

## DRI seizes Red Sanders logs worth Rs 5.28 crore

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Directorate of Revenue Intelligence officials here have thwarted an attempt to smuggle red sander logs worth Rs 5.28 crore to China.

Acting on a tip-off, DRI officials examined some containers ahead of loading of vessels bound for Shanghai, China, from the Chennai port, yesterday.

A container declared as 'Rubber Hydraulic Hose' was opened in the presence of Forest department officials and it was found to contain 11.750 tons of red sanders logs.

Documents submitted before customs for clearance were 'forged', a DRI release said.

Red Sanders also called 'Pterocarpus santalinus' are prohibited for export in log form as per the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation Act), 1992, it said.

The logs have been seized.