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ARRESTED: Suspects have been arrested in several old wildlife crime cases, which included rhino poaching. Photo: FILE

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Seven suspects were arrested last week in connection with old wildlife crime cases.

This is according to weekly wildlife crime statistics issued by the protected resource division and the intelligence and investigation unit within the safety and environment ministries.

On 19 November, two Namibian men, Festus Amunyela and Mekondjo Tsillinus, were arrested at Oshivelo for conspiring to poach a rhino on 16 June.

In another incident, Angolan national Ndango Nicolaus was arrested on 17 November in Rundu for being in possession of a pangolin on 4 August.

On 18 November, three Namibian men - Jonas Gerhard, Petrus Kalenga and Tangeni Jesaya - were arrested at Okahao for conspiring to poach a rhino on 26 September.

Further, Namibian Libonelo Sobozi was arrested on 17 November for rhino poaching, which occurred on 9 October.

The report also noted that seven wildlife crime cases were heard last week.