

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

â€‹Hong Kong Customs seized over three tonnes of suspected scheduled dried shark fins of endangered species with an estimated market value of about \$2.2 million at the Hong Kong International Airport today (May 29).

Through risk assessment, Customs officers inspected two air consignments arrived at Hong Kong from Mexico and found the suspected scheduled dried shark fins inside.

The case has been 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).

