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The Ministry of Environment, Forestry, and Tourism is currently conducting an assessment to determine the extent of rhino poaching. In light of the recent poaching incidents in the park, the ministry has also requested an urgent high-level meeting with the security cluster.

To date, a total of 28 rhinos have been poached in Namibia. Out of these, 19 were poached in the Etosha National Park, while the remaining 10 were discovered during dehorning operations throughout the month of March.

The Ministry of Environment, Forestry, and Tourism expresses deep concern over the poaching incidents in Etosha, as it is considered the flagship park. This park is home to a significant number of rhinos and other valuable species, making it a major tourist attraction.

Furthermore, there have been reports of four white rhinos being poached on a private farm in Otjozondjupa, bringing the total number of rhinos poached on private farms in the country to five for the year. Among these cases, three rhinos were on a rhino custodianship farm, and one was in the Kunene Region. Thus, the total number of poached rhinos for the year now stands at 28, consisting of 19 black rhinos and nine white rhinos.

The ministry strongly appeals to all stakeholders to unite in the fight against poaching. It emphasizes that this discovery necessitates collective action from everyone involved. Anyone with information that could lead to the arrest of the suspects is encouraged to come forward.

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