

Eight arrested for wildlife crimes

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PROTECTED: Three leopard skins were seized this weekend during the arrest of four men in Katutura. Photo: FILE

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Eight suspects were arrested last week in connection with wildlife crimes.

These suspects were arrested in three separate cases and a total of five illegal wildlife products were seized, which included a lion skin, three leopard skins and a live pangolin.

This is according to information provided by the intelligence and investigative unit within the environment ministry and the protective resource division within the safety and security ministry.

Pangolin

In Windhoek, two Namibian men were arrested on 27 July for possession of a live pangolin. Cleophas Vetjomisa Kamburona and Stephen Ngairo were charged with contravening the Controlled Wildlife and Products Act.

The following day, John Joseph Taukondjo was arrested in connection with the same case in Windhoek. He was further charged with resisting arrest and defeating the course of justice.

Lion skin

In another case at Katima Mulilo, a Namibian man was arrested on 28 July for illegal possession of a lion skin. Kudumu Nyambe Namukuka was charged with contravening the Controlled Wildlife Products and Trade Act.

On 1 August four Namibian men were arrested in Katutura for illegal possession of three leopard skins.

Sagues Asina, Martin Uupindi, Inocke Ndjake and Sirongo Daniel were all charged with contravening the Controlled Wildlife and Products Act.