

Half Ton of China-Bound Bear Paws Seized at Border

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Bear paw consumption in China remains high despite campaigns to suppress demand. Russian bear paws smuggled into China fetch up to 20 times their market value. **MyFWCmedia**

BLAGOVESHCHENSK — Russian border control officials in the Far East have discovered almost half a ton of bear paws and Siberian musk deer organs being smuggled to China.

Federal Security Service officers seized over 450 kilograms of the packed bear parts and a gland and gall bladder from an endangered Siberian musk deer at a garage in the border city of Blagoveshchensk.

The bear paws came from around a hundred animals, officials said.

The packages "were being prepared to be sent to China," the border control service said in a statement.

Bear paws are often smuggled from Russia to many Asian countries, where they are

considered a delicacy and are also used in traditional medicine.

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