



Eight arrested for wildlife crimes

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PROTECTED: A duiker carcass was among the illegal wildlife products confiscated recently. Photo: CONTRIBUTED

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While only two new cases of wildlife crimes were reported recently, eight suspects were arrested and charged.

According to statistics provided by the intelligence and investigation unit within the environment and tourism ministry and the protected resources division within the safety and security ministry, five wildlife products were also seized.

At Katima Mulilo, Roster Mazila Mukendwa was arrested on 14 June for the illegal hunting of protected game. He was found in possession of a duiker carcass and charged with contravening the Nature Conservation Ordinance Act. In a separate incident, Gerhard Iyambo was arrested on 17 June at Okahao in connection with an old case, dating back to February, regarding conspiring to hunt a rhino. He has been charged with contravening the Riotous Assemblies Act. Johannes Ndinombili Nuuyoma was also arrested at Okahao on 18 June in connection with an old case of conspiring to poach a rhino. The case also dates back to February and he was charged with contravening the Riotous Assemblies Act. On 20 June, another man was arrested at Okahao in connection with an old case of conspiring to poach a rhino. Henok Ekandjo Katuyavulu Shaningwa was charged under the Riotous Assemblies Act and for contravening the Prevention of Organised Crime Act. At Karasburg, four Namibian men were arrested on 18 June for being in possession of three kudu carcasses and one oryx carcass.

Johannes Boois, Andries van Wyk, Dawid van Wyk and Diego Jooste were all charged with contravening the Nature Conservation Ordinance.

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