

Mozambique: SERNIC arrests two in possession of elephant tusks – Watch

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Mozambique's National Criminal Investigation Service (Sernic) on Wednesday detained two individuals, in Beira city, in the central province of Sofala, who were caught red-handed in the possession of elephant tusks that they were trying to sell.

According to Sernic spokesperson, Jessie Macamo, cited in the Beira daily "Diário de Moçambique", both men were seized when trying to negotiate the sale of the tusk in Dondo district.

“The individuals, both Mozambican nationals, intended to charge five thousand meticaïs (78, 27 dollars at the current exchange rate) for each kilo of tusk. The arrestees are now incarcerated, waiting for their legal detention”, Macamo said.

In addition to elephant tusks trafficking, the spokesperson said, Sernic also arrested three other individuals for being involved in trafficking of 13 grams of heroin.

“They were also caught in possession of 1.400 meticaïs”, she said.

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