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Two more pangolins rescued from trafficker

36yr old suspect was arrested and will appear in court on Monday. Police also call on Community Safety Forums to help in nabbing traffickers

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Pangolins rescued by police. Image: Twitter/@SAPoliceService

A suspect has been arrested after being found with two endangered pangolins inside his home in Kuruman in the Northern Cape.

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The suspect was arrested and charged for possession of an endangered species under the National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act (NEMBA), 10 of 2004 and will appear in the Kuruman Magistrate Court on Monday, 10 July 2023.

District Police Commissioner, Johny Besnaar says “crimes happening in specific places that the police cannot immediately reach need local safety strategies spearheaded by the Community Safety Forums (CSF).”

ANIMAL TRAFFICKED FOR THEIR SCALES

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There have been more arrests linked to the trafficking of pangolins and other animals. In May four men were arrested in the North West for being in possession of two pangolins. The animals were to be sold for R200 000.

The suspects – aged between 29 and 45 – were nabbed at Mahikeng Mall when they were found in possession of the endangered species.

The ground pangolin is under threat and has been poached and trafficked for their scales. Their meat is also viewed as a delicacy in Asia.

The animal has been listed as vulnerable by the [International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List](#).

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