

Nine suspects arrested for game crime Just tighten up on game syndicates

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Ellanie Smit - Five game crime cases were recently filed and nine suspects were arrested, with 28 illegal game products seized. This according to the latest wildlife crime report for the period 21 to 27 June issued by the Ministry of the Environment, Forestry and Tourism's Intelligence and Investigation Unit and the Ministry of Home Affairs, Immigration, Security and Security's Protected Resources Division.

On June 20, a Namibian was arrested on Rundu when a maggot was found in his possession. Mr. Jeremiah Kandjunu has been charged with illegal possession of controlled game products. The case was not reported the previous week, and is therefore included in this report.

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

In another incident at Omahenene, an Angolan citizen and a Namibian were arrested on June 22 when they were caught with 22 food magnets while a handgun as well as five rounds of ammunition were seized. Omahenene is a checkpoint on the border between Namibia and Angola.

Messrs. Fillipus Katjoto and Fillipus Findeinge were both charged with the illegal possession and trading of controlled game products and the importation of controlled game products into Namibia. The Angolan citizen was also charged with failing to report to an immigration office before entering Namibia.

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Meanwhile, another Namibian was arrested on June 24 in Oshakati after being caught with three elephant tusks. Mr. Faustinus liyagaya has been charged with illegal possession and trafficking of controlled game products.

In a separate incident, three Namibians were arrested in possession of a gemsbok carcass on 25 June on Dordabis. Messrs. Adam Afrikaner, Bonsieky Hoebeb and Menphen Gariseb were all charged with the illegal hunting of game and illegal hunting with dogs.

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