



Pangolin rescued and three people arrested in North West

Illegal trade in the endangered animals on the rise again as lockdown decreases. Several pangolins have already been rescued this year.



by **Mike Simpson** — 2020-09-13 08:56 in News



Privacy

116

SHARES

A pangolin presumably destined for the Chinese traditional medicine market or bush-meat markets of South-East Asia has been rescued by conservation officials and SAPS members in the town of Brits in North West Province.

The animal was found in a car that was stopped and searched at a petrol station near Alpha Crossing in the town.

Three people who were travelling in the vehicle were arrested when they could not give a valid reason for the pangolin in their possession. The trio, aged between 22 and 35, are due to appear in the Brits Magistrate's Court on Monday.

PANGOLIN FOUND AFTER TIP-OFF FROM NGO

Police spokesperson Maria Nkabinde said Nature Conservation officials and members of various police units acted after receiving a tip-off about a possible pangolin sale from an NGO responsible for combatting the illegal trade of wildlife and endangered species.

The African Pangolin Working Group states that, despite a ban on international trade by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), pangolins are still one of the most trafficked mammals in the world.

As a result, each of the eight species is now threatened with extinction.



In this photo, published on the African Pangolin Working Group website, Ally the pangolin is shown enjoying her hard-won freedom before giving birth. Many of the rescued animals are given names indicating where they were rescued. Ally, for example, was found at Alldays in Limpopo. Copyright Francois Meyer

A NUMBER OF RECENT PANGOLIN RESCUES



[Privacy](#)

In an article published by *Independent Online* in early August, Ray Jansen of the African Pangolin Working Group recounted how four animals – three of them pregnant – were recovered during sting operations in various parts of South Africa.

In total, 11 people were arrested by a team of specialised law enforcement officials in connection with these incidents.

TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL SYNDICATES ARE INVOLVED

Pangolins are in demand largely for their keratinous scales, which are used in traditional Chinese medicine, and for their meat in South-East Asia.

This has created a lucrative illicit market run by transnational criminal syndicates.

According to Jansen, last year authorities intercepted more than 97 tons of scales from Africa representing over 150 000 animals. But the real poaching onslaught is far higher, as only 10% of the illicit trade is intercepted.

Help support journalists, the guardians of independent journalism, through our student media initiative that gives a voice to students and their generation! [Find out more...](#)

Tags: African Pangolin Working Group Illegal wildlife trade nature conservation pangolin South African Police Service



1 Comment

Sort by



Add a comment...



Ch AllahDitta A D

My co-representative's progression mother makes \$78 every hour at the web. She has been laid off for eight months yet absolute a month ago her test altered into \$16000 in truth strolling on the web for certain hours. I used to examine this. You can likewise begin this in home bye duplicate underneath site

This One → → → → Www.Works44.Com

Don,t Includ this → ↪ ← With Website Thanks

Like · Reply · 4h

[Facebook Comments plugin](#)

This is the WW3 strategy game you've been looking for! Register and play for free right now, no download required.

Join millions of players on the Conflict of Nations battlefields and lead your nation to victory.

Conflict Of Nations : World War III | Sponsored

This WWII strategy game will keep you entertained for weeks!

Call of War | World War II | Sponsored

If You Like to Play, this City-Building Game is Addictive

Forge of Empires - Free Online Game | Sponsored

Play the most challenging WWII strategy game, no install needed

Call of War | World War II | Sponsored

Remove NETFLIX's Restrictions In Namibia And watch US Only Shows



Privacy