

Six arrested for rhino poaching

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Six suspected rhino poachers and one ivory smuggler were arrested last week.

The three accused of poaching a distant white rhino cow at a lodge in the Gobabis district last weekend are Messrs. Zondundi Tjipuiiko, Frederik Hamukoto and Tjimbaka Mbatiminua.

They were arrested after farmers, the K9 anti-poaching unit and trackers followed their tracks to the informal settlement in Gobabis where they fled by vehicle. Gobabis' police have set up a roadblock outside the town where the three were allegedly arrested with a shotgun and 22 cartridges in their possession. The suspects with the rhino horns are still wanted.

THREE MORE IN APRIL

According to the weekly wildlife crime report from March 29 to April 4 from the Namibian police and the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism, three other suspected rhino poachers were arrested on April 1 at Okahao.

The accused are Messrs. David Daniel Shilongo, Asser Ndiili Amwaama and Alex Shipingana Nampweya who were also believed to be in possession of one hunting rifle and nine cartridges.

A Zambian citizen, Mr. John Lyakutonga Muketukwa, was arrested on April 3 by Menias Brian Libuto with two elephant tusks apparently in his possession.