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Elephants found poisoned in Botswana

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GABORONE: Residents in Seronga village in Botswana's North-West District have been warned of poisoned elephant carcasses.



The Department of Wildlife and National Parks on Friday cautioned that there are elephant mortalities recorded in the areas surrounding the villages of Seronga, Gunotsoga and Eretsha.

“Members of the public are urged to desist from ingesting meat from such carcasses since the animals are dying of unknown causes and this could be hazardous to their health,” said Onalenna Moyo, the spokesperson Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources Conservation and Tourism.

Authorities have asked communities to report any sightings of elephant carcasses.

Botswana has the largest elephant population on the continent due to a number of reasons, including tight protection and civil unrest in neighbouring countries.

Despite these positive achievements recorded over the years, poaching activities have certainly not stopped as poachers continue to target rhinos, elephants and other endangered species in the country’s national parks.

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