

[Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected Guatemalan rosewood \(with photo\)](#)

Hong Kong Customs today (July 11) seized about 26 000 kilograms of suspected Guatemalan rosewood from a container at the Kwai Chung Customhouse Cargo Examination Compound. The estimated market value of the seizure was about \$1 million.

Through risk assessment, Customs officers inspected a container arriving in Hong Kong from Guatemala. Upon inspection, Customs officers found the suspected Guatemalan rosewood in 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 ten years.

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

