

Namibia loses 17 rhinos, 2 elephants to poaching since January

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Elephants drink water in one of the dry channel of the wildlife reach Okavango Delta near the Nxaraga village in the outskirt of Maun, on 28 September 2019. – The Okavango Delta is one of Africa's last remaining great wildlife habitat and provides refuge to huge concentrations of game. Botswana government declared this year as a drought year due to no rain fall through out the country. (Photo by MONIRUL BHUIYAN / AFP) (Photo credit should read MONIRUL BHUIYAN/AFP via Getty Images)

Namibia has lost 17 rhinos and two elephants to poaching since the beginning of the year, the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism said Tuesday.

Ministry spokesperson Romeo Muyunda said the country is winning the fight against poaching.

"Namibia has seen a tremendous drop in poaching cases over the years. This is proof that the different measures that the country has employed to curb poaching are working," Muyunda said.

Namibia has recorded a drastic drop in poaching cases in the past three years.

According to official statistics, last year, the country recorded 59 poaching cases, while in 2018, the country recorded 105 poaching cases.

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