



## Third white rhino poached at Okamahoro Farm

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The slaughter of Namibia's rhino continues, with yet another being poached - this time on a privately owned game farm in the Otjozondjupa Region. This was the third white rhino that has been poached on Farm Okamahoro since the middle of last month. The farm is situated approximately 35km west of Okahandja. Okamahoro Farm no. 20 is privately owned and farms with a variety of game, including rhinos. According to Otjozondjupa police spokesperson Warrant Officer, Maureen Mbeha, a female rhino carcass was discovered last Thursday. The animal had been shot 10 times and both horns had been removed, said Mbeha. It is suspected that the poaching incident occurred between last Monday and Thursday. Preliminary investigations indicate that whoever is behind the poaching incidents must know that there are rhinos on the farm. They also know the area, because they had enough time to cut off the rhino horns. Two other white rhinos were shot and killed on the farm, possibly between May 11 and 13. Although their horns were also removed, the two smaller horns were recovered in the area by the police. No suspects have been arrested and police are still investigating. This latest poaching follows shortly after a black rhino was also found poached in the Kunene Region at the Otandeka Conservancy two weeks ago. Five men were arrested in connection with this incident. The total number of rhinos poached this year in Namibia now stands at 70. WINDHOEK ELLANIE SMIT