

Six for rhino poaching conspiracy sentenced

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Francoise Steynberg - Six Namibian men were sentenced Wednesday in Okahandja Magistrate's Court for conspiracy to steal a rhino and violate the firearms and ammunition law.

They are Kandje Max Ngumbi, Kunouwa Seven Tjiposa Tjambiru and Lubasi Mufaya who were arrested on December 30 (case number CR 162/12/2019), as well as Riatoorora Ndiaombe, Uapenduka Tjatjiruaije Ndiaombe and Uatenguainja Ngumbi who were arrested on December 17 (case number 102/12/2019).

The first three confiscated one .303 shotgun and 31 cartridges and the last three confiscated two shotguns and 44 cartridges.

Ngumbi was sentenced to a fine of N \$ 80,000, of which N \$ 40,000 was suspended or imprisonment of 12 and a half years, of which 7 years and four months were suspended.

Tjambiru and Mufaya were fined N \$ 58,000, of which N \$ 29,000 was suspended or nine-year imprisonment, of which five years and six months were suspended.

Both Ndiaombes were sentenced to a fine of N \$ 100,000, of which N \$ 50,000 was suspended or 12 years in prison, of which eight were suspended. Both were also declared unfit to possess a firearm.

Ngumbi was sentenced to a fine of N \$ 55,000, of which N \$ 27,500 was suspended or two years imprisonment, one of which was suspended.

One of the accused in the first case, Mr. Sylvanus Fimanekeinge Shikambe, was acquitted.

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