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ZAW officers in Livingstone on Sunday killed an elephant that attacked a 36 year old man of Simoonga village. Below, members of the community share the meat of the elephant in question

Three people in Lumezi District have been sentenced to one month imprisonment with hard labour for unlawful possession of a government trophy.

Lundazi Resident Magistrate, Joseph Kapila sentenced Maxwell Chima, 68, of Musekeni Village, Winson Mbebe, 55, of Chibamba Village and Manase Banda, 38, of Mumbi Village all of Chief Kazembe's area.

Facts of the offence are that the trio on 18th July, 2023, jointly and whilst acting together had in their possession a government trophy, namely Kudu meat weighing 33 kilograms without a certificate of ownership as required by law.

The trio pleaded guilty to committing the offence and asked the court to exercise lenience on them as they were the first offenders.

In mitigation Chima told the court that he was looking after four children at home and no one would sell his harvested cotton if sent to jail.

Mbebe and Banda said they did not know that the meat was a government trophy as they were just given a kilogram and half each by the first convict.

In passing judgement, Magistrate Kapila reminded two of the convicts that they were supposed to ask the type of meat they were given before getting it.

Meanwhile, Magistrate Kapila said he took into consideration the statement of the convicts and noted that two of them were senior citizens.

He disclosed that in order to deter offenders and help the convicts to reform, he sentenced them to month imprisonment with hard labour with effect from July 20th, 2023.