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Wild green pigeons found in second raid on Miri shop



Not for sale: Sarawak Forestry Corporation, following a tip off, busted a Miri sundry shop owner for selling endangered green pigeons.

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MIRI: A wholesale-cum-sundry shop here has been found to be selling wild green pigeons, which are listed as endangered birds.

The shop, located in front of a mall, was raided by Sarawak Forestry Corporation (SFC) following a tip-off.

It is learnt that SFC officers raided and rescued the rare birds and are now probing how the shop operator managed to get such wild-life.

"This is the second time in two months that the shop has been caught displaying and selling wildlife.

"SFC is investigating the source of the wildlife trade in this shop and in Miri," said a senior enforcement officer.

He said it was vital to identify the source of the wildlife supply, and the ones capturing the animals for sale.

The shop was raided two months ago by SFC.

On that day, the SFC enforcement unit rescued a rare owl that was being chained up and displayed for sale.

The shop owner tied the owl's leg to a steel bar with wires.

"The rescue of these wild birds were made thanks to public information.

"We are investigating the supply route to stop the wildlife trade at the source," said SFC chief executive officer Zolkipli Mohamad Aton.

He thanked members of the public for their cooperation.

Their information had led to many successful raids and rescue of wildlife throughout Sarawak in recent months, he said.

The public can provide information to SFC via its hotline or email, all of which can be found on SFC's Facebook page and website.