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# Rhino Horn: Chinese National Shuihau Chen Fined R500K, Jailed 2 Years



DOING TIME: Shuihau Chen. The Chinese national was caught dealing in rhino horn. He has been fined half a million rand and sentenced to two years imprisonment for infringing the Immigration Act

Johannesburg – Fifty-year-old Chinese national Shuihau Chen, who was caught dealing in rhino horn, has been fined half a million rand and sentenced to two years imprisonment for infringing the Immigration Act.

Chen appeared in the Kempton Park District Court on Tuesday, (4 April 2023), where he was found guilty and sentenced for receiving rhino horns without a permit.

“Chen was sentenced to R500 000 fine or five years imprisonment for dealing in rhino horns,” said Hawks spokesperson in Mpumalanga Captain Dineo Lucy Sekgotodi.

The accused was arrested in Johannesburg in 2019 by the Middelburg-based Hawks’ Serious Corruption Investigation team during a clandestine operation.

Chen has been in custody since his arrest.

“His vehicle, a VW Tiguan valued at R400 000 that was used in the commission of the crime was forfeited to the State,” said Sekgotodi.

“Chen was further sentenced to two years imprisonment without the option of a fine for two counts of contravening the Immigration Act.

“The court also ordered that Chen must be deported to China after serving his sentence.”