



20 wildlife products seized from 9 suspects

On 12 October, a Windhoek man was arrested after being found in possession of a live pangolin. The mammals are the most trafficked in the world, and are killed for their meat and scales.

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Nine Namibians have been arrested recently in connection with wildlife crimes, while seven new cases were registered.

This is according to the intelligence and investigation unit within the environment ministry and the protected resources division within the safety and security ministry.

A total of 20 illegal wildlife products was confiscated.

According to the latest wildlife crime report, Petrus van Rensburg was arrested at Ariamsvlei on 9 October with 10 oryx carcasses. He was charged for the illegal hunting of huntable game.

In another incident, Kaserandu Tjiumbua was arrested at Kamdesha on 10 October for poisoning four lions and two spotted hyenas. He was charged with illegal hunting of game and for administering poison.

Python skin

At Rundu, Dominikus Ndara was arrested on 11 October for being in the possession of a python skin. He was charged for the illegal possession and dealing of controlled wildlife products.

In a separate incident at Windhoek, Ephriam Gawanab was arrested on 12 October when he was found with a live pangolin. He was charged with illegal possession and dealing of controlled wildlife products.

At Otjiwarongo, two men were arrested with a pangolin skin on 15 October. Sawares Willemse and Morne Seibeb were both charged with illegal possession and dealing of controlled wildlife products.

Meanwhile at Katatura, Erasmus Josef was arrested on 17 October, also for being in possession of a live pangolin, and charged for illegal possession and dealing of controlled products.

Two men were also arrested at Fransfontein on 17 October with oryx meat. Both Nicky Nomseb and Charles Seibeb were charged with transporting game without a permit.

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