<u>Hong Kong Customs seizes over three</u> <u>tonnes of suspected scheduled dried</u> <u>shark fins (with photo)</u>

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (June 7) seized about 3.3 tonnes of suspected scheduled dried shark fins of endangered species with an estimated market value of about \$4.6 million from a container at the Kwai Chung Customhouse Cargo Examination Compound.

Through risk assessment, Customs officers selected a container arriving in Hong Kong from Guinea for inspection and found the batch of suspected scheduled shark fins mix-loaded with non-scheduled shark fins inside the container.

The case was handed over to the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department for follow-up investigation.

Under the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance, any person found guilty of importing or exporting an endangered species without a licence is liable to a maximum fine of \$10 million and imprisonment for 10 years.

Members of the public may report any suspected smuggling activities to Customs' 24-hour hotline 2545 6182 or its dedicated crime-reporting email account (crimereport@customs.gov.hk).

