



Six arrested for wildlife crimes

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ILLEGAL: Elephant tusks were among the illegal wildlife products confiscated last week. Photo: FILE

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Six suspects have been arrested in connection with wildlife crimes and two new cases were registered last week.

Three of the suspects were arrested for elephant poaching and one suspect was arrested for rhino poaching.

According to information provided by the intelligence and investigation unit in the environment ministry and the protected resources unit in the safety and security ministry, three illegal wildlife products were confiscated.

At Mukwe in the Kavango East Region, three Namibians were arrested on 22 September for being in possession of two elephant tusks.

Bernard Moyo, Muaka Dinyando and Kamonga Thitamba were all charged with contravening the Controlled Wildlife Products and Trade Act.

In another matter a Namibian man was arrested at Okahao on 23 September in connection with a case of conspiring to hunt a rhino. The case dates back to August this year. Tobias Amutenya was charged with contravening the Riotous Assemblies Act, the Nature Conservation Ordinance, the Controlled Wildlife Products and Trade Act and the Prevention of Organised Crime Act.

At Opuwo, two Namibians were arrested for being in possession of a pangolin skin. Viatjiuaje Ngumbi and Berneditus Wilhelm were charged with contravening the Controlled Wildlife Products and Trade Act.