

Rhino poached in Etosha

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A rhino was poached between Saturday night and Sunday at the Chudop waterhole near Namutoni in the Etosha National Park.

According to the spokesperson for the Ministry of the Environment, Forestry and Tourism, Mr. Romeo Muyunda, both the rhino's horns were removed.

"This is the first rhino that was poached in the park this year. "The rhino was shot and the carcass was discovered on Sunday," he said.

The Chudop Waterhole is located about five kilometers southwest of Namutoni.

According to Muyunda, ministry officials immediately set up roadblocks, but no one has been arrested yet.

"The investigation is continuing and we are on the trail of the poachers."

This is the eighth rhino to be poached this year. Compared to previous years, the numbers have decreased. In 2020, 22 rhinos and two elephants were poached and the year before that 46 rhinos and 13 elephants. In 2018, 78 rhinos and 27 elephants were poached. - republikein@republikein.com.na