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- 17 HOURS AGO

Windhoek (sd) • Nearly 80 Namibians appeared in court this month on poaching charges. Nine new wildlife crime cases were recorded and suspects arrested in the first three weeks of February. A total of 33 wildlife crime court hearings were also held during this period, involving 79 Namibians and seven foreigners.

This is according to statistical reports on poaching compiled by the Conservation Resources Division within the Department of Security and the Department of Environment's Intelligence and Investigations Unit. According to the statistics, 17 wildlife products were confiscated during the three-week period. Among them was both meat and ivory. Some defendants also carried unregistered weapons.

For example, on February 2, Moses Noariseb, a 39-year-old Namibian, was arrested in Gobabis for possession of warthog meat. He was accused of illegally hunting game. In Ondangwa, 54-year-old Namibian Thomas Kondjeni was arrested on February 6 for being in possession of a complete carcass of a flamingo. A shotgun and rifle were also confiscated. He was charged with illegally hunting protected game and possessing a firearm without a license.

Four Namibians were arrested in Okahao on February 9 for possession of six pieces of ivory. Beteul Halweendo, Tjiveze Turinao, Katavi Uaeterera and Tjirapa Mbemutiza were charged with illegally hunting specially protected game, illegally possessing and trafficking in controlled wildlife products and attempting to conspire and incite another person to commit a crime.