



Otjiwa rhino not poached

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The Ministry of Environment and Tourism released a statement with regards the poaching incident on Otjiwa Game Ranch near Otjiwarongo on 23 January. According to the ministry's public relations officer Romeo Muyunda, there is no evidence that poaching ever took place.

"The ministry has conducted an investigation in this case and preliminary findings indicate that there is no evidence the rhino was poached."

The carcass of the dead animal was scanned for ballistic evidence and no signs of foul play could be found.

"The carcass has a wound that could be as a result of fighting with another rhino," Muyunda said.

Of great concern, is that the horn of the rhino was intact at the time the carcass was discovered and it was allegedly removed postmortem. Investigations continue.



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