

Man arrested in possession of a leopard skull and skin in central Mozambique

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A 40-year-old man has been arrested in possession of a leopard skull and skin, the National Criminal Investigation Service of Mozambique (Sernic) has announced.

"The man was caught red-handed on April 22," Sernic spokesman Alfeu Sitoe said at a press conference in the city of Beira.

The suspect claimed to have received the product from a friend, now a fugitive, who intended to sell it to a foreigner in Beira's Alto da Manga neighbourhood for 60,000 meticals (€856).

According to Sitoe, the suspect has been committing this type of crime for years, having previously sold products of the same nature to foreign citizens.

"He will now face criminal proceedings, and efforts are underway to locate this unidentified friend," Sitoe concluded.

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