

Digital Surveillance Project 2018

done jointly by NSW DPI and Greater Sydney LLS

- 3 months Online monitoring – various platforms including local and international (e.g. Gumtree, eBay, Taobao)
- Record – Online platform traded, Biosecurity Matter Type, Location, Quantity Sold, Frequency of Trade
- Results - Over 1000 items Detected, 750+ animal related
250+ plant related, 40+ potential incursion items
- Lots of livestock offered each week – most No Doc sales
- Popular Items included – Chinese home province soil, Giant African Land Snails, exotic snakes and spiders, exotic plants and aquatic weeds, Chinese source meat

Note this was a data gathering exercise only - no direct investigations of purchasers or compliance action taken

Detections

- Domestic detections:
 - 72 items of plant matter
 - 235 items of Animal / Meat
 - 11 items of New incursions / Exotics
 - Total of 318 domestically traded items
- Foreign Detections:
 - 24 items of plant matter
 - 29 items Animal / Meat
 - 26 New Incursion / Exotics
 - Total of 79 unique items detected

Trading Patterns

- 1000's of heads of livestock traded weekly online
- Many active platforms, allowing users to buy and sell with high levels of anonymity
- High levels of ignorance “No doc’s” “Not registered” “Wild goats for sale”
- Large amounts of meat material being sent from China
- Soil is popular for Chinese herb / veg hobby growers
- Gold panning enthusiasts

Laos Black Widow Spider Larvae	100+	China	China	China	Taobao
Leopard Gecko	100+	Louisiana	Louisiana	USA	Online Store
Asian House Toad	100+	Louisiana	Louisiana	USA	Online Store
Baby Green Iguana	100+	Louisiana	Louisiana	USA	Online Store
Eureka Soil	2	USA	USA	USA	eBay
Alaskan Soil	10	Williamstown, NJ	Williamstown, NJ	USA	eBay
Rich Northern Pennine Soil	7	York	York	UK	eBay
Appalachian Soil	4	Huntington, WV	Huntington, WV	USA	eBay
Gold Ore Concentrate Soil	10	Allentown, PN	Allentown, PN	USA	eBay
Ceramic Mountain Clay	100+	China	China	China	Taobao
Nutrient Soil	100+	China	China	China	T-mall
Cane Toad	10+	USA	USA	USA	eBay
Giant African Land Snail Baby	10+	USA	USA	USA	Online Store
Giant African Land Snail Adult	10+	USA	USA	USA	Online Store
Kenyan Imported Roses	100+	Horsley Park	Horsley Park	Australia	Online Store
Colombian Imported Roses	100+	Sydney	Sydney	Australia	Online Store
Boa Constrictor	100+	Southern California	Southern California	USA	Online Store
Sand Scorpion	10+	Kellyville, Sydney	Kellyville, Sydney	Australia	Online Store
Scorpions	10+	Kogarah	Kogarah	Australia	Gumtree
Rainforest Scorpion	10+	Kuranda	Kuranda	Australia	Online Store
Giant Land Snail	1	Melbourne	Melbourne	Australia	Online Store
Sunglow Boa Constrictor	10+	USA	USA	USA	Online Store
Albino Tiger Python	10+	USA	USA	USA	Online Store
Reticulated Albino Sunfire Python	10+	USA	USA	USA	Online Store
Highway Ball Python	10+	USA	USA	USA	Online Store
Arizona Mountain Kingsnake	10+	USA	USA	USA	Online Store
Burmese Python	10+	USA	USA	USA	Online Store
Infant Foxes	3	Camden	Camden	Australia	Gumtree
Albino Giant African Land Snail	3	Zamosc	Zamosc	Poland	eBay
Crystal Red Shrimp	10+	Chatswood	Chatswood	Australia	Gumtree

Summary

Over 1000 items Detected (1050)

750 plus animal related

250+ plant related

40+ potential incursion items

- Popular Items for Import
 - Giant African Land Snails
 - Pythons and Constrictors
 - Leopard Gecko's
 - Red Eared Slider Turtles
 - Various Spider and Insect Larvae
 - Scorpions

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