

Namibian officers enhance skills in fight against wildlife trafficking

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FIVE Namibian law enforcement officers recently completed two weeks of advanced training at the International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) in Otse, Botswana.

The training, facilitated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), brought together officers from Namibia, Botswana, Equatorial Guinea, Kenya, and Liberia. Participants strengthened their investigative skills, learned advanced techniques to track traffickers, and reinforced regional cooperation in the fight against the illegal trade in rhino horn, elephant ivory, and other high-value species.

Namibia has earned international recognition for empowering communities to protect wildlife and for its robust anti-poaching measures. According to the USFWS, supporting Namibian officers through such initiatives reflects the United States' commitment to strengthening frontline efforts against wildlife crime across Africa.

The Namibian officers return with enhanced knowledge and practical tools to safeguard the country's natural heritage and ensure the protection of endangered species for future generations.

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