

## Woman granted bail for possession of wild bird carcasses

Maria David

JOSEPHINA Johannes was granted bail on Monday after appearing in the Tsumeb Magistrates Court.

Johannes is accused of being in possession of protected game bird meat without a permit.

According to Oshikoto Community Affairs Officer Inspector Ellen Nehale, the accused was granted bail of N\$5,000, and the case was postponed to August 17, 2023, pending further investigation.



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Nehale said that the accused was arrested on Sunday at the Casablanca Shebeens Centre in the Oshivelo area.

It is alleged that the suspect was found in possession of carcasses (bird meat) during an intelligence-driven operation conducted by officials from the Ministry of Environment, Forestry, and Tourism (MEFT) and members of the Oshivelo police station as part of Operation Genesis, which led to the suspect's arrest.

"The accused was found in possession of five guinea fowl carcasses, 33 francolin carcasses, and nine dove carcasses," she said

She added that the total value of all the carcasses is estimated at N\$112,800.