



Nine arrested with 28 illegal wildlife products

The intelligence and investigation unit within the environment ministry has released its latest breakthroughs.

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Five wildlife crime cases were recently registered and nine suspects arrested, with 28 illegal wildlife products confiscated.

This is according to the latest wildlife crime report issued for the period 21 to 27 June by the intelligence and investigation unit within the environment ministry and the protected resources division within the safety and security ministry.

On 20 June, a Namibian was arrested at Rundu for being in the possession of a pangolin skin. Jeremia Kandjuru was charged with the illegal possession of controlled wildlife products. This case was not reported the previous week and therefore appears on this wildlife crime statistics report, it was noted.

At Etosha National Park's King Nehale gate, two Namibians were arrested on 21 June for illegally being in the possession of an eland carcass. Jacobus Fillipus and Tuhafeni Hayiyambo were both charged with illegal hunting of protected game.

In another incident at Omahenene, an Angolan national and a Namibian were arrested on 22 June with 22 pangolin skins, while a revolver pistol as well as five rounds of live ammunition were confiscated. Omahenene is a border control post situated between Namibia and Angola.

Fillipus Katjoto and Fillipus Findeinge were both charged with the illegal possession and dealing of controlled wildlife products and importing controlled wildlife products into Namibia. The Angolan national was also charged with failure to present himself to an immigration office before entering Namibia.

Elephant tusks

Meanwhile at Oshakati, another Namibian was arrested with three elephant tusks on 24 June. Faustinus Iiyagaya was charged with illegal possession and dealing in controlled wildlife products.

In a separate incident, three Namibians were arrested on 25 June at Dordabis with an oryx carcass. Adam Afrikaner, Bonsieky Hoebieb and Menphen Gariseb were all charged with the illegal hunting of game and illegal hunting with dogs.