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Pangolin scales ensured



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Windhoek (cev) • The authorities have arrested several poachers. Among them is a man with whom the officials have found hundreds of pangolins. This emerges from a joint report by the units involved, which was published by the Ministry of the Environment earlier this week.

The suspect is Namibian citizen Hega Leonard Nekale. He was arrested on March 10. Not only was he in possession of a pangolin shell, he also had 611 scales and five other parts of this protected species. The crime was reported in Rundu. Another suspected pangolin smuggler was arrested by the authorities in Oshakati the day before (9.3.). A live pangolin was secured during the operation. The name of the arrested Namibian is Hosian Manasse.

In addition, four suspected rhino poachers were arrested, who were either directly involved in the act or in the planning. However, these are older cases in which the investigation has progressed.