



18 arrested for crimes against wildlife

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ILLEGAL: A total of 12 illegal wildlife products were confiscated last week, among them rhino horns. Photo: FILE

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A total of nine wildlife cases were registered from 7 to 13 June, with 18 people that were arrested.

According to statistics from the environment and tourism ministry and the police, 12 wildlife products were confiscated.

In Windhoek a Namibian, Mateus Iileka, was arrested on 6 June for possession of a giraffe skin. He was charged with the illegal possession of and dealing in controlled wildlife products.

At Otjiwarongo, two Namibians were arrested on 6 June with a pangolin skin. Elias Elias and Nekaas Petrus were both charged with illegal possession of and dealing in controlled wildlife products.

At Oshikango, four Namibians were arrested on 6 June for possession of two rhino horns. Matheus Anooshike Nuuyango, Lisias Iiyambo, Kamati Ndiinekala and Paulus Mavulu were all charged with illegal possession of and dealing in controlled wildlife products.

In a separate incident at Rundu, two Namibians were arrested on 7 June with two python skins. Gideon Haiyambo and Vilho Hausiku were both charged with illegal possession of and dealing in controlled wildlife products.

In Katutura, two Zimbabweans and a Namibian were arrested on 10 June with a python skin. Simbaroshe Muiswarwo, Matthew Boworo and Johannes were charged with illegal possession of and dealing in controlled wildlife products.

Meanwhile at Oshakati, two Namibians were arrested on 11 June for possession of two elephant tusks and their vehicles were confiscated. Johannes Matheus and Junius Nangombe were charged with illegal possession of and dealing in controlled wildlife products.

In another incident at Oshakati, Laurentius Mbendeka, a Namibian, was arrested on 11 June with a pangolin skin.

The following day at Katima Mulilo, Joseph Ndazikokule, also Namibian, was arrested with a hyena skin.

At Nkurenkuru, two Angolans were arrested on 13 June with a live pangolin. Ntsamba Tchivuala and Jamba Kutemba were charged with illegal possession of and dealing in controlled wildlife products.