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A total of 24 elephant tusks were confiscated, while one suspect was arrested and seven others fled the scene when their car were searched on Friday in the Zambezi Region.

According to the environment ministry, members of the ministry, the police and the defence force were searching vehicles as part of an intelligence-led operation in pursuit of a syndicate of Zambian nationals who were embarking on transnational poaching of elephants in neighbouring Botswana using the Zambezi Region as a transit root.

It said that the security operatives intercepted the vehicle used in transporting elephant tusks.

Twelve elephant tail bangles, two pots, two butcher knives and an inflatable mattress were also found. The suspects' vehicle, a silver Nissan Latino, was also booked in as part of evidence at the Katima Police Station.

A 37-year-old man was arrested and has been detained at the Katima Mulilo holding cells.