Reward offered for arrest of rhino poachers

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A GROUP of private game farmers, Help our Rhino Now Namibia (HoRN.nam), is offering a reward of N\$100 000 for information leading to the arrest of poachers who shot a rhino at a farm near Windhoek.

HoRN.nam said in a media statement on Wednesday that rhino poaching has escalated in Namibia over the past 18 months.

The organisation says this poses a real and critical threat to the well-being and future survival of Namibian rhino populations.

The reward of N\$100 000 being offered by HoRN.nam is for information leading to the arrest and successful prosecution of whoever was responsible for the poaching of a rhinoceros at farm Düsternbrook near Windhoek late last year.

Anyone with information should contact the Namibian Police's deputy commissioner Barry de Klerk on 081 129 0054, or detective chief inspector Rassie Haihonya on 081 124 9217, detective chief inspector Felix Ndikoma on 081 156 5053, or detective chief inspector Tjiramba on 081 122 9824.

In its statement, HoRN.nam also said a substantial reward has been paid to farmworkers and anti-poaching units who were instrumental in the apprehension of four poachers responsible for the killing of a white rhino cow in the eastern parts of Namibia in January.