



Three caught at Nkurenkuru with python skins

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CRIME: Three suspects were arrested with python skins in separate cases on the same day at Nkurenkuru. Photo: FILE

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Seven suspects have been arrested in connection with four wildlife crime cases dating from 26 April to 2 May.

Three of these suspects were arrested in separate cases on the same day at Nkurenkuru for being in possession of python skins.

This is according to a report provided by the intelligence and investigation unit within the environment ministry and the protected resources division within the safety and security ministry.

On 26 April, four Namibians were arrested at Okahao for being in possession of a giraffe carcass. They were charged with illegal hunting of specially protected game, illegal hunting on state land, failure to account for a game meat in their possession, defeating the course of justice and conspiracy to hunt specially protected game.

The suspects are Mavetje Turitjo, Peter Katjirumbu, Kaiko Murumbua and Marvin Turitjo.

In another incident at Nkurenkuru on 28 April, a Namibian, Ananias Mwinoma, was arrested in possession of two python skins. He was charged with contravention of the Controlled Wildlife Products and Trade Act, illegal possession and dealing of controlled wildlife products.

In a separate incident at Nkurenkuru on 28 April, Sientu Daniel Sientu was arrested with two python skins. He is also a Namibian and was charged with illegal possession of and dealing in controlled wildlife products.

That same day at Nkurenkuru another Namibian, Phillipus Nakare Ihemba, was arrested for being in possession of a python skin. He too was charged with illegal possession of and dealing in controlled wildlife products.

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