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Carcasses found on private game farms

**One of the rhino carcasses discovered was that of a pregnant cow.**

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Two black rhino carcasses were recently discovered in the Otjozondjuda region, bringing the total number of rhino poached this year to 41.

Of these, 26 were black rhinos.

The two carcasses were discovered on two different private game farms in the Otjituuo and Otjiwarongo areas. However, the names of these farms have not been made public to protect them from any further poaching incidents.

According to the police spokesperson in the Otjozondjupa region, Insp. Maureen Mbeha, one of the rhinos, a pregnant cow, was shot during August on a game farm in the Otjiwarongo district.

She said the suspects shot the rhino with an unknown firearm and cut off both horns with an unknown object.

The value of this rhino is estimated at N\$1 million because she was pregnant.

In a separate incident, a black rhino cow was found on 22 August after being poached on a private farm in the Grootfontein district.

According to Mbeha, the suspects in this incident also shot the cow with an unknown firearm and cut off both horns. The value of this rhino is estimated at N\$500,000.

No one has yet been arrested in connection with either incident, but police investigations are ongoing.

Last year, 44 rhinos were poached in Namibia compared to 42 in 2020. In 2019, 57 were poached, 83 in 2018 and 55 in 2017.

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