



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

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SUBJECT: RHINO POACHING CASE REPORTED

The Ministry of Environment and Tourism announces that another case of rhino poaching has been reported in Palmwag areas involving one cow and a calf bringing a total number of cases for this year to five (5). No arrest has been made so far and investigation in the matter continues.

The Ministry is disturbed by this continuous trend of poaching of our valuable resources. The carcasses were discovered on the 17th May 2014 (Saturday), barely a month after another rhino carcass was discovered in the same area. The ministry is concerned and as a result has put numerous measures in place to contain this spate of poaching. We further condemn such ill-intentioned activities or illegal plundering of wildlife and reiterate our call to those involved to stop immediately with these selfish activities. In addition the security apparatus of our country is ready to confront whoever will be caught taking part in these barbaric activities and face the full wrath of the law.

The Ministry together with relevant authorities such as the Namibian police; Custom officials and the Namibian Defence force will intensify our efforts to firstly prevent such incidences from occurring and then identify those who have been contravening our conservation efforts and bring them to task. On this light we further call upon the peace loving citizens of this country to be extra vigilant and report any suspected cases of poaching and related incidences to the relevant authorities. Government, particularly the Ministry of Environment and Tourism recognises that collective responsibility is the best approach to control poaching.


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