



10 more arrested for wildlife crimes in July

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Another 10 suspects were arrested last week in connection with eight wildlife crime cases reported last week.

Two of the suspects were arrested in connection with elephant poaching and/or trafficking cases.

According to statistics released by the intelligence and investigation unit within the environment ministry and the protected resources division within the safety and security ministry, 13 illegal wildlife products were seized.

At Sangwali, a Namibian was arrested on 6 July for being in possession of one impala carcass. Oscar Munyandi was charged with illegal hunting of special protected species.

In another matter, a Namibian, Simuna Kankona, was arrested on 12 July with two python skins, and charged for the illegal possession and dealing of controlled wildlife products.

On 13 July, Mathews Hamusira, a Namibian citizen, was arrested at Rundu for being in possession of a pangolin skin. He was charged for the illegal possession and dealing of controlled wildlife products and catching and/or capturing of wildlife game.

Elephant tusks

Meanwhile, in a separate incident at Katima Mulilo, a Zambian national was arrested with four elephant tusks on 15 July and charged with the illegal possession of controlled wildlife products.

At Kahenge, a Namibian, Ndadi Kudomo, was arrested on 15 July with three elephant tusks and charged with the illegal possession of controlled wildlife products.

At Outjo, three Namibians were arrested on 17 July for being in possession of two warthogs and Diator Amen, Ronaldo Aebes and Ricardo Goaseb were charged with illegal hunting of huntable game.

Also at Outjo, a Namibian was arrested on 15 July for being in possession of an oryx carcass. Johannes Kakoko was charged with illegally hunting huntable game.