

Table 1

The numbers of prosecutions and convictions for contravention of the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance (Cap. 586) with the penalties imposed in the past five years

		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	
Appendix I Species	No. of prosecutions	19	24	35	28	18	
	No. of convictions	19	24	34	26	17	
	Maximum penalties*	Imprisonment	-	4 months	8 months	8 months	6 months
		Fine	\$40,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
		Community service order	-	-	-	-	-
	Minimum penalties (Fine)	\$800	\$500	\$100	\$500	\$2,000	
Appendix II Species	No. of prosecutions	86	84	84	89	99	
	No. of convictions	85	77	77	87	97	
	Maximum penalties*	Imprisonment	2 months	2 months (suspended for 18 months)	-	-	4 months
		Fine	\$26,000	\$5,000	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$8,000
		Community service order	120 hours	-	240 hours	160 hours	-
	Minimum penalties (Fine)	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	
Appendix III Species	No. of prosecutions	-	-	2	-	-	
	No. of convictions	-	-	2	-	-	
	Maximum penalties*	Imprisonment	-	-	-	-	-
		Fine	-	-	\$1,000	-	-
		Community service order	-	-	120 hours	-	-
	Minimum penalties (Fine)	-	-	-	-	-	

\* According to records, the court imposed the penalty of imprisonment, a fine or a community service order on the individual merits of each case. The table above lists the maximum penalties laid by the court in individual cases under different categories of penalties.