

## Six suspected smugglers get bail

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Six suspected rhino horn smugglers were released in Namibian courts last week on bail of N \$ 20,000 each.

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Three men allegedly arrested with two rhino horns and an AK-47 assault rifle near the Werda gate of Etosha National Park appeared in court last Tuesday.

Messrs. Noa Timotheus, Eliaser Amadhila and Paulus Ashingola were granted bail of N \$ 20,000 each. Their case was postponed to March 23.

Two Angolans, Messrs. Jose da Cunha and Joao Alfonso, and the Namibian citizen Mr. Siegfried Kisting appeared in court last Wednesday in connection with the illegal possession of two rhino horns.

They were also released on N \$ 20,000 bail each.

Their case was postponed until March 12 for further investigation.

The alleged rhino poachers Mr. Mapole Tjipopyeni, Thomas Eino, Hofni Mengeri and Petena Karure appeared in court last Monday at Omaruru for the start of their trial.

Their case was postponed until August 17. All the accused remain in custody.

At Walvis Bay, Messrs. Isaac Omeh, Champion Haraseb and Petrus Damaseb appeared in court last Monday in connection with the smuggling of two rhino horns. Their case was postponed to February 28 and they are still behind bars.

Messrs. Gideon Gao-Naseb, Timotheus Kasera, David Sheehama and also Haraseb appeared in court on Tuesday regarding rhino poaching at Omitara.

Their case was postponed to February 22 and they remain in custody.

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Four food magazines were confiscated by Namibian police last week and six suspects have been arrested in connection with illegal possession of and trading in controlled wildlife products.

The suspected food maggot smugglers were arrested on Outapi, Okahandja and Otjiwarongo.

The Namibian citizens, Messrs. Onesmus Amukunda and Elace Luhuna were arrested at Outapi, while Messrs. Absalom Shiwedha and Angolan Shivi Domingo were arrested on Okahandja on Friday.


Messrs. Wayne Naobeb and Josef Ganeb were arrested at Otjiwarongo last Wednesday and their vehicle was also confiscated.

A total of nine suspected game criminals were arrested from 10 to 16 February.

On Katima Mulilo are the Zambian citizens, Messrs. Erick Kakope and Maleti Kandela, and Angolan Kati Chabala were arrested on Saturday for unlawful possession of ammunition.



According to the wildlife crime report of the Namibian Police's Protected Resources Unit (PRU), and the Intelligence and Investigation Unit of the Ministry of the Environment and Tourism, five new cases were reported last week.

In the week of February 3 to 9, no wildlife crime was reported.

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