

Three arrested for Illegal possession of *Welwitschia mirabilis* at Oshikango



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Three men, one Angolan and two Namibians, were arrested on Friday, at Charles Bar in Oshikango, Helao Nafidi, after they were allegedly found in possession of three bags of the protected *Welwitschia mirabilis* plant species.

According to the crime report, the arrests followed an intelligence-led operation that uncovered the suspects offering the plants for illegal sale without a valid permit.

The suspects, aged 35, 36, and 40, were taken into custody, and the value of the confiscated *Welwitschia mirabilis* is yet to be determined.

The trio is expected to appear before the Ohangwena magistrate's court on Monday.