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Black rhinoceros poached at the Chudop waterhole in Etosha



At the weekend, the first case of rhino poaching this year was reported in Etosha National Park. The archive recording shows a black rhinoceros at the waterhole near Okaukuejo in the west of the park. Photo: Erwin Leuschner

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Swakopmund / Windhoek (er) - An adult black rhinoceros was poached in the night from Saturday to Sunday at the Chudop waterhole near the Namutoni rest camp in the Etosha National Park - both horns were severed. Romeo Muyunda, press spokesman at the Ministry of the Environment, Forestry and Tourism, announced this yesterday when asked by AZ.

According to Muyunda, this is the first case of rhino poaching reported in Etosha National Park this year. "The rhinoceros was shot and the carcass was discovered on Sunday," he said. The Chudop waterhole is about five kilometers southwest of Namutoni. According to Muyunda, officials from the ministry immediately put roadblocks in place, but no person has yet been arrested. "The investigations are ongoing and we are on the trail of the perpetrators," said the press spokesman.

This is the eighth rhino poaching case reported this year, but the numbers are declining compared to previous years. While a total of 22 rhinos and two elephants were poached in 2020, the previous year there were 46 rhinos and 13 elephants. In 2018, as many as 78 rhinos and 27 elephants were illegally killed.