

## Four nabbed with pangolin skins

Three Namibians and an Angolan have been arrested for wildlife crimes in the past two weeks.

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Within a period of two weeks there have been three wildlife crime cases recorded and four suspects have been arrested and charged.

These cases were reported from 3 to 16 May, according to information provided by the intelligence and investigation unit within the environment ministry and the protected resources unit within the safety and security ministry.

In the first incident at Rundu, a Namibian was arrested on 6 May for possession of a pangolin skin. Mukunga Leonard Mwamba was charged with illegal possession of and dealing in controlled wildlife products.

At Kamanjab on 7 May, an Angolan national was arrested in possession of a pangolin skin. He was charged with contravening the Controlled Wildlife and Trade Act, illegal possession of and dealing in controlled wildlife products.

Lastly, two Namibians were arrested at Oshakati on 14 May for being in possession of a pangolin skin. Both Merchoir Hamutenya Kayova and Andreas Nsambe Mukisi were charged with illegal possession of and dealing in controlled wildlife products.