

Senior citizen fined for illegally having civets, porcupine meat

SIBU: A 60-year-old man was fined a total of RM15,000 by the Sessions Court here yesterday for illegally possessing protected wildlife and wildlife parts.

Judge Musyiri Peet convicted Sia Sak Kion on his own guilty plea to two charges under Section 29(2) of the Wild Life Protection Ordinance 1998 read together with Section 37(2)(b) of the same Ordinance.

Sia paid the fine.

On the first charge, the accused was fined RM3,000 in default

three months' imprisonment for each of the three civets found in his possession.

On the second charge, he was fined RM3,000 in default three months' imprisonment for each of the two pieces of porcupine meat found in his possession.

According to the facts of the case, Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC) enforcement officers were conducting patrols at Pasar Tamu Sibujaya at about 10.50am on June 21, 2025 when they found the accused displaying

suspected wildlife meat believed to be for sale.

Upon inspection, the accused was found in possession of three civets and two pieces of porcupine meat without a licence issued by the Controller of Wild Life.

Investigations revealed that the animals and animal parts were classified as protected species under Part II of the First Schedule of the Wild Life Protection Ordinance 1998.

In mitigation, Sia told the court that he was unemployed and

needed to care for his 93-year-old mother.

He also said he was suffering from health problems and could not afford a high fine as he had no income.

The accused added that he was only helping a friend to sell the wildlife items in return for a small commission, and promised not to repeat the offence.

Deputy public prosecutor Aiman Nabila Alwi prosecuted the case, while the accused was unrepresented.