

Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected smuggled bird nest (with photos)

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (January 22) seized about 25 kilograms of suspected smuggled bird nest with an estimated market value of about \$850,000 at Lok Ma Chau Control Point.

Customs officers intercepted an outgoing coach at Lok Ma Chau Control Point for inspection yesterday and seized the batch of bird nest under the floor platform in the cabin.

The 53-year-old male driver was arrested. Investigation is ongoing.

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.

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).

