



The vegetable gardens at Irene, Irene Pos and Houmoed are now surrounded by electric fences. Photo: EHRA
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HUMAN-ELEPHANT CONFLICT CONTINUES TO BE A PROBLEM

Angolan man attacked by elephants near Ruacana

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Windhoek (cr) - Since the bull elephant Porthos discovered the vegetable patches in the villages of Irene, Irene Pos and Houmoed a few months ago, the usual dry grass and branches were no longer tasty enough for him. According to elephant conservation organization EHRA, clandestine nocturnal forays became his routine, but his nocturnal escapades posed a potential threat. "We then deployed our elephant guard Taiwan to guard the gardens. He often had to gently chase Porthos away by talking to him, using his flashlight and a bugle. One thing became clear: this was not a long-term solution. So we knocked on the door of our German partner organization, the Aktionsgemeinschaft Artenschutz (AGA) eV, and asked for immediate help. "They were kind enough to assign us a committed donor organization, Char2Cool, who promised to finance three solar-powered electric fences," says EHRA. The elephant protection organization also thanked Rinus van der Merve from the Chairros farm, who helped with the wiring.

Also, an Angolan national died yesterday evening after being attacked by an elephant in Otjorute village near Ruacana. According to the Environment Ministry, the man and others tried to chase the elephant from a field. Ministry spokesman Romeo Muyunda said: "We are currently searching for the elephant and investigations are ongoing."

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