Manis javanica is a protected animal under the Wild Animal Reservation and Protection Act B.E. 2535 (1992). Specimens of protected animals are completely prohibited from any exploitation both for domestic use and export. Exemption can be made in some cases where hunting, breeding, possession, import, or export are undertaken by a government authority for purposes of education and scientific research, protection, captive breeding, or public zoo.

Data on seizures of illegal trade in Asian pangolins (2013 to Present)

No.	Seizure date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Species (Scientific Name)	Live / Carcass	Number	Seizure location
1.	25/01/2013	1. Manis javanica	Live	31	Crossing Malaysia border to Thailand at At Sadao, Songkhla Province
2.	28/04/2013	1. Manis javanica	Live	46	Crossing Myanmar Border to Thailand at Tak Province
3.	17/05/2013	1. Manis javanica	Live	110	Intercepting during transportation on highway at Chumphon Province
4.	26/05/2013	1. Manis javanica	Live	45	Crossing Thai Border to Lao PDR at Nong Khai province