

37 rhinos have been poached this year

After the most recent rhino poaching incident in the Omaruru area, the tourism ministry has confirmed that the national total of rhinos poached in 2025 now stands at 37.

According to the ministry, a rhino carcass was discovered on private farmland near Omaruru earlier this week, with its horns brutally removed.

Investigations are ongoing, and law enforcement units, including the police and the ministry's Anti-Poaching Unit, have been deployed to the area to track down the suspects.

This latest case adds to a worrying trend of poaching spreading beyond traditional hotspots such as Etosha National Park.

The ministry has reiterated its commitment to intensifying surveillance, strengthening intelligence networks, and working closely with communities and private conservancies to combat wildlife crime.

In 2024 a total of 28 rhinos were poached in Namibia.

Anyone with information is urged to report it immediately to the ministry's toll-free hotline: 55555 or the nearest police station.