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

Hong Kong Customs yesterday (July 2) seized about 10 kilograms of suspected smuggled bird's nest at the Hong Kong Port of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB) with an estimated market value of about \$400,000. This is the first ever outbound private car smuggling case at the HZMB Hong Kong Port.

Customs officers intercepted an outgoing private car at the HZMB Hong Kong Port for inspection yesterday and seized the batch of bird's nest contained in a spare tyre which was concealed in an altered structure underneath the rear of the vehicle.

The 23-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).



