

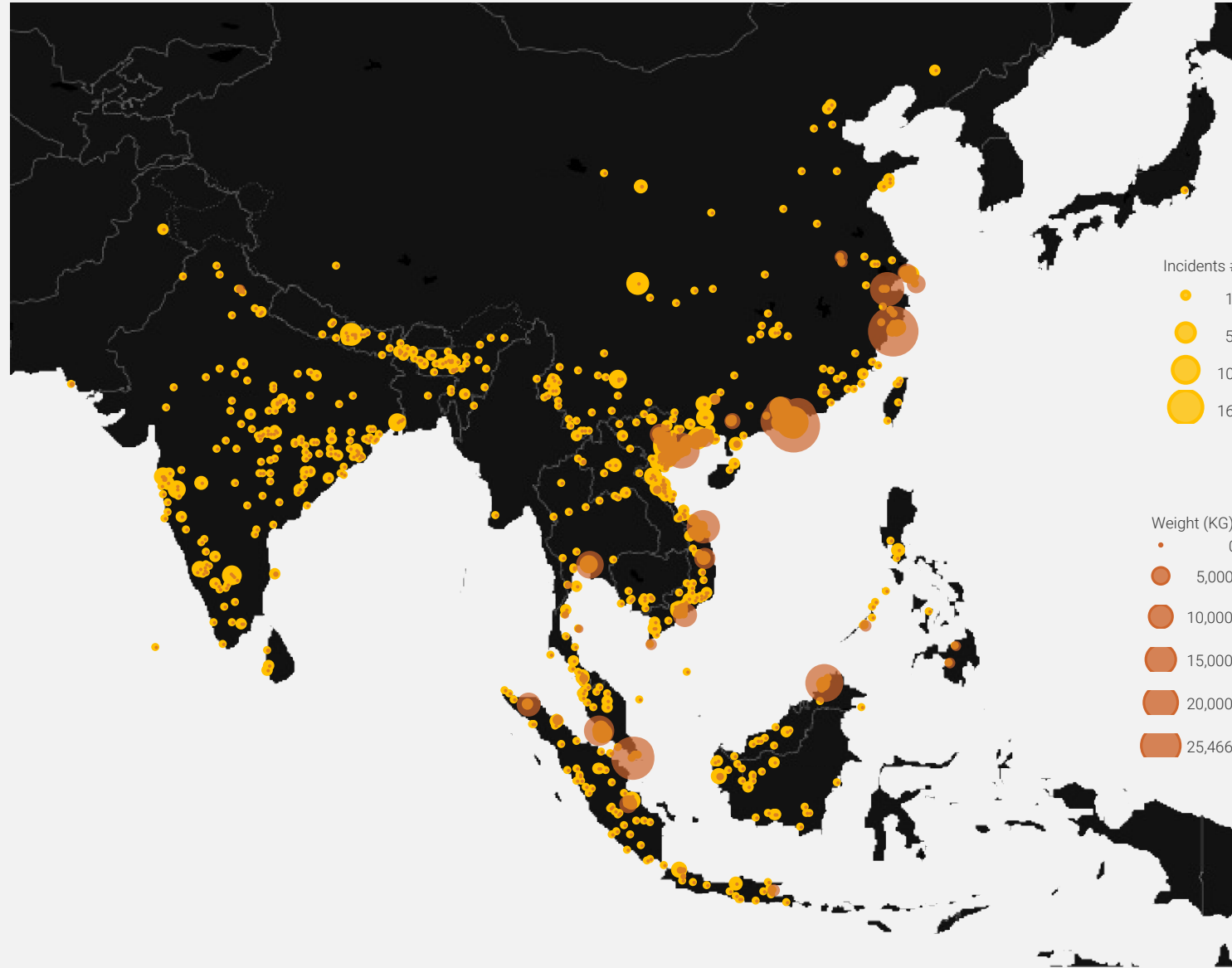
ASIA'S UNCEASING PANGOLIN DEMAND

Record-breaking confiscations attest to the pangolin's status as the world's most trafficked mammal. Asian demand is central to the illicit trade though the region has successfully seized a phenomenal volume of pangolins and parts. The region's four endangered species are victims of the illegal trade and as they continue to deplete, much of Asia's demand is being met by pangolins poached in Africa

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PANGOLIN SEIZURES IN ASIA | 2015-2021



TRAFFIC records* show that over 1141 confiscations involving both African and Asian pangolin species have taken place in Asia from 2015-2021.

The period 2017-2019 saw some of the largest confiscations, mostly involving African pangolin scales. Over 609 seizure incidents occurred in Asia, accounting for 244,600 kg scales and 10,971 individuals.**

Pangolin confiscations from 2020-2021 however showed a dip from previous years with some 233 incidents involving 13,389 kg of scales and 247 individuals. This is likely an impact from disruption in movement of products through the global transportation system from the Covid-19 pandemic rather than an actual reduction in poaching levels. These numbers should be treated with caution, as they are likely transient and as the world resumes its operations, trafficking levels (and their potential detection) are likely to pick up.

*TRAFFIC's WITIS Database, largely from open-source records as well as selected data contributed by enforcement agencies and other organisations.

**All figures are minimum estimates based on known weights and individual counts

CRITICALLY ENDANGERED ASIAN PANGOLIN SPECIES



PHILIPPINE PANGOLIN
Manis culionensis

34 | **2,011KG** | **161**



SUNDA PANGOLIN
Manis javanica

194 | **46,297KG** | **4,538**



CHINESE PANGOLIN
Manis pentadactyla

21 | **34KG** | **43**

Seizure incident

Seized amount

Seized pangolins (whole, dead or alive)

SEIZURE STATISTICS

1,141
seizures

333,515 KG
whole pangolins and parts seized

21,857
whole pangolins seized (dead and alive)

78%
seized
were scales

>50%
emerged
from Africa

SUMMARY OF TOP SEIZURES

82%
of all seizures were made by India, Viet Nam, Mainland China, Indonesia and Malaysia

91%
of total volume was seized by Mainland China, Viet Nam Hong Kong SAR, Malaysia and Singapore



84%
of total individual pangolins seized were confiscated by Mainland China, Taiwan POC Viet Nam, Indonesia and Malaysia

TOP PANGOLIN SEIZURES

	INCIDENTS	INDIVIDUALS	VOLUME
#1	INDIA (287)	MAINLAND CHINA (5,600)	MAINLAND CHINA (93,500KG)
#2	VIET NAM (242)	TAIWAN POC (4,000)	VIET NAM (70,300KG)
#3	MAINLAND CHINA (239)	VIET NAM (3,600)	HONG KONG SAR (56,800KG)
#4	INDONESIA (117)	INDONESIA (2,900)	MALAYSIA (54,400KG)
#5	MALAYSIA (56)	MALAYSIA (2,200)	SINGAPORE (29,100KG)