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Sting nets tiger skins, hedgehog

Sting operations by undercover Animal Concerns Research and Education Society (Acres) officers netted complete tiger skins, three pieces of alleged tiger skins and one hedgehog.

All products were peddled online by three different sellers.

The hedgehog was offered for \$150, the whole tiger skin for \$400 and the pieces of alleged tiger skins, whose authenticity could not be verified, were offered at \$128 each.

The items were seized by the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority.

Anyone who advertises for sale any tiger parts contravenes Singapore's Endangered Species (Import and Export) Act (ESA), even if the products turn out to be unauthentic.

If convicted, he can be fined up to 10,000 per species and jailed up to a year. Hedgehogs cannot be kept or sold as pets and those caught can be fined \$1,000 per animal.