



## Six Namibians arrested for wildlife crimes

Two elephant tusks were among the contraband seized by the police last week.

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Six suspects have been arrested in connection with wildlife crimes in six separate cases from 18 April to 25 April, while 10 illegal wildlife products were confiscated.

On 18 April, Smith Kangambe was arrested at Menias Brian Libuto police station with two elephant tusks. He was charged for illegal possession and dealing of controlled wildlife products.

At Rundu, two Namibians - Elias Sipengo Mbundu and Simon Kalunda Kanyanga - were arrested on 20 April for being in possession of a python carcass. They were charged for illegal possession of controlled wildlife products.

In another incident at Otjiwarongo, Matheus Paulus was arrested on 23 April with a leopard skin. He was charged for illegal possession of controlled wildlife products.

Impala carcass

Meanwhile in a separate incident at Outjo, Justin Cornelius Kheib was arrested on 23 April with an impala carcass. He was charged for the illegal hunting of specially protected game.

At Ndiyona, John Kavindika Shihungu was arrested on 25 April with five python skins and was charged for illegal possession of controlled wildlife products.

All of the suspects arrested are Namibian and have appeared in court.

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