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Private rhino owners are returning to dehorning their animals to protect them from the recent uptick in rhino poaching. Jaco Muller, owner of a rhino farm and founder of the organization HoRn (Help our Rhino's Now), told sister newspaper Namibian Sun that the past few weeks have been the worst in terms of rhino poaching, particularly on private farms. According to him, about 14 white rhinos have been killed by poachers in the last six weeks. "It's very sad for me. You never know if you'll ever see rhinos with those horns again. We had a rhino cow with a 34 inch horn that we had to cut off. I was close to tears because it is such a magnificent animal and now it has to have its horn cut off. But for the sake of the animal, it's the best." Photo: Private