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Wildlife traffickers in e-hailing cab bust with pangolin

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Two cross-border truck drivers were arrested for illegal possession of a pangolin. File picture
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The Hawks serious organised crime investigation (Soci) team arrested two suspects for illegal possession of pangolin in Primrose, Germiston.

W/O Thatohatsi Mavimbela said the bust went down on Friday.

“Information was received about two foreign nationals in transit in an e-hailing vehicle suspected to be in possession of a pangolin.

“When members of the Soci team arrived at the scene, they found the two suspects, who are cross-border truck drivers from Zambia, carrying one pangolin in a bag.”

Both suspects were arrested and were charged with illegal possession of endangered species and contravening the National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act.

They will make their first court appearance on Monday next week.

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