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Markus Trede from the farm Lindholm, in the Omaruru area, found a moose on his farm last Tuesday (29 Aug) which died brutally in a wire snare. PHOTO PROVIDED

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Farmers in the Omaruru area are again complaining that the problem of cattle theft and poaching is overwhelming - so much so that they fear the farms will be abandoned.

This is what Markus Trede from the Lindholm farm near Omaruru says, who found an eland on his farm on Tuesday that had died cruelly in a wire snare. Six cattle have also been poached on his farm in recent weeks.

"They also come for the game. There are almost no gemsboks left on our or the surrounding farms. This trend is destroying Namibia's greatest asset - our wildlife and with it the tourism industry," complains Trede. "The worst thing is that they don't even come to collect the meat."

The farmers are already doing everything in their power to get the problem under control. "We deploy herders, regularly fly drones, hire security personnel, conduct regular patrols, set up neighborhood watches and work well with the police, but the problem just doesn't stop."