

Five gemsbok poached in Namib-Naukluft

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Four Namibian men appeared in the Walvis Bay Magistrate's Court on Monday after they allegedly hunted five gemsboks illegally in the Namib-Naufkluft Park over the weekend.

Messrs. Fanuel Khuisab (29), Richie Herero (56), Diedrick Dausab (29) and Jason Mwatota (19) were arrested in this national park at around 11:40 on Sunday.

According to the coordinator of crime investigations in the Erongo region, adj.comm. Erastus likuyu, they hunted five gemsboks worth N \$ 20,000 with spears and dogs in the park.

"There were five gemsbok heads, but only three carcasses were found," likuyu told Republican.

The four each appeared on two charges of violating the Nature Conservation Ordinance due to the illegal hunting on state property and without a permit.

The accused remain in custody and their case has been adjourned until August 20 for further investigation.

The police investigation continues.

Recently on July 13, three Namibian men, Mr. Penrich Gonteb, Elvis Anamab and Gerson Derrick Mbahuma, also arrested for the illegal hunting of seven gemsboks in the Namib-Naukluft Park. Two vehicles were seized.

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