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Convergence of maritime trade chain efforts
and financial crime investigations

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Bringing down the Dragon: An analysis of China's largest ivory smuggling case

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Timeline of the Chen organised crime group's (OCG) ivory smuggling operations from 2011 to 2021.

See events on Map 2 (Page 21)

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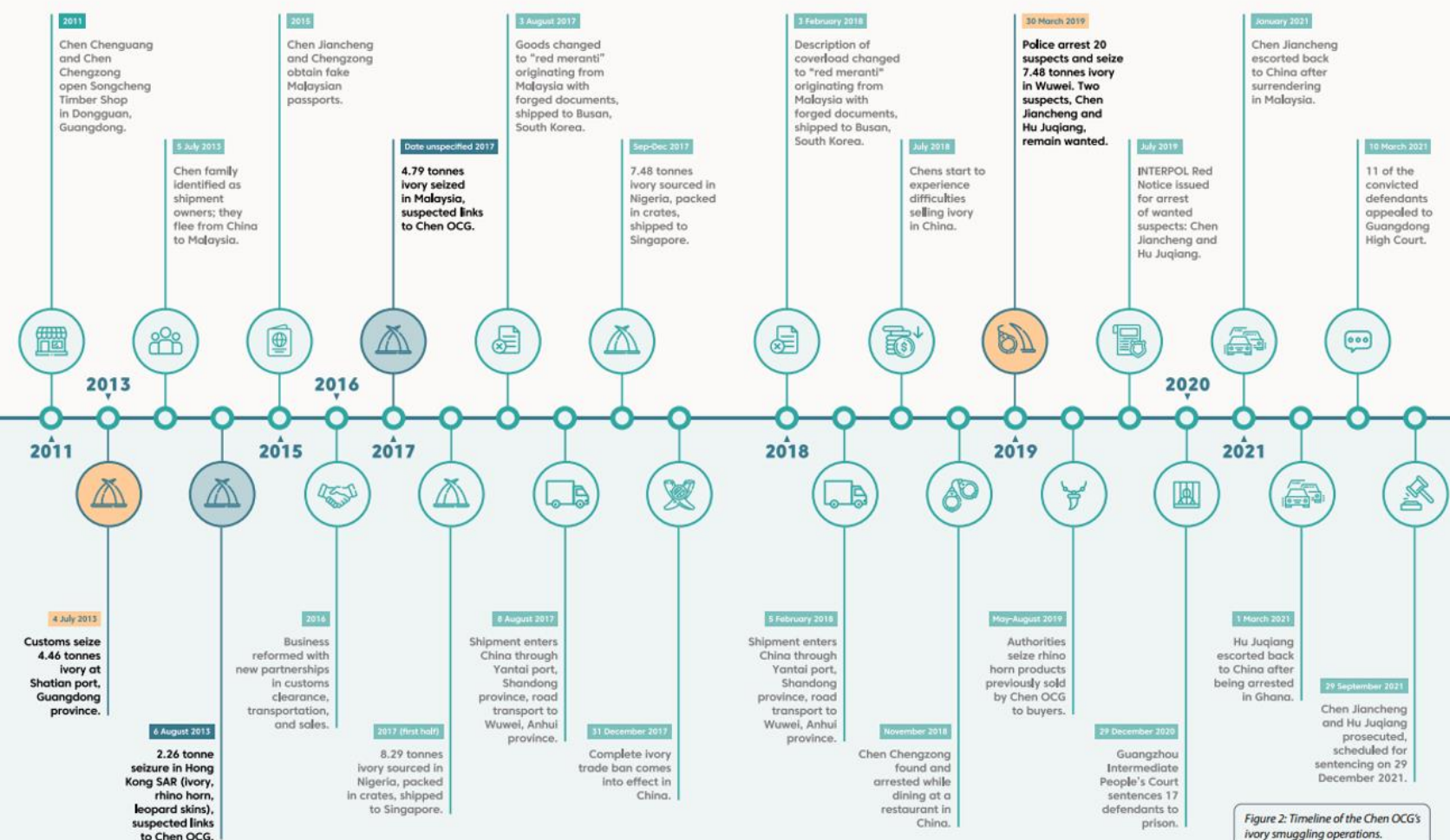
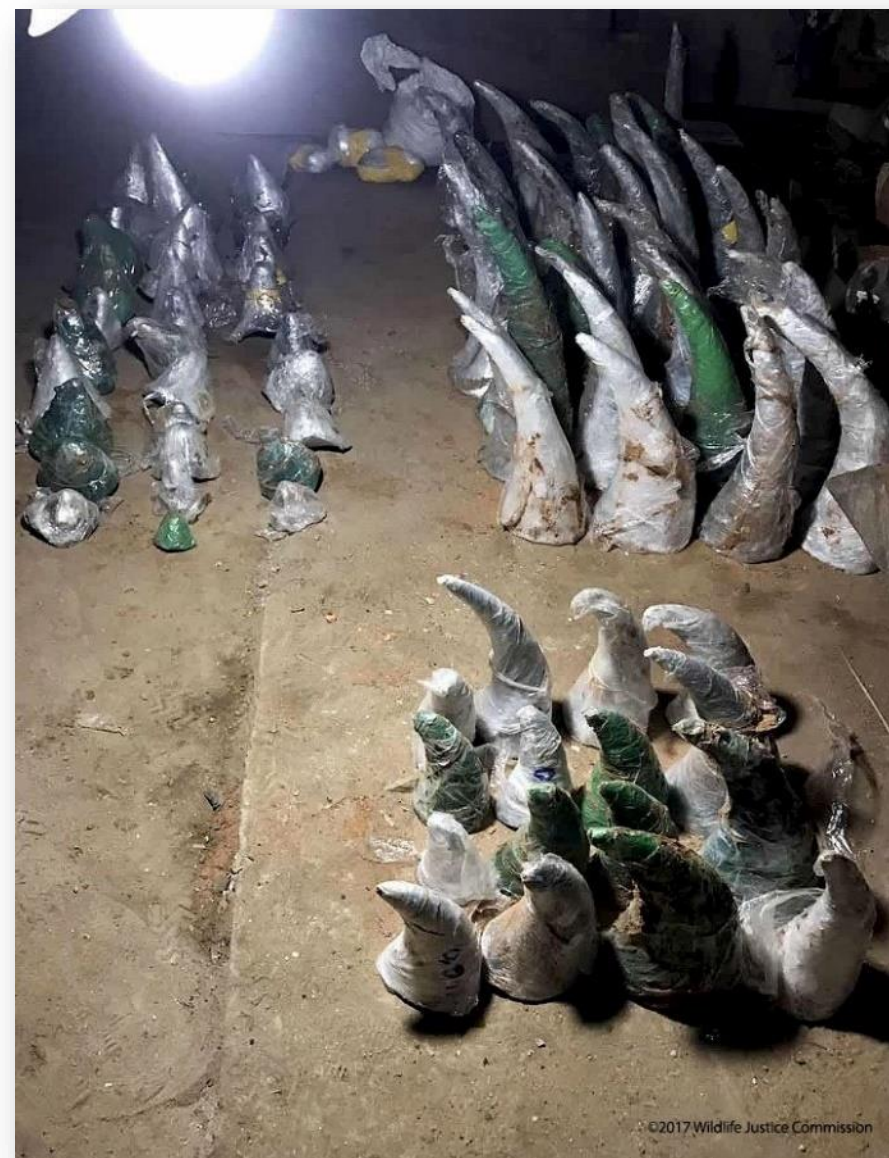


Figure 2: Timeline of the Chen OCG's ivory smuggling operations.



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Nguyen Van Nam – A missed opportunity





Modus Operandi of networks

- **Use of formal banking system**
- **Emergence of crypto currency**
- **Convergence with other crime types and other criminal networks**



Modus Operandi of networks

- **Corrupt actors – freight forwarders, customs, and police**
- **Fake BoLs, stealing company ID's, insider knowledge regarding Customs procedures, payments for clearance, removing wildlife products from containers prior to x-ray or inspection**
- **Key role of Malaysian actors in freight movement**



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