth			2016
Zhejiang live tiger cubs seizure, August 2016	3			Y	2016
Lhasa big cats skins seizure, October 2016	2				2016
Dongxing raid, February 2017	other	8.6 kg tiger bone, 0.811 kg tiger paw, 0.417 kg tiger tooth			2017
Shandong corruption case conviction, reported February 2017	1		Former Vice-Minister of the State Administration for Industry and Commerce sentenced to 12 years and an RMB1.5m fine for accepting bribes; four years and a RMB300,000 fine for corruption; and five years related to assets of unclear provenance. It was decided that he should serve 18 years in prison with a fine of RMB1.8m. One tiger skin and one leopard skin were seized and transferred to the state		2017
Dakai tiger skin seizure, 10 March 2017	1		Linked with Myanmar		2017
Nanjing wildlife operation, 2016-2017	other	sale of tiger teeth	Nine-month investigation and multiple provinces, lion bone as tiger bone		2017
Total	189	167 kg bone (where weighted), 22.5 skeletons, 6 skulls, 125 teeth, 12,118 bottles tiger bone wine, 69 claws, other parts and products			

THAILAND					
Wild tiger population: 221 (189-252) tigers. No systematic national survey done.					
Captive tiger population: 1,450 tigers					
Incident name	Number of Whole Tigers (skins, carcasses, live, stuffed)	Other Tiger Parts/Products Seized	Comment / case outcome	Suspected captive source?	Year
Nonthaburi live and frozen tigers seizure, October 2003	13	48 kg bones	"Other better connected criminals were part of the network, but they escaped arrest"	Y (skins not	2003
Chumphon tiger seizure, 2004	1				2004
Thai - Laotian border tiger carcass seizure, mid-2004	1		Repeat offender arrested, bailed and disappeared, connected with suspects arrested in 2008, connected with Laos	Y	2004
Chumphon tiger seizure, 2005	1				2005
Udon Thani Seizure July 2005	3		Connected with Laos	Y	2005
Thailand tiger seizure, 2006	1			Y	2006
Thailand tiger seizure, 2006	1			Y	2006
NE Thailand / Nong Khai tiger seizure, 2008	6		Connected with Laos	Y	2008
Bangkok tiger seizure, 2008	2			Y	2008
Mekong seizure, January 2008	6		Two jointly fined THB 4,320,000 (US\$ 140,000), sentenced to one year imprisonment, rising to two years if fine unpaid. DNA taken, included Siberian tiger subspecies	Y	2008

Songkhla tiger seizure, June 2008	1			Y	2008
Hua Hin tiger carcass seizure, January 2009	10		Reported by Thai Government to CITES, no status update, DNA taken. Fines, no further action	Y	2009
Bangkok tiger seizure, 2009	6			Y	2009
Pattani, Thailand tiger and leopard seizure, February 2009	3		Reported by Thai Government to CITES, no status update, DNA taken, fine, no further action	Y	2009
Udon Thani tiger seizure, February 2009	3		Reported by Thai Government to CITES, no status update, DNA taken, connected with Laos	Y	2009
Nong Khai tiger and pangolin seizure, April 2009	2		Reported by Thai Government to CITES, no status update, DNA taken. Connected with repeat offenders and with Laos	Y	2009
Suvarnabhumi Airport live tiger seizure, July 2009	1		Reported by Thai Government to CITES, no status update, DNA taken	Y	2009
Nakhon Ratchasima tiger and leopard carcasses seizure, February 2010	6		Reported by Thai Government to CITES, no status update, DNA taken	Y	2010
Utai Thani province tiger carcass seizure, March 2010	3		Reported by Thai Government to CITES, no status update, DNA taken	Y	2010
Chaiyaphum province tiger carcass seizure, April 2010**	1		Reported by Thai Government to CITES, no status update, DNA taken	Y	2010
Ban Khwao District Tiger Cub Seizure, April 2010	1		Reported by Thai Government to CITES, no status update, DNA taken	Y	2010
Pattalung province tiger and leopard carcass seizure, July 2010	2		Reported by Thai Government to CITES, no status update, DNA taken	Y	2010
Suvarnabhumi Airport Tiger Cub Seizure, August 2010	1		Reported by Thai Government to CITES, no status update, DNA taken	Y	2010
Sa Kaeo Raid, February 2011	6		Owner fined	Y	2011
Arrest of tiger poachers, July 2011 and subsequent conviction	-		Stripes on suspects' mobile phone image matched to wild tiger from Thai forests. Two suspects convicted, one received five years in prison, one four years		2011
Tiger skins seizure, January 2012	4				2012
Bangkok processing operation raid, February 2012	3		One fine, main accused found not guilty in January 2013 due to lack of evidence and witnesses	Y	2012
Surat Thani tiger seizure, February 2012	1		Reported by Thai Government to CITES, no status update	Y	2012
Kaeng Koi wildlife farm raid, March 2012	5		Three of the confiscated tigers returned	Y	2012
Chaiyaphum zoo live tiger confiscation, April 2012	2		DNA confirmed cubs were not offspring of tiger at farm, subject implicated in 2014 AMLO network investigation	Y	2012
Bangkok frozen tiger and leopard seizure, May 2012	3		Reported by Thai Government to CITES, no status update	Y	2012
Pathumthani live tigers seizure, September 2012	6			Y	2012
Ang Thong tiger seizure, September 2012	3		Reported by Thai Government to CITES, no status update	Y	2012
Ayutthaya tiger seizure, September 2012	8		Reported by Thai Government to CITES, no status update	Y	2012
Thailand tiger cubs seizure, October 2012	16		Courier bailed	Y	2012
Northeast tiger cubs seizure, February 2014	5			Y	2014
Muang Tiger Cubs Seizure, May 2014	4			Y	2014
Pathiu District Tiger Cubs And Leopard Carcass Seizure, June 2014	3		Courier quickly bailed	Y	2014
Patthalung highway tiger parts seizure, July 2014	0	65 pieces tiger parts			2014

Maesot tiger carcass seizure, November 2015	1		Tiger stripe pattern matched tiger from Huai Kha Khaeng Wildlife Sanctuary (HKK)		2015
Tiger Temple seizures, June 2016	72	teeth, amulets	Including 2 skins, 40 cub carcasses and 30 preserved cubs	Y	2016
Total	217	48 kg bone (where weighted), mixed parts			
<p>NOTES: *Nonhaburi live and frozen tigers seizure, October 2003 quotes cites Galster et al in Tilson, R. and Nyhus, P. (Eds.). 2010. <i>Tigers of the World. Second Edition.</i> **Government of Thailand also report 1 live tiger seized in Chaiyaphum Province, April 2010, possibly same incident as Ban Khwao district seizure, therefore not represented here in case of duplication</p>					

VIET NAM

Wild tiger population: functionally extinct. No evidence of tigers since 2009.

Captive tiger population: 180 in private facilities

Incident name	Number of Whole Tigers (skins, carcasses, live, stuffed)	Other Tiger Parts/Products Seized	Comment / case outcome*	Suspected captive source?	Year
Vietnam tiger seizure, 2005	other	1 skeleton			2005
Binh Duong province seizure, January 2006	1			Y	2006
Quang Ninh tiger skin seizure, July 2006	1				2006
Hanoi Seizure, September 2007	Y	skin seized, quantity not reported in source			2007
Hanoi tiger skin seizure, September 2007	1				2007
Ho Chi Minh City seizure, November 2007	1			Y	2007
Ho Chin Minh City seizure, November 2007	1			Y	2007
Hanoi Tiger Seizure, January 2008	6	trophy		Y	2008
Tuyen Quang Province seizure, March 2008	1			Y	2008
Ninh Binh province seizure, April 2008 (1)	1			Y	2008
Ninh Binh province seizure, April 2008 (2)	1			Y	2008
Quang Ninh tiger bone and meat seizure, September 2008	other	bones seized, quantity not reported in source			2008
Hanoi tiger skeleton seizure, September 2008	other	1 skeleton			2008
Hanoi tiger bone seizure, October 2008	other	1 piece of bone seized			2008
Hanoi seizure, January 2009	6	2 skeletons			2009
Hanoi tiger seizure, February 2009	1			Y	2009
Ho Chi Minh City tiger skin seizure, March 2009	1	25 claws, 8 teeth			2009
Hanoi tiger seizure, reported July 2009	1	1 skeleton		Y	2009

Quang Ninh tiger skin seizure, October 2009	1				2009
Hanoi tiger skin seizure, October 2009	1				2009
Ninh Binh seizure, March 2010	other	teeth seized, quantity not reported in source			2010
Quang Tri seizure, March 2010	1			Y	2010
Nghe An seizure, June 2010	1	bones seized, quantity not reported in source		Y	2010
Thanh Hoa seizure, August 2010	1				2010
Ha Noi seizure, August 2010	1			Y	2010
Ha Noi seizure, September 2010	other	bone seized, quantity not reported in source, 8 skeletons		Y	2010
Ha Noi seizure, November 2010	1			Y	2010
Vietnam seizure, late 2010	2			Y	2010
Quang Ninh tiger seizure, July 2011	3			Y	2011
Quang Ninh Tiger Seizure, July 2011	3			Y	2011
Ho Chi Minh seizure, December 2011 (1)	2			Y	2011
Ho Chi Minh seizure, December 2011 (2)	other	tiger bone seized, quantity not reported in source			2011
Bac Ninh seizure, December 2011	1	1 skeleton, other tiger parts seized, quantity not reported in source			2011
Ha Noi tiger carcass seizure, January 2012	other	1 skeleton, other tiger parts seized, quantity not reported in source			2012
Ha Noi tiger seizure, January 2012	1	tiger parts		Y	2012
Quang Ninh tiger seizure, February 2012	1			Y	2012
Hanoi Tiger Carcass Seizure, May 2012	1			Y	2012
Nghe An Tiger Carcasses Seizure, May 2012	3			Y	2012
Hanoi Tiger Seizure, July 2012	2	1 skeleton			2012
Quang Binh Tiger Seizure, July 2012	1	1 skeleton		Y	2012
Ha Tinh Tiger Cubs Seizure, September 2012	4			Y	2012
Phu Tho Tiger Seizure, September 2012	1			Y	2012
Hanoi Tiger Seizure, October 2012	1			Y	2012
Thanh Hoa Tiger Seizure, October 2012	1			Y	2012
Thanh Hoa Tiger Seizure, October 2012	other	1 skull			2012
Dak Lak Tiger Seizure, November 2012	1	other tiger parts seized, quantity not reported in source			2012
Ha Noi seizure, November 2012	1			Y	2012
Nghe An Premises Tiger Cubs Seizure, November 2012	2			Y	2012

Nghe An Tiger Seizure, January 2013	1			Y	2013
Ha Tinh seizure, May 2013	other	other tiger parts seized, quantity not reported in source			2013
Ho Chi Minh seizure, July 2013	1				2013
Hanoi Tiger Carcass Seizure, November 2013	1			Y	2013
Nghe An live tigers seizure, June 2014	2			Y	2014
Bien Hoa tiger carcass seizure, August 2014	2			Y	2014
Nghe An frozen tiger seizure, December 2014	1			Y	2014
Bac Kan province tiger carcass seizure, January 2015	1			Y	2015
Nghe An macaque operation seizes tiger, January 2015	1			Y	2015
Quang Ninh pangolin and tiger cub seizure, June 2015	1			Y	2015
Quang Ninh tiger bone seizure, April 2016	other	14 kg tiger bone			2016
Nam Dinh frozen tiger cubs seizure, May 2016	4			Y	2016
Hanoi frozen tiger skeleton and meat seizure, September 2016	other	1 tiger skeleton, 6 kg tiger meat			2016
Dien Chau tigers seizure, October 2016	1.5	one tiger head		Y	2016
Thai Nguyen tiger seizure, November 2016	1			Y	2016
Huong Son tiger carcass seizure, December 2016	1			Y	2016
Thanh Hoa wildlife seizure, December 2016	1				2016
Dien Chau tigers seizure, January 2017	2			Y	2017
Thanh Hoa tiger parts seizure, February 2017	other	tiger parts			2017
Dien Lam commune tigers seizure, March 2017	5			Y	2017
Thanh Hoa tiger seizure, April 2017	1				2017
Hanoi wildlife seizure, April 2017	2			Y	2017
Total	91	14 kg bone (where weighted), 18 skeletons, 1 skull, teeth, claws, trophy, meat			
<p>Note: *See analysis of outcomes in Education for Nature - Vietnam (ENV). 2014. Summary Report: An evaluation of the outcomes of prosecutions for serious wildlife offences in Vietnam. http://www.envietnam.org/images/News_Resources/Publication/Review_of_the_outcomes_of_prosecutions_for_serious_wildlife_crimes_in_Vietnam_2014.pdf</p>					

LAO PDR

Wild tigers: functionally extinct

Captive tiger population: ~ 435-700 tigers, audit in progress at time of writing

Incident name	Number of Whole Tigers (skins, carcasses, live, stuffed)	Other Tiger Parts/Products Seized	Comment / case outcome	Suspected captive source?	Year
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Lao PDR: live tiger seizure composite, 2010-2012	11 live tigers seized over 2010-2012			Y	2010-2012
Golden Triangle SEZ raid, reported March 2015	At least 2 tiger skins, bottles of tiger bone wine appear to be destroyed in footage released in March 2015		None known		2015
Total	13				

Additional notes:

Wild tiger populations for China and Thailand are based on IUCN estimate based on field data (2009-2014).

Criteria for assigning suspected captive source: Tiger is seized from a specific facility; tiger is seized outside a facility but intelligence links it to a specific facility or with suspect individuals connected to a facility known/strongly suspected to trade in captive-source tigers; historical and contemporary information indicates captive trade from the specific seizure location, or through the specific trafficking location; DNA results show tiger sub-species is not endemic to location, e.g., Siberian tigers seized in Thailand; quantity and form (e.g., whether live or dead) recovered is vastly disproportionate to wild population in country, e.g. 8 live tigers seized in Laos which has small wild tiger population. When circumstances fulfil one or more of the above criteria, additional criteria suggesting link to captive facilities include: high quantity and diversity of species of live/carcasses intercepted together, e.g., five tigers, four leopards, three clouded leopards together; presence of frozen carcasses, indicating that the tiger has passed through or been sourced from facility and has been frozen for onward transport.

Sources: EIA collates information on illegal trade in Asian big cats from the following sources:

- Government submissions to CITES and other multi-lateral mechanisms such as Global Tiger Initiative and international meetings on illegal wildlife trade
- Published information from national Police, Customs, prosecution and other agencies
- Published information from intergovernmental bodies including INTERPOL, ASEAN-WEN and SA-WEN
- Published information from academic papers
- Published information from legal databases including court case databases
- Published information from the CITES-WCMC Trade Database
- Published reports, briefings, bulletins and press releases from NGOs and specialist groups
- Journalistic media sources, both print and broadcast, in a variety of languages, corroborated where possible through pers comms and against addition
- EIA's own investigations.

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