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Poachers kill and dehorn two white rhinos on Free State farm, injure a third

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Rhino poachers killed two bulls in the Free State.

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Free State police are on the hunt for poachers who killed and dehorned two white rhinos and injured a third at a farm in Steynsrus.

Police spokesperson Brigadier Motantsi Makhele said a case of rhino poaching was registered in terms of Section 57 of the Bioiversity Act 10 of 2004 "after two rhino bulls were killed and one injured in Geduldfontein Farm".

"The value of the two killed rhino bulls is R800 000," Makhele added.

In July, Forestry, Fisheries and Environment Minister Barbara Creecy said rhino poaching was on the rise again. At least 249 rhinos were killed in the first six months of 2021.

The bulk of the incidents happened at the Kruger National Park, where 132 rhinos were killed.