

[Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected endangered species \(with photos\)](#)

Hong Kong Customs seized a batch of suspected endangered species including 881 live lizards, 39 live turtles and 36 live snakes with an estimated market value of about \$150,000 at Man Kam To Control Point on September 27.

Customs officers intercepted an outgoing lorry at Man Kam To Control Point for inspection in the afternoon on September 27 and seized the batch of suspected endangered species in the cargo compartment.

The 64-year-old male driver was arrested. Investigation is ongoing and the arrested man has been released on bail pending further investigation.

Smuggling is a serious offence. Under the Import and Export Ordinance, any person found guilty of importing or exporting unmanifested cargo is liable to a maximum fine of \$2 million and imprisonment for seven years.

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 ten 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).

