

## [Hong Kong Customs seizes suspected smuggled sea cucumbers and donkey skins \(with photo\)](#)

Hong Kong Customs seized about 500 kilograms of suspected smuggled sea cucumbers and 16 tonnes of suspected smuggled donkey skins with an estimated market value of about \$1.45 million from a container at the Kwai Chung Customhouse Cargo Examination Compound on April 9.

Through risk assessment, Customs officers selected and inspected a container declared to be carrying table salt that arrived in Hong Kong from Egypt. The suspected smuggled sea cucumbers and donkey skins were seized as a result.

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](mailto:crimereport@customs.gov.hk)).

