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Farmers stumble upon crime

Millions of livestock, game stolen in 2020

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Since the beginning of the year, farmers in the Kalkfeld, Omitara, Witvlei and Steinhausen area have suffered a combined loss of more than N \$ 3.35 million from the theft of livestock, game and infrastructure.

The past three months have been the bloodiest and thieves have carried away property worth almost N \$ 1.1 million.

From the beginning of the year to November, losses of more than N \$ 1.65 million due to theft were reported to the Nossob Crime Prevention Forum (NCPF) in the Omitara, Witvlei and Steinhausen area.

The forum, which has been keeping a close eye on the forum since its inception last year, shows that it includes a loss of N \$ 702 750 on small and large stock, N \$ 691 260 on game and N \$ 258 000 on infrastructure, such as submersible or solar pumps. .

Mr. Jürgen Matthaai, chairman of the Nossob Crime Prevention Forum (NCPF), says farmers living in the vicinity of informal settlements are hit the hardest.

These figures only represent the cases reported to them, he says. He suspects that about 70% of thefts and poaching are reported to them, while it is estimated that about 30% are not reported.

KALKFELD

Farmers in the Kalkfeld area also lost more than N \$ 1.7 million in theft this year, while thieves caused damage to a single farmer of N \$ 656 000 when more than 100 cattle were stolen from him, including a Simbra bull. .

"Steps are being taken to address the issue with the help of organized agriculture at the highest level," he said. Günther Kahl, vice-president of the Kalkfeld Farmers' Association, confirmed to Republikein yesterday.

He believes that keeping statistics is the only way to present a strong case and that more drastic steps will have to be taken against game

The Kalkfeld Farmers' Association has been keeping a close eye on livestock, game and infrastructure theft in their area since 2013. Accor the past seven years and a total of 582 head of livestock, valued at almost N \$ 4.8 million, have been stolen over the period. Also about 28

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Meanwhile, farmers are "quite discouraged" with the state of affairs and some are considering throwing in the towel with their farms.

Mr. Tinus Cocklin, whose farm borders Witvlei and which has lost 17 cattle and 14 sheep in the past year, says they have experienced a sh many people were left unemployed.

During Republikein's call yesterday, the community was investigating after at least three cattle had been stolen from Witvlei in the previou kraal at his home last Saturday night.

"The theft is definitely organized," he said. "You immediately find out if someone has slaughtered the pot. Such a person often makes a sr and it is a one- or two-man exercise.

"However, things have changed completely over the last few months. "The suspects are organized, they slaughter clean and on a sail, mea

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He says there are about eleven reservists in the Witvlei area who do much of the detective work themselves.

“As ons inligting kry en 'n plek skut, is die vleis meestal nie meer daar nie. Daar is mense wat 'n vet klomp geld uit ander se verliese maak,’ GEWOONTEMISDADIGERS

Cocklin sê dit is die norm om dieselfde verdagtes herhalend te vang.

“Die meeste van hulle wat in die gebied werksaam is, het reeds vyf of ses klagte teen hulle, maar hulle kom net elke keer weer op borgtog. Hy sê deel van die probleem is dat die plaaslike polisie-stasie nie die mannekrag het om al die misdade op te volg nie, buiten daarvoor dat “Sou ons iemand vang en hom tot by die hof kry, is dit dikwels die regstelsel wat ons in die steek laat.”


Hy het vertel dat hulle vroeër vanjaar vermeende skaapdieve gevang het, maar dat die hofspraak misluk het omdat die regter gemeen het dat sloer, want gedurig is getuies soek of dit word om ander redes uitgestel.

“Die probleem raak al erger omdat die oortreders weet hulle sal nie werklik iets oorkom as hulle gevang word nie.”

Cocklin sê buiten vir verskeie boere in die omgewing, is hy self bykans op die punt om sy boerery op te gee. “Ná die droogte van verlede ja VERGADERING MET SCHLETTWEIN

During a meeting between the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, Mr. Calle Schlettwein, and farmers from the Omitara area the matter to the minister's attention.

He said in one night about 100 small stock were slaughtered on his farm, including 34 that belonged to one of his farm workers who lost € Maree says in conversations with private anti-poaching units, it has emerged that deficient administrative work by police officers often means “They are caught several times, but are released again after a few days and only continue with the slaughter,” he said. He also believes that - elvira@Republikein.com.na

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