

Namibia concerned about surge in rhino poaching

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A rhino is pictured in the Etosha National Park in Namibia, Aug. 15, 2022. (Xinhua/Chen Cheng)

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the rhinoceros killed in the national park, five were poached on private farms, three on rhinoceros custodianship farms, and one in the Kunene region, bringing the total for the year to 28, including 19 black and 9 white rhinoceroses.



Photo taken on Sept. 7, 2019, shows rhinos in Okapuka Ranch, central Namibia. (Photo by Sun Yin/Xinhua)

"Poaching in Etosha is particularly concerning because this is our flagship park and has a high concentration of rhino conservation and other high-value species, making it a major tourist attraction," he said.

Muyunda said an assessment is being undertaken in Etosha to establish the full extent of the problem based on the current situation and urgency.

Furthermore, he said, an urgent high-level meeting by the ministry with the security clusters has been called to dissect the matter.

Muyunda said that no arrests have been made in the recent cases so far, adding that cases were opened and investigations continue. ■