

## 20 rhinos poached at Etosha this year

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About 20 rhinos have been poached at the Etosha National Park so far this year, with five carcasses discovered between June and August.

This was announced in a statement yesterday by Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism spokesperson Romeo Muyunda.

Muyunda said 12 black rhinos were poached on custodianship farms and 16 white rhinos were poached on private farms across the country.

A total of 32 poached rhinos were black, while 16 were white.

“The number of poached rhinos in 2022 has risen to a total of 48 [nationwide],” he said.

The ministry is facing this issue head on to ensure that poaching is effectively defeated, he said.

“Poaching has become more prevalent on private farms, as well as black rhino custodianship farms,” Muyunda said.

The ministry is busy implementing new measures across the board to counter this surge, he said.

Anti-Poaching Units on private farms are being strengthened, while police and tourism law enforcement officials are being made available to assist private farmers with intelligence, law enforcement and patrols, he said.

“We will also be making our helicopter available for aerial patrols in hotspot areas,” Muyunda said.

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