



Chinese and Namibian in court for rhino horn

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A Chinese national and a Namibian appeared before the Windhoek Magistrate's Court on Wednesday on charges of dealing in protected game products and possession of controlled wildlife products with a combined valued of N\$320 000. The two men, Zhi Geng (37) and James Barron Wallace (47), were not asked to plead to the charges Geng was arrested in Windhoek on February 1 for dealing in 1.5kg rhino horn valued at N\$232 000 and abalone valued at N\$91 000. Wallace is charged only with the possession of abalone. Attorney Norman Tjombe, appearing for Wallace, told the court that his client intended to plead guilty. The State is still formulating the charges against the accused and the police haven't yet completed their investigation into the matter. Magistrate Justine Asino postponed the case for further investigation to February 23 and remanded both accused in custody. FRED GOEIJMAN



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