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Major seizure: Comm Zulkifli (second from left) showing the seized items at the press conference at Seri Alam police headquarters. Looking on are Comm Mohd Khalil (left) and Jamalun (in white).

Cops seize wildlife parts in Johor

Items were worth RM1mil and bound for China, say police

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JOHOR BARU: Police have crippled a syndicate believed to be involved in smuggling wildlife animal parts to Johor from Indonesia.

Officers seized wildlife parts worth RM1mil destined for China.

Bukit Aman Internal Security and Public Order Department director Comm Datuk Seri Zulkifli Abdullah said the syndicate had been operating in the state since 2010.

He said five local men aged between 29 and 72 were detained during *Ops Rimau* last Thursday, which was carried out with the Johor Wildlife Department.

In the first raid at about 6pm, four suspects were detained in a house in Taman Johor Jaya. Wildlife animal parts weighing 13.8kg, including internal organs, were seized.

Comm Zulkifli said a suspect was caught at a house in an orchard in Ulu Tiram and 23.5kg of wildlife parts were seized.

"The wildlife parts have a street value of RM1mil and they are believed to be bound for the China market," he told a press

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Comm Datuk Seri Zulkifli Abdullah

conference at the Seri Alam district police headquarters here yesterday.

Also present were Johor police chief Comm Datuk Mohd Khalil Kader Mohd and Johor Wildlife Department director Jamalun Nasir Ibrahim.

Comm Zulkifli said among the seized wildlife parts included tiger, bear, porcupine, Javanese wild bull, mountain goat bones, internal organs, skulls, tusks, testicles and genitalia.

"We believe the seized items are to be sold in the Chinese market as the animal parts are known to be used for medicinal purposes or as sex stimulants and ornamental items there," he added.