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Elephant ivory dealer already in prison sentenced again

Elephant ivory dealer Cosmus Ziwande was sentenced to a R10 000 fine after entering a plea agreement with the State.



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An elephant ivory dealer was sentenced by the Cape Town Magistrate's Court on Thursday, 3 March. Photo: Pixabay.

Cosmus Ziwande appeared before the Cape Town Magistrate's Court on Thursday, 3 March on charges related to the unlawful possession of elephant ivory.

ELEPHANT IVORY DEALER SENTENCED IN CAPE TOWN

Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation (Hawks) spokesperson in the Western Cape said the elephant ivory dealer entered into a plea agreement with the State.

The court sentenced Ziwande, 38, to "a fine of R10 000 wholly suspended for five years" for the offence, said Hani. He pleaded guilty to one charge under the Contravention of Section 42(1)(b).

Ziwande was arrested on 14 May 2021, after the police's Crime Intelligence provided the Hawks' Serious Organised Crime Investigation team in Cape Town with a tip-off.

The accused was caught in possession of a raw elephant tusk and some elephant ivory that had already been processed.

The Zimbabwean national is currently serving a seven-year sentence, in an unrelated matter, for tampering with essential infrastructure in Clanwilliam.