



## 13 arrested for wildlife crimes

Among the cases is the arrest of three Namibians for the illegal possession of seven oryx carcasses at Walvis Bay on 13 July.

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Thirteen suspects have been arrested for wildlife crimes and six new cases were opened within the past two weeks.

A total of 19 illegal wildlife products were confiscated in these crimes, according to information provided by the intelligence and investigation unit within the environment ministry and the protected resource division within the safety and security ministry. Five vehicles were also seized.

Oryx and rhino

On 13 July, three Namibians were arrested for the illegal possession of seven oryx carcasses at Walvis Bay. Penrich Gonteb, Elvis Anamab and Gerson Derrick Mbahuma were charged with contravening the Nature Conservation Ordinance. Two vehicles were confiscated.

In another incident on 16 July at Otjondeka, two Namibian men were arrested for possession of two rhino horns. They were charged with contravening the Controlled Wildlife and Products and Trade Act and the Prevention of Organised Crime Act. The vehicle in their possession was seized.

At Outapi, Immanuel Joseph was charged with contravening the Nature Contravention Ordinance Act when he was found in possession of a live vervet monkey on 21 July.

Ivory and pangolin

In another incident on 21 July, Matheus Mukoya Katjire was arrested at Divundu for being in the possession of two elephant tusks. He was charged with contravening the Controlled Wildlife Products and Trade Act.

In Windhoek, four Namibians were arrested on 21 July for possession of one live pangolin and four pangolin skins. Gideon Petrus Ellis, Marvin Tjihukununa, Morethe Katjipi and Uaandju Tjingovera were all charged with contravening the Controlled Wildlife Products and Trade Act. Two vehicles were seized. On 22 July, two Namibian men were arrested in Wanaheda for possession of a lion skin and a cheetah skin. They were charged with contravening the Controlled Wildlife Products and Trade Act.