



Rhino recaptured after accident escape

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A team has recovered the last of the four rhino that escaped from a truck that overturned in the //Karas Region this past Saturday. The truck was transporting five rhino from South Africa to Namibia, destined for a farm near Outjo. According to Deputy Commissioner Johannes Tsuseb, the truck overturned at 06:50 on Saturday about 60 km from Keetmanshoop to Tses. He said the right front wheel of the truck had burst. The driver then lost control, because he could not handle the heavy load. In the process, four of the crates containing one rhino each broke. The driver and a passenger were not injured. Tsuseb said one calf, two cows and a bull escaped. Another cow remained in its crate, but was slightly injured and had scratches on its back. Not long after the accident, the owner of the rhino was also on the scene and a private helicopter was arranged to dart and recapture the escaped animals. The police and officials from the Ministry of Environment and Tourism also assisted. By Sunday afternoon all four rhino had been captured and were loaded onto another truck, so they could proceed to their destination. Tsuseb said the rhino are from a very sandy area, which made it difficult for them to move around in the area where the accident occurred, as it is stonier. This made it easier to recapture the animals. WINDHOEK ELLANIE SMIT