

Environment ministry staff member arrested for alleged poaching

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SQUASHED ... A blue wildebeest was allegedly poached and transported in a sedan. Photo: Contributed

THE Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism has announced the arrest of a member of staff, alongside three other people, who allegedly hunted a blue wildebeest at Daan Viljoen.

This was announced in a media statement by ministry spokesperson Romeo Muyunda.

The poaching incident was noted on Tuesday, 7 February 2023, at a roadblock between Daan Viljoen and Windhoek, he said.

"The ministry condemns the incident, particularly the alleged involvement of a staff member. Our collective responsibility as an institution is to ensure the protection and sustainable utilisation of our wildlife resources to benefit the current and future citizens of this country," Muyunda said.

This incident is contrary to this guiding principle. Ministry staff are crucial in the quest to achieve strategic objectives and mandates, Muyunda said.

"Therefore, we always encourage the ministry's staff to observe high moral grounds and reject temptations like participating in illegal activities that contravene our values and principles as an institution.

"We urge that the law should take its course and justice must prevail in this case," Muyunda said.

