

Elephant tusk smugglers arrested in Walvis Bay

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A STING operation executed by members of the Namibian Police in the Erongo Region that were joined by officers from other regions in country saw the arrest of two men in Walvis Bay who attempted to sell elephant tusks to undercover detectives.

According to Deputy Commissioner Erastus Iikuyu, Erongo Regional Crime Investigations Coordinator, the two suspects aged 41 and 51 were arrested after they tried to finalise the transaction on Saturday afternoon.



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"They were arrested at the Gracemere Flats in Walvis Bay and the two elephant tusks they had in their possession were confiscated." Deputy Commissioner Iikuyu said the suspects were subsequently charged with possession of controlled wildlife products and trading in illicit wildlife products. He said the value of the two tusks still has to be determined.

The suspects are set to appear at Walvis Bay Magistrate Court later today on the charges for the Contravention of section 4 (1) (a) and (b) of controlled wildlife products and trade act 9 of 2008 and amended act 6 of 2017 on Saturday.



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