

MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE TO PROTECT WILDLIFE – NATIONAL REPORT ON WILDLIFE PROTECTION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

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The country's anti-poaching and crime prevention initiatives managed to arrest 75 suspects in 106 cases related to rhino poaching in Namibia in 2022, a report released last week noted.

The year 2022 saw the most rhinos poached in the country since 2015 when the first major poaching wave in independent Namibia peaked, the National Report on Wildlife Protection and Law Enforcement in Namibia revealed.

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The cartoon depicts a man in a patterned shirt standing next to a machine labeled 'FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER'. The machine has a screen showing a green upward arrow and the word 'GROWTH'. A speech bubble from the machine says, 'WELCOME TO OUR FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER. HOW CAN WE ASSIST YOU TODAY?' The man is holding a document and looking at the machine.

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The released report is based on data compiled via the Integrated Database of Wildlife Crime in Namibia, as well as related firsthand information and observations by personnel from the Blue Rhino Task Team, Ministry of Environment Forestry and Tourism, Namibia Police, and the Office of the Prosecutor General

The report noted that the number of rhinos known to have been poached in Namibia during 2022 increased by 97.9% from 2021, reaching the highest losses since 2015.

“We need to do more to protect our wildlife. Anti-poaching and crime prevention initiatives form the front line for our rhino ranges. Our premier park, Etosha, was particularly hard hit during 2022,” the report noted, adding that to counter the unprecedented threat of ongoing, highly organized poaching of high-value species, the Namibian Defence Force continues to play a unique role within its mandate of defending the state and its resources against threats.

According to the report, rhinos are of course not the only resources being targeted.

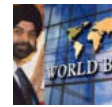
“Elephant ivory and Pangolin products continue to be trafficked, and we are experiencing an expansion in the criminal onslaught into new sectors, such as trafficking of our rare and endemic plants. In all, 693 suspects were arrested in 430 wildlife cases in 2022. Meat poaching continues to make up around half of all registered cases,” the report added.

According to the report, while crime prevention is the ultimate goal, the prosecution of suspects, leading to appropriate sentences for perpetrators, is the immediate aim of law enforcement in response to crimes that have been committed.

The report meanwhile noted that the finalization of rhino cases remains frustratingly low.

“Only four rhino cases were finalized during the past year. To compound matters, suspects released on bail in drawn-out rhino trials have been re-arrested in new cases, the report further stated.

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On the positive side, the report said the sentence passed in one prominent rhino-poaching case finalized in 2022 is highly commendable, making a loud and clear statement that wildlife crime will not be tolerated, regardless of whether it is perpetrated by influential individuals or the rural poor.

Meanwhile, in April this year, Namibian authorities arrested eight suspects in connection with rhino poaching incidents in the country's flagship Etosha National Park and surrounding areas.



- Bid is invited through Open National Bidding (ONB) bidding procedures for the Construction of a 250mm Diameter HDPE Water Pipeline along Berths 1-3 in the Port of Walvis Bay.
- The bid is open to all Eligible Namibian Bidders and a margin of preference will apply as detailed in the bidding documents.

Bid Reference Number	Brief Description	Pre-bid Conference	Last Day for Clarification Requests	Closing Date
W/ONB/NAMPORT/3590/2023	The Construction of a 250mm Diameter HDPE Water Pipeline along Berths 1-3 in the Port of Walvis Bay	Non-Compulsory Pre-bid/ Site Visit meeting on 21/07/2023 @10h00 AM	07/08/2023	25/08/2023@12h00 PM(Virtual Bid Opening Link will be available on website)

- The Bid is open to all eligible Namibian entities or persons ("Bidders") who wish to respond. Bidders may only associate with each other in the form of a joint venture or under a sub-contractual agreement to complement their respective areas of supply to enhance their capacity to carry out the supply of goods and provision of required services and so long as any association is formed or sub-contract is entered into in accordance with the bidding document associated with this IFB.
- Interested eligible bidders are requested to visit the Namport website at <https://www.namport.com.na/Procurement/> for details of the bidding requirements. Bidders must register as suppliers, express interest in a specific bid, make a payment of the bid levy (non-refundable) N\$300.00 and submit the proof of payment in order to be granted access to the bidding documents. The Namport Banking Details are available on the Procurement Portal on the website.
- A Non-compulsory Pre-Bid/Site Visit meeting is scheduled for 21 July 2023 at 10h00 am. Bidders should take note that the meeting venue is at Namport, Head Office, Executive Boardroom, thereafter bidders will be directed to the site.
- The last day for the submission of clarification requests is: 07 August 2023.
- Bid must be delivered to the address below before: 25 August 2023 at 12h00 pm Local Namibian Time for The Construction of a 250mm Diameter HDPE Water Pipeline along Berths 1-3 in the Port of Walvis Bay 25 August 2023 at 12h00 pm Local Namibian Time. Electronic submission of bidding documents will not be accepted.
- The address referred to above is: The Tender Box, Namibian Ports Authority (Namport) Reception, No. 17 Rikumbi Kandanga Road
- Bidders should take note that the pre-bid meeting and bid opening ceremonies will be conducted in person and virtually, and the links are available on the Namport website.

All enquiries related to this bid must be directed in writing by email to the following contact details:

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