

# Hwange security guard (39) jailed 9 years for unlawful possession of raw ivory



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A 39-year-old Hwange security guard has been sentenced to nine years in prison after he was found in possession of an unmarked elephant tusk without a permit, in violation of Zimbabwe's wildlife laws. Danisa Mpofu of Bangani Village in Hwange, who is employed as a security guard at Zhong Zhin, was convicted for unlawfully possessing raw elephant ivory. Mpofu was charged with contravening Section 82(1) of the Parks and Wildlife General Regulations SI 362 of 1990 as read with Section 128(b) of the Parks and Wildlife Act [Chapter 20:14].

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**Disclaimer:** *The price of ivory quoted in this article is incorrect. The current price for ivory in Africa is estimated to be between \$50-\$100 per kilo. Overstating the price of ivory incentivises poachers.*

