



Six arrested for wildlife crimes

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SEIZED: Elephant tusks were among the items seized during operations. PHOTO: NAMPA

Six suspects were arrested in connection with wildlife crimes last week and four new cases were registered.

This is according to statistics provided by the intelligence and investigation unit in the environment ministry and the protective resource division in the safety and security ministry.

During operations eight wildlife products were seized, which included two elephant tusks, two oryx carcasses and four live tortoises. A vehicle was also seized.

On 3 March, an Angolan man was arrested at Omungwelume and his vehicle seized. Fortunato Jose Queta was charged with contravening the Controlled Wildlife Products and Trade Act and the Immigration Control Act.

He was apparently not in possession of a passport bearing an entry stamp into Namibia and did not have in his possession a document issued by an immigration official permitting him entry into Namibia.

At Okahao, a Namibian man was arrested on 4 March for conspiracy to hunt a rhino. Tobias Shetunyenga Amunyela was arrested in connection with an old case dating back to February this year.

In another incident at Karibib on 6 March, a Namibian man was arrested for being in possession of two oryx carcasses. Fedilis Muyunda was charged with contravening the Nature Conservation Ordinance.

According to the crime report, four suspects entered Farm Albrechtshohe on Friday with dogs and spears and killed two oryx.

The suspects were intercepted by police reservists and members of K9 Anti-poaching Security while they were loading the carcasses into a motor vehicle belonging to one of the suspects. Three of the suspects managed to run away, but they are known to the police.

The owner of the vehicle drove off, but was later arrested and his vehicle was impounded. The two oryx carcasses, valued at N\$20 000, were recovered.

In Windhoek, two Namibians were arrested on 6 March for being in possession of two pieces of elephant tusk. Veikko Nangolo and Michael Nande Kayala were charged with contravening the Controlled Wildlife Products and Trade Act.

Another Namibian was arrested at Omahenene for being in possession of four live tortoises. He was charged with contravening the Controlled Wildlife Products and Trade Act.

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