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Four suspected poachers arrested with 76kg ivory

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In Summary

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STASHED IN SACKS: Kenya Wildlife Service Laikipia county senior warden Rose Malenya displays the four elephant tusks recovered from suspected poachers on Wednesday evening.

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Kenya Wildlife Service wardens in Laikipia on Wednesday evening arrested four suspected poachers and recovered four pieces of elephant ivories weighing 76 kilogrammes.

County KWS senior warden Rose Malenya said the suspects were nabbed in the Doldol area of Laikipia North.

“Acting on a tip-off, our men were informed that some people were trying to dispose of some ivory and they laid an ambush and arrested them,” Malenya said.

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She said the suspects had stashed the consignment in sacks of polythene bags and were being transported to the market.

The senior warden said they were investigating the suspects to establish the source of the ivories and the market destination. She warned would-be suspects that KWS was on the lookout for poaching cases.

“We want to ensure that no-poaching activities are taking place. We desire to see the elephants and not the ivories,” Malenya said

“The poachers should devise other ways of earning a living and not involve themselves in illegal activities.”

Malenya said wildlife was the country’s heritage that should be protected for posterity purposes, adding that when the animals are eliminated nothing will be left for the future.

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