

Two men are apparently trying to harvest rhino

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Two Namibian men allegedly trying to steal a rhino were arrested on Wednesday with a hunting rifle and ammunition.

According to the weekly wildlife crime report from the Namibian Police's Unit for Protected Resources and the Ministry of the Environment, Forestry and Tourism's Intelligence and Investigation Unit, Messrs. Mbakondja Tjatindi and Matias Kaurikengererua were arrested at Oshakati.

One .303 shotgun and 38 of the rifle's cartridges, as well as 4 cartridges of a .30-06 shotgun and one cartridge of an R1 assault rifle were confiscated. They have been charged with violating the Firearms Act, as well as the conspiracy to hunt special protected wildlife, a rhino.

Only one felony case was brought during the week of March 23-29.

According to the spokesperson of the Ministry of the Environment, Forestry and Tourism, Mr. Romeo Muyunda, nine rhinos have been stripped so far this year and one elephant has been mowed for its ivory.