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Foreigners are apparently stuck with elephant teeth Two leopard skins confiscated

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A Zambian and a Mozambican citizen was arrested last week with six elephant teeth in their possession on Katima Mulilo.

According to Namibian Police and the Ministry of the Environment, Forestry and Tourism's weekly crime report from April 27 to May 3, Messrs. Pani Kavi of Mozambique and Mulita Kapingro of Zambia the alleged ivory smugglers.

They are two of the six suspects arrested last week in connection with wildlife crime. According to the report, three new wildlife crime cases were pending.

Two of the suspects were arrested last Monday in connection with the conspiracy to rob a rhino. They are the Namibians. Samuel Cambonde and Sodomu Lazarus. Cambodia is linked to two wildlife crime cases committed at Oshivelo in March and Omaruru in February, respectively.

Two of the six suspects have been arrested in connection with the illegal possession of leopard skins. Mr. Tony Isaacs was allegedly caught with one leopard skin in his capital on Monday in Katutura, the capital.

On Okahandja Mr. Fulgentius Kandjimi was arrested last Wednesday with one leopard skin and unspecified bones. Police seized his vehicle.

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Several suspected rhino poachers have appeared in courts. Mr. George Kavinga, who was arrested at the Mururani Gate in July last year, appeared in court last Thursday and his case has been postponed to June 3 for further investigation. He remains in custody.

Messrs. Mbakondja Tjatindi and Matias Kaurikengerua also appeared in the Oshakati Magistrate's Court last Thursday and their case was also postponed for further investigation until June 3. They remain in custody.

Messrs. Joseph Ngoma, Aron Tjivambi, Pedrosa Katchaka and Michael Jonas who are believed to have been arrested in September 2019 with two rhino horns, one hunting rifle and five cartridges at Otavi, appeared in court last Thursday. Jonas was granted a \$ 15,000 bail, while the others remain in custody.

Three suspected rhino poachers arrested in November last year at Otjiwarongo with a hunting rifle and 12 cartridges appeared in court last Thursday. Messrs. Mateus Hamutenya, John Muhunguko and Chrissy Mukena remain in custody.