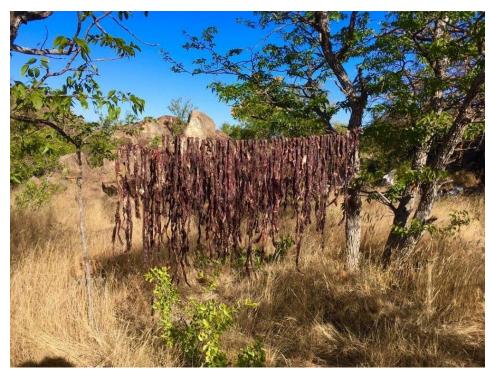
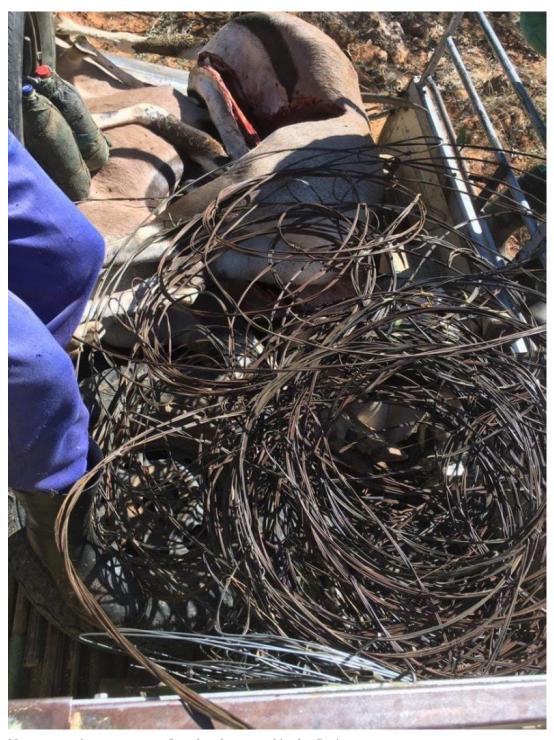
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The poachers hung up the poached meat to dry. Photos: Private



Numerous wire snares were found and removed in the Outjo area.

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Windhoek (cr) • Another wildlife and cattle thieving syndicate has been uncovered in the Outjo area. At least three gemsbok were recently slaughtered in the area and hundreds of wire traps removed, according to social media.

Last weekend, the Namibian police, local farmers and the Nyime anti-poaching unit took joint action against poaching on the farms west of Outjo up to near Khorixas.

At least three suspected poachers were arrested, police said, with two vehicles and two firearms confiscated. One of the arrested suspects had a previous conviction for theft. More than 50 police forces were deployed over the weekend and a police helicopter was deployed between farms in the Franzfontein Mountains.

The trigger for the action against game and cattle theft was the discovery of slaughterhouses on farms in the area, where initially 31 cattle heads were found. On closer inspection the number has increased to 51 and the value is estimated at up to N\$600 000. However, the value of the poached game has not yet been taken into account.