

# Trio arrested for poaching

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The accused trio at the crime scene

THREE Hurungwe men who captured themselves on camera killing an elephant using traditional weapons and dogs yesterday appeared be’



Kariba magistrate accused of hunting or removing any animal or part of the animal in a safari area without a permit.

Francis Chigomamarwa (30), Simeon Kezias (23) and Arthur Murimbika (24) all from Nyamakate area are also facing another charge of killing a buffalo. The accused were unlucky when a video went viral of them killing an elephant after setting their dogs on it before attacking it using spears and axes.

The elephant was killed in Phundundu Concession on December 8 last year, but the accused were arrested over the weekend. The trio's accomplice, Kennedy Godera of Fox village, Nyamakate, who was the team leader, is still at large.

The State opposed bail arguing: "Poaching causes the decrease in tourism as tourists visit countries for a variety of wild animals and furthermore poaching causes loss of revenue collection through hunting quotas. Poaching damages ecosystem and affects wildlife and biodiversity."



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According to court papers, on January 10, police detectives from the Minerals Flora and Fauna Unit and officers from the Zimbabwe National Parks and Wildlife Management Authority and the Wildlife Crime Unit, an investigation



