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Police in Omusati have arrested a 28-year-old man who tried to sell pangolin scales to an undercover agent in Outapi. The suspect is accused of possessing and trading in controlled wildlife products without authorization from an appropriate authority. According to Crime Suppression Coordinator Moses Simaho, the arrest was made on Sunday. Simaho said information was received about a suspect allegedly in possession of pangolin scales, which he was illegally offering for sale to a potential buyer in the Omusati region. "An operation was then launched against the potential suspect," he said. He added that the suspect was found during the undercover operation in possession of 217 pangolin scales, which he wanted to offer the undercover police officer for sale. Simaho pointed out that the value of the scales could not yet be determined. The suspect was due to appear before Outapi Magistrates' Court yesterday. Photo: Private