## 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).

