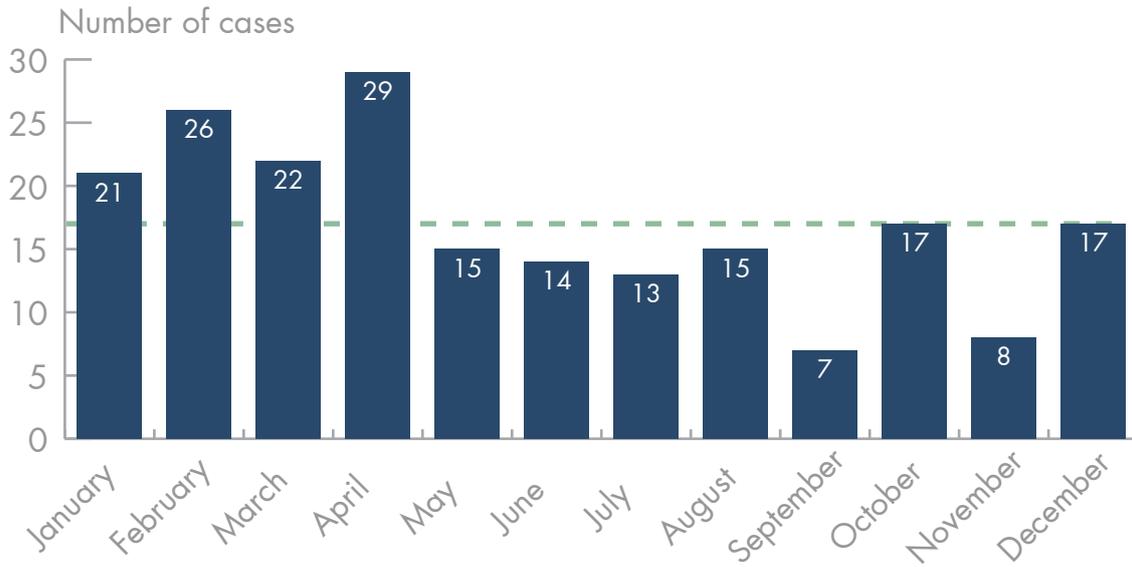


1 Number of cases



Total of
204
cases

Average of
17
cases/month

2 Wildlife evidences were detected and seized

Species	Number of cases	Wildlife evidences were seized
Elephant	9 cases	46 ivory products and 7.6 tons of ivory
Pangolin	36 cases	81 individuals and 5.4 tons of pangolin scale
Rhino	2 cases	12.6 kg of rhino horn
Big cat	15 cases	24 individuals and 32.1 kg of tiger product
Tortoise and fresh water turtle	40 cases	215 individuals
Other species	—	995 individuals and 2.7 tons of product

Ivory and pangolin scales are the most trafficked wildlife products, while tortoise and fresh water turtle have the highest number of trafficked individuals.

Seaports and airports in Viet Nam continue to be took advantage by smugglers to illegally transport rhino horn, elephant ivory, lion bones, and pangolin scales from Africa to Viet Nam.

For the first time, a case of large quantity of ivory illegally transported by sea route from Angola to Viet Nam was recorded.

Wildlife trade activities on online platforms show signs of increasing in both quantity and diversity of products, especially the trade of wildlife as pets.

3 Highlighted law enforcement actions

282 subjects were arrested

12 years of imprisonment are the highest punishment applied

95 subjects were prosecuted

DA NANG 30/05/2023

The High People's Court in Da Nang sentenced Nguyen Duc Tai to **10 years** in prison for illegal import of 456.9 kg of ivory, 138.8 kg of rhino horn, 6.2 tons of pangolin scales and 3.1 tons of lion bones from African countries to Viet Nam through Da Nang Port; **3 years** of imprisonment for falsifying and using fake legal documents. The total penalty is **13 years** of imprisonment.

138 subjects were sentenced

HA NOI 20/11/2023

The People's Court of Ha Noi City sentenced Ninh Ba Dien to **12 years of imprisonment** for illegally transporting 3 white rhino horn pieces with a total weight of 9.76kg, 1 black rhino horn pieces with a total weight of 2.06kg and 37 African ivory products with a total weight of 4.71kg from Angola to Viet Nam by air route.

(*) Includes subjects arrested before 2023

4 Highlighted cases and areas with highest number of detected cases

Cao Bang has the highest number of illegal wildlife trade (IWT) cases between the Viet Nam - China border with not only common species such as civets, turtles, snakes but also some exotic species such as kangaroos, camels, African parrot.

The seaport in **Hai Phong** continues to be a sea route gateway that the criminals took advantage of to illegally transport wildlife products from Africa to Viet Nam.

The number of wildlife seizures originating from Laos increased by 50% compared to 2022, mainly detected in **Nghe An, Ha Tinh and Lai Chau**.

LAI CHAU 12/09/2023

Lai Chau Provincial Police arrested Tan Sieu Dong was transporting **59.3 grams of bear bile** and **an Asian rhino horn weighing 759.6 grams** from Laos to Viet Nam

CAO BANG 14/03/2023

Cao Bang border guards discovered and arrested Truong Thi Hong and seized **72 palm civets** which were transported from China to Viet Nam

CAO BANG 11/04/2023

Cao Bang border guards discovered and arrested 2 subjects transporting **22 wild parrots** from Viet Nam to China

NGHE AN 23/08/2023

Nghe An Provincial Police seized more than 4.5 tons of illegal forest products worth more than 10 billion VND, including nearly 2.1 tons of wood and more than **2.5 tons of pangolin scales** transported from Laos in a container with hidden chamber

NGHE AN 24/10/2023

Nghe An Provincial Police discovered **2.8 tons of pangolin scales** worth 14 billion VND hidden in a local people's warehouse. These scales were obtained through trading from Laos

Lai Chau (11)

Ha Noi (22)

Nghe An (11)

Ha Tinh (12)

Ho Chi Minh City (9)



Top areas with highest number of detected cases "Province (number of case)"

Area with highlighted cases

QUANG NINH 25/12/2023

Hai Ha district police seized a car transporting **14 civets, 06 kangaroos, 05 capybaras and 03 rabbits**; which are all exotic species

HAI PHONG 20/03/2023

At Nam Hai Dinh Vu port, Hai Phong Customs Department seized a container estimated to contain about **7 tons of ivory** belonging to a shipment declared as peanuts originating from Angola and transited to Singapore

Hoang Sa Islands

Truong Sa Islands

5 Media responses



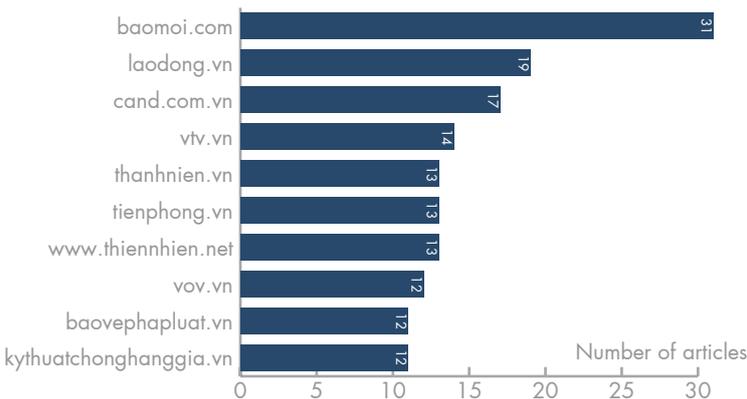
103 IWT cases were reported on **590 articles**



28 investigative articles

provided information on hotspots of illegal wildlife trade

News agencies with the highest number of reported articles on IWT cases



Highlighted investigative articles

- Series of articles on the status of turtle trade in Ha Noi, Hai Phong and Ho Chi Minh City by Dan Viet newspaper [\[Article 1\]](#) [\[Article 2\]](#) [\[Article 3\]](#) [\[Article 4\]](#)
- Series of videos taken during a survey on the wildlife trade situation at the Viet Nam - Laos border was made by journalists collaborating with PanNature [\[Video 1\]](#) [\[Video 2\]](#) [\[Video 3\]](#) [\[Video 4\]](#) [\[Video 5\]](#) [\[Video 6\]](#) [\[Video 7\]](#)
- Series of articles on the widespread ivory trade in Ho Chi Minh City published in the Women's newspaper [\[Article 1\]](#) [\[Article 2\]](#) [\[Article 3\]](#)