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The self-proclaimed prophet and poacher Jackson Babi has been jailed for up to ten years. Photo: AZ archives

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Windhoek (sno) - In a press release from the Environment Ministry, it announced that it approved the sentencing of the Magistrates' Court in Gobabis. The self-proclaimed prophet Jackson Babi, who was arrested in 2020 after the police confiscated two rhinoceros horns from his apartment in Windhoek's Kleine Kuppe district and also confiscated a hunting rifle and ammunition there, was found guilty of 12 counts of poaching. Together he was convicted on 19 counts, a minimum of which he faces up to 10 years behind bars. Babi also faces fines of over N\$370,000 or more prison time. The spokesman for the Ministry of the Environment, Romeo Muyunda, was pleased with the verdict. Babi reserves the right to appeal the verdict within 14 days. "This ruling is gratifying for the Department as we believe it is proportionate to the nature of the crimes committed. We hope it will also serve as a deterrent to those who wish to commit similar crimes," the ministerial press release said.