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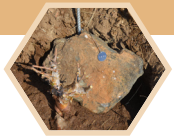


SAVE OUR HIGH VALUE SPECIES IN NAMIBIA



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Biodiversity

Namibia's abundant biodiversity, which includes high-value fauna and flora species. Fauna species include:

- Rhinoceros
- Elephants
- Lions, and
- Pangolins

Equally, there has been an upsurge in illegal logging and illegal harvesting of Flora species such as:

- Succulents (Cyphostemma sp., Lithops etc.)
- Devil's claw

While widely unknown, succulents play a crucial role in:

- mitigating the consequences of climate change
- scrubbing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere
- Illegal harvesting of succulents has consequences that may lead to the reduced ecological services, extinction of certain species in the environment and reduction of biological diversity.

Resultantly, this threatens the wellbeing of natural ecological ecosystems.

Wildlife Crime (WC) – nationally

Sadly, the national biodiversity is threatened by wildlife crime (WC). WC activities are:

- poaching by individuals
- poaching by organized crime syndicates
- illegal logging
- illegal harvesting of succulents, and
- incidental illegal killing for subsistence purposes or retaliation, which results from HWC, to populations of high value species such as elephant, rhinoceros and pangolins.

Wildlife Crime (WC) Regionally & Internationally

Poaching has been increasing at an alarming rate in Namibia. Today, poaching has become a regional and international challenge that does not only affect Namibia, but neighbouring countries of SADC and other countries on the African continent and beyond.

“Rhinos and elephants are not just iconic wildlife, but pillars of our economy”.
Play your part, report wildlife crime!

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