

Poachers kill two rhinos in Etosha

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AT least two more black rhinos have been killed by poachers in the Etosha National Park this month, bringing the total number of confirmed rhino poaching cases in Namibia's premier wildlife park to three.

This was confirmed by MET spokesperson Romeo Muyunda.

November has seen Namibia's rhino-poaching cases shoot by five, following the recent discovery of three rhinos killed by poachers in the north-west of Namibia, plus the most recent two in Etosha.

The total number of rhino poaching cases in the country this year now stands at 20 – leaving no doubt that the country is at war with poaching syndicates.

The first confirmed rhino-poaching incident in a Namibian national park was reported in late October, when a black rhino carcass, with its horns hacked off, was discovered in the western part of Etosha. That animal had been killed about two to three days before the discovery was made.

The most recent two cases were discovered on the 12th and the 16th of November, according to Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET) officials.

Muyunda said one rhino, discovered on Sunday, is estimated to be nine months old and the other approximately two to three months old.

MET would not yet comment on whether any arrests have been made to date, citing the sensitivity of the investigations underway.

Following the first rhino-poaching case in the park in October, a reward of N\$30 000 was offered by the police and the MET for information that would lead to the arrest and prosecution of the people responsible for the poaching.

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