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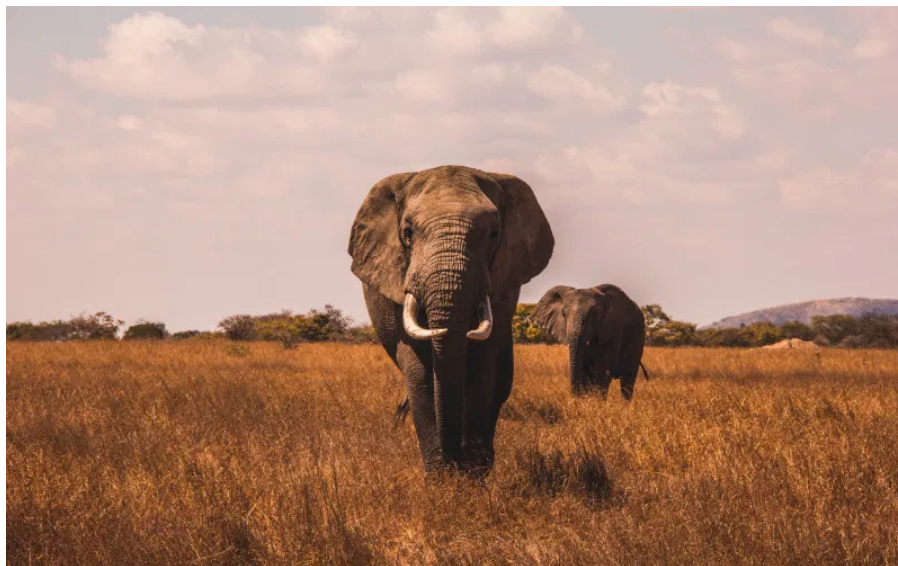
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Mozambique: Seven arrested on poaching related charges in Sofala

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were arrested this weekend while trying to sell two elephant tusks and the skin of a leopard for 44,000 meticaais (24,000 for the tusks and 20,000 for leopard skin).

The main suspect, the alleged smallholder, claimed that he found the items in a stream and asked the two teachers and the civil servant to help him sell them.

The group took the train from Muanza to Dondo, where they met a middleman between the poachers and the buyer at the railway station.

Thanks to a popular tip-off, the police were aware of attempted negotiations. All those involved were arrested and confessed to the crime.

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