



155 wildlife products seized

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More than 150 illegal wildlife products were seized last week and 10 suspects were arrested, while six new cases were registered. Five of the suspects were arrested in connection with rhino poaching or trafficking cases.

This is according to information provided by the intelligence and investigation unit in the environment ministry and the protected resources division within the safety and security division.

At Okahao in the Omusati Region, a Namibian man was arrested on 31 August for being in possession of 142 pangolin scales. Uatondasana Tjaritje was charged for contravening the Controlled Wildlife Products and Trade Act. In a separate case, also at Okahao, three Namibians were arrested on the same day for being in the possession of a rhino horn. A hunting rifle and 23 rounds of ammunition were also confiscated. Esra Kariripi, Jamunika Turitjo and Uatjitavi Turitjo were charged for contravening the Riotous Assemblies Act and conspiracy to hunt a rhino.

They were also charged for contravening the Arms and Ammunition Act, the Prevention of Organised Crime and Trade Act, the Controlled Wildlife Products and Trade Act, the Nature Conservation Ordinance and illegally hunting a rhino.

Zebra meat, kudu carcass

At Kamanjab in Kunene, Isascar Gaingob was arrested on 31 August when he was found in possession of nine pieces of zebra meat. Two hunting rifles were also confiscated.

He was charged for contravening the Controlled Wildlife Products and Trade Act. Meanwhile, two Namibian men were arrested at Ndiyona in Kavango East on 2 September for being in the possession of a kudu carcass.

Lukas Kandware and Diaas Mangundu were charged for contravening the Nature Conservation Ordinance.