

Ivory lands man in trouble – Zimbabwe

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A Binga man has been arrested for possession of four elephant tusks.

Matabeleland North police spokesperson Inspector Glory Banda confirmed the arrest of Zechariah Nyoni (44) from Bulubuza 44 village in Lusulu for unlawful possession of raw ivory weighing seven kilogrammes and valued at US\$1 190.

Banda said police received a tip that Nyoni had gone to collect elephant tusks in Chete Safaris near Nagangala River along Binga-Sibuwa road.

"On the same day, a police officer and two officers from International Anti-Poaching Foundation and two Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority rangers

went to Nagangala village where they saw Nyoni seated in a bush about 100 metres from Siabuwa-Binga Road," he said.

"Upon seeing the team approaching, Nyoni tried to run away but was apprehended. Investigations are underway and Nyoni is in police custody at Siabuwa police station."