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## **Police seize Pangolin tanks**

Trade in wildlife products: Authorities arrest five suspects in three separate cases



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Windhoek (cev) - The authorities arrested several suspected smugglers with illegal wildlife products last weekend. This emerges from the police report published yesterday in Windhoek, which reports of five arrests in three separate cases. A total of four pangolin tanks, two leopard skins and two elephant tusks had been secured during the operations.

In the latest case, two Angolan citizens and a Namibian were arrested on Saturday at eleven o'clock in the Akati settlement in the Outapi constituency. They are accused of illegally possessing the two tusks, a pangolin body part and bones after trying to sell the wildlife products to a covert investigator. "The illegal goods were probably smuggled from Angola to Namibia," the police suspect.

Meanwhile, a 33 and a 39 year old man were arrested in Rundu on Friday evening after the police found two leopard skins and three pangolin tanks from the duo. The suspects were arrested in the Tuhingireni district at around 9:00 pm

The same day a 49-year-old man was arrested in Windhoek, who is said to have tried to sell a Pangolin tank worth 50,000 Namibia dollars. He was detained at 10:45 am in the Greenwell Matango district.