

Notification to the Parties No. 2018/040

Annex

Questionnaire on the implementation of Resolution Conf. 9.14 (Rev. CoP17) and measures to prevent and combat rhinoceroses poaching and trafficking in rhinoceros horn

Please provide as much information as possible in answer to the questions below. Where specified within the questions, please report on any actions taken since the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP17, Johannesburg, 2016). In all other questions, information requested is not time bound.

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Question 1.	INVESTIGATIONS, (Please do NOT provide any nominal or other sensitive information that might jeopardise or impede ongoing or future investigations or prosecutions)
1.1.	<p>Has your country developed and implemented any law enforcement strategies to combat, as applicable, rhinoceros poaching and illegal trade in rhinoceros horn?</p> <p>Yes</p> <p><i>Namibia has developed and is implementing the “National Strategy on Wildlife Protection and Law Enforcement. The primary objective of this strategy is to establish within the country, and within the framework of the national laws, common approaches to the protection and conservation of wildlife and to ensure the effective enforcement of laws governing the wildlife resources.</i></p>

	<p>Specific objectives of this strategy are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Protect wildlife, mainly rhinos and elephants, from poaching.</i> • <i>Promote the enforcement of wildlife laws in the country and with neighbouring states.</i> • <i>Build capacity for wildlife protection, conservation and enforcement of wildlife laws.</i> • <i>Facilitate community based natural resource management practices for better protection of wildlife resources.</i> • <i>Ensure that field staffs, including Community Game Guards, are conversant with patrols, arrests, seizures and the proper collection of scene of the crime evidence.</i> • <i>Strengthen law enforcement activities and better prepare the Ministry of Environment and Tourism for invasion of Namibia by syndicated forms of wildlife poaching.</i> • <i>Ensure that appropriate infrastructure and equipment for law enforcement and wildlife crime prevention are in place.</i>
1.2.	<p>Has your country adopted legislation or drawn upon existing legislation to facilitate the use of specialized investigation techniques such as controlled deliveries and covert investigations, where appropriate, in support of conventional investigation techniques, in particular for offences related to the illegal killing of rhinoceroses and the trafficking of rhinoceros horns?</p> <p>Yes</p> <p><i>Namibia uses the Criminal Procedure Act, 1977 (7 of 1977), as amended when it comes to wildlife crime investigation, which is complimented by the Nature Conservation Ordinance, 1975 (4 of 1975), as amended</i></p>

1.3	<p>Has your country used any other legislative tools and regulations, such as anti-money laundering and asset forfeiture legislation, in support of wildlife legislation, to address rhinoceros poaching and illegal trade in rhinoceros horn and other parts or derivatives, as applicable to your country?</p> <p>Yes</p> <p><i>Windhoek, 16 January 2015. Financial Intelligence Regulations: Financial Intelligence Act, 2012</i></p> <p><i>This Act acts to provide for the establishment of the Financial Intelligence Centre as the national centre responsible for collecting, requesting, receiving and analysing suspicious transaction reports and suspicious activity reports which may relate to possible money laundering or the financing of terrorism; to provide for the objects, powers and functions of the Centre; to provide for the combating of money laundering and financing of terrorism activities; to provide for the establishment of the Anti-Money Laundering and Combating of the Financing of Terrorism Council, and for its functions; to provide for the registration of accountable and reporting institutions; to provide for the powers and functions of the supervisory bodies; to empower the Minister to appoint an appeal board to hear and decide appeals against decisions of the Centre or supervisory bodies; and to provide for incidental matters</i></p>
1.4	<p>Has your country shared information and cooperated with other source, transit or destination countries, or international law enforcement organizations, and was any mechanisms such as those provided for in the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC) and the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC) mobilized to address individuals or groups suspected of involvement in rhinoceros poaching or the illegal trade in rhinoceros parts and derivatives, including conducting cross-border investigations?</p> <p>Yes</p> <p><i>The Namibian Police Force, INTERPOL and the Ministry of Environment and Tourism has developed a good working relationship with neighbouring law enforcement agencies and shares information to address individuals or syndicates in rhinoceros and elephant poaching or/and the illegal trade in rhino and elephant parts and derivatives, including conducting cross border poaching. In this regard, joint cross border patrols and investigations are being conducted with neighbouring countries which has contributed to prevention in organized wildlife crime and also arrests of suspects.</i></p>

Question 2.	LEGISLATION
2.1	<p>Has your country enacted and implemented comprehensive legislation and enforcement controls, including internal trade restrictions and penalties aimed at reducing illegal trade in rhinoceros parts and derivatives, and including any specimen that appears from an accompanying document, the packaging, a mark or label, or any from any other circumstances, to be a rhinoceros part or derivative?</p> <p>Yes</p> <p><i>Controlled Wildlife Products and Trade Act, 2008. The Act was amended in 2017 in order to make provision for strong penalties, including custodial sentences and deter illegal trade in rhino parts and derivatives, deter illegal killing of rhinoceros and illegal possession of and trade in rhinoceros horns.</i></p> <p><i>Subject Schedule 1 of the Act, no person may possess, manufacture any object from, deal in, import into, or export from Namibia any horn or any part thereof of rhinoceros unless the action in question is authorised by a permit. If any person only possess the product as contained in the Act will be liable to a fine of not exceeding N\$ 15 000 000.00 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 15 years or to both such fine and such imprisonment. In addition, if he or she has performed any action referred to in Schedule 1 of the Act, he/she is liable to a fine not exceeding N\$25 000 000.00 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 25 years or to both such fine and such imprisonment.</i></p> <p><i>The Act also provides that each horn of any size and pieces are weighed and marked with an individual permit number so as to make them individually recognizable.</i></p>
2.2	<p>Has your country enacted legislation that prohibits possession of rhinoceros parts and derivatives acquired in violation of the Convention?</p> <p>Yes</p>

1. Controlled Wildlife Products and Trade Amendment Act, 2017

The Act provides for the implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora; and to provide for incidental matters.

The Act provides that:

(1) Any person who –

(a) possesses any controlled wildlife product if the possession of which is unlawful

(b) deals in any controlled wildlife product if the dealing therein is unlawful

(c) manufactures anything from a controlled wildlife product if such manufacture is unlawful

(d) imports any controlled wildlife product if the import thereof is unlawful or

(e) exports any controlled wildlife product if the export thereof is unlawful commits an offence unless he or she has been issued with a permit.

Penalty

1. If a person only possess the product, as contemplated above (1) (a,b,c,d,e) on conviction liable to a fine not exceeding N\$15 000 000.00 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 15 years or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

2. Or if he / she has performed any action referred to in 2.1 (1) (a,b,c,d,e), on conviction liable to a fine not exceeding N\$25 000 000.00 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 25 years or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

Moreover, if such person has been previously convicted of an offence referred to in paragraph 1 and 2, he or she is liable to a fine not exceeding N\$50 000 000.00 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 40 years, or to bot such fine or such imprisonment.

2.3

What penalties can be imposed for poaching of rhino and/the illegal trade in rhinoceros parts and derivatives?

	<p><i>The Nature Conservation Amendment Act, 2017 (Act 3 of 2017) provides for the increase in the penalties in wildlife crime relating to hunting of specially protected game.</i></p> <p><i>a) Section 26(3)(a) of the Nature Conservation Amendment Act, 2017 (Act 3 of 2017) provides for a fine, not exceeding N\$25 000 000.00, or imprisonment for a period not exceeding 25 years or to both such fine and such imprisonment if such offence relates to the hunting of any elephant and rhinoceros,</i></p> <p><i>b) But, if such person has been previously convicted of an offence referred above, he/she is liable to a fine not exceeding N\$50 000 000.00 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 40 years, or to both such fine and such imprisonment if such offence related to the hunting of any elephant and rhinoceros.</i></p>
Question 3.	PROSECUTIONS
3.1.	<p>Please provide details of prosecutions that have been initiated in your country <i>since October 2016</i> related to the illegal killing of rhinoceroses or illegal possession of and trade in rhinoceros horns, including dates, quantities and types of specimens involved, outcomes (successful or not), penalties imposed, prosecution rates, etc.</p> <p><i>See annexure 1</i></p>
3.2	<p>If any measures have been implemented in your country that contributed to an increase in the number of successful prosecutions concerning the illegal killing of rhinoceroses or illegal possession of and trade in rhinoceros horns, please share information about these measures.</p> <p><i>1. There is a well-established informer networks that work jointly with the Ministry of Environment and Tourism as well as the Namibian Police (Protected Resources Unit (PRU)) and the Namibian Customs toward increase in the number of successful prosecutions concerning the illegal killing of wildlife in Namibia.</i></p>

	<p>2. The Ministry of Environment and Tourism has also developed a toll free number, whereby member of the public can phone or send a text message to report any activities relating to poaching of rhinoceroses or illegal possession and trade in rhinoceros horns and derivatives.</p> <p>3. The Ministry of Environment and Tourism conducted theoretical and practical training for Wildlife Investigators, Prosecutors and Magistrates to be more conversant with wildlife crime and applicable legislation.</p>
3.3	<p>Please outline below any barriers or obstacles there may be in securing successful prosecutions or deterrent penalties in your country concerning the illegal killing of rhinoceroses or illegal possession of and trade in rhinoceros horns, and any support that might be needed to overcome them.</p> <p>Although amendments were made on penalties and prosecutions regarding illegal possession and trade of controlled wildlife products, some prosecutors still gives lenient penalties and imprisonments to offenders, which encourage offenders to repeat a similar offences.</p> <p>In addition, release of suspects on bail is also contributing to wildlife crime, as offenders commit similar crime as they wait for long time to be prosecuted.</p>
Question 4.	<p>DNA FORENSICS</p>
4.1.	<p>Does your country routinely collect samples from rhinoceros parts and derivatives seized for forensic analysis?</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Namibia collects DNA samples routinely from all rhinoceroses that are immobilized, seized rhinoceros horns as well as from poached rhino within the country. DNA samples collected are send to the University of Pretoria's Veterinary Genetics Laboratory for inclusion in the RhODIS database of all regional rhinoceros samples for forensic purposes. (forensic analysis to link such horns to crime scenes and implicated suspects).</p>

Please provide information on any samples collected *since October 2016*. Kindly also provide information on the methodology by which sample collection takes place, the chain of custody of samples, whether the samples have been submitted for analysis and the feedback from analysis.

Step-By-Step process for taking DNA samples from whole Rhino horns, pieces of horn or horn shavings/powder.

Step 1.

Record the following information on the data capture board as well as on the sample data collection form

- ***Case or reference number; • Place/Port of seizure; • Date of seizure; • Country of origin; • Date of sampling; • DNA sample number; • Outside length of horn (Convex side); • Inside length of horn (Concave side); • Circumference of base of horn; • Microchip number if present; • External number/markings on the horn; and • Weight.***

Step 2.

- ***Photograph the horn with the data board included, from all angles (as well as the base of the horn) against a light coloured background to show the profile of the horn; In the event that Rhino horn pieces, shavings or powder were confiscated, note the following: • Photograph the horn pieces, shavings or powder together with applicable information displayed on the data board; • Use the sample bottle to collect some of the shavings or powder, to be submitted for DNA analysis; and • Close the sample bottle.***

Step 3.

- ***Take a photo of the item of evidence, (the Rhino horn, and pieces of horn or horn shavings/powder), the sterile, unused container and the unused tamper evident evidence sealing bag.***

Step 4.

- ***Take the DNA sample in the following way using a drill: • Select the slowest speed setting on the electric drill; • If there is a burning smell while drilling, then it might be that your drill speed is too fast; • A high drill speed will cause excessive heat which will destroy the DNA; • Slowly drill a hole towards the core of the horn ; • The sample extracted from drilling, should be in the form of a spiral; • Drop the sample directly into the sample bottle to avoid contamination; and • Close the sample bottle with the sample inside.***

	<p>Step 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place the sample bottle (with sample inside), together with the completed part of the sample data collection form (inside the tamper-evident evidence sealing bag; • Seal the tamper-evident evidence sealing bag; and • Take a photograph depicting the sealed bag, the item, the data board and the removed paper strip of the tamper-evident evidence sealing bag, to show that the bag was properly sealed.
4.2.	<p>Has your country to date in any way used the <i>Form for collection and sharing of data on rhinoceros horn seizures and on samples for forensic analysis</i> provided in the Annex to Resolution Conf. 9.14 (Rev. CoP17) <i>Conservation of and trade in African and Asian rhinoceroses</i>, to collect and share information about seizures of rhinoceros specimens?</p> <p>Yes</p> <p><i>To date, there is no illegal transit or entering of rhinoceros specimens from outside the country has been recorded in Namibia. However, information regarding rhinoceros horn seizures and forensic samples are being shared with our law enforcement agencies.</i></p>
Question 5.	RHINO HORN STOCK MANAGEMENT
5.1.	<p>Does your country have legislation, regulations or administrative measures in place to ensure that stocks of rhinoceros horn are identified, marked, registered and secured, pursuant to Resolution Conf. 9.14 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Conservation of and trade in African and Asian rhinoceroses</i>?</p> <p>Yes</p> <p><i>The Namibian rhinoceros Management Strategy 2016, and the Protocol for dealing with CITES Applications outline the process regarding securing stockpile of rhino horns in Namibia.</i></p>

5.2.	<p>Has your country declared these stocks to the Secretariat in accordance with the provisions of Resolution Conf. 9.14 (Rev. CoP17), paragraph 2. a)?</p> <p>Yes</p>
5.3	<p>Has your country implemented national level measures for the management of imported rhinoceros trophies, including addressing the issue of alteration and transfer of such trophies, to ensure the rhinoceros horns acquired as legal hunting trophies remain in lawful possession pursuant to Resolution Conf. 9.14 (Rev. CoP17) on <i>Conservation of and trade in African and Asian rhinoceroses</i>?</p> <p>Yes</p> <p><i>In accordance with Regulations Relating To Controlled Wildlife Products And Trade: Controlled Wildlife Products And Trade Amendment Act, 2017,</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A person who wants to possess controlled wildlife products must apply to the Minister for a possession permit, by completing the application form intended for that purpose,</i> • <i>Any transfer of controlled wildlife products must be reported to the Minister within seven days.</i> • <i>A permit to possess Controlled Wildlife Products is not transferable.</i> • <i>A holder of a possession permit must within seven days after changing his or her address, to which that permit relates, notify the Minister in writing of such change.</i> • <i>In addition, in accordance with the Namibian Nature Conservation Ordinance 4 of 1975, as amended, No person, other than the lawful holder of a permit granted by the Minister, shall be in possession of any rhinoceros horn or any portion of an rhinoceros horn.</i>

Annexure 1

RHINO HORN CASES FROM 1ST JANUARY 2018 TILL DATE

NO	STATION OFFENCE AND CR	DATE	QUANTITY	TYPES OF SPECIMENS	ACTIVITY	OUT COME OF CASE
01	Windhoek CR 06/01/2018	N/A	1	Piece of a Rhino Horn	Possession of Controlled Wildlife Product without a permit	The case was postponed to 28/06/2018
02	Hosea Kutako CR 03/01/2018	10/01/2018	2	Rhino Horns	Illegal Hunting of Specially Protected Game and Removal of Specially Protected Wildlife Products	Under Investigation
03	Usakos CR 13/03/2018	21/03/2018	1	Rhino (Carcass)	Removal of Specially Protected Game Products	Under Investigation
04	Otjiwarongo CR 80/03/2018	12-17/03/2018	1	White Rhino	Illegal Hunting of Specially Protected Game	Under Investigation
05	WHK CR 115/03/2018	05/03/2018	1	Pair of Rhino Horn	Possession and dealing in controlled Wildlife Products	The case was postponed to 16/07/2018 for further investigation.
06	Omaruru Cr 25/04/2018	26-30/04/2018	1	Black Rhinoceros young bull	Illegal Hunting of Specially Protected Game. 2. Removal of Specially Protected Wildlife Products	The cases postponed to 31 July 2018 for Legal Aid and further investigation.

RHINO HORN CASES FROM 1ST JANUARY 2017 TILL DATE 31ST DECEMBER 2017

NO	STATION OFFENCE AND CR	DATE	QUANTITY	TYPES OF SPECIMENS	ACTIVITY	OUT COME OF CASE
01	Otjiwarongo CR 107/01/2017	During January 2017	1	White Rhino (Carcass)	Illegal Hunting of Specially Protected Game and Removal of Specially Protected Wildlife Products	Under investigation
02	Oshifo Cr 03/01/2017	17/01/2017	1	Rhino Horn	Dealing in Controlled Wildlife Product	The docket still at court.
03	Windhoek CR 522/01/2017	N/A	2	Rhino Horns	Possession of and dealing with controlled wildlife Products	The case was provisionally withdrawn on 28/02/2018
04	Sesfontein CR 01/01/2017	N/A	1	Rhino (carcass)	Hunting of Specially Protected Game.	Under investigation
05	Anker Cr 06/03/2017		1	Rhino calf (carcass)	Illegal Hunting of Specially Protected Game.	Under investigation
06	Anker CR 09/03/2017	N/A	1	Rhino (carcass)	Illegal Hunting of Specially Protected Game.	Under Investigation
07	Otjiwarongo CR 88/03/2017	N/A	1	Rhino (Carcass)	Illegal Hunting of Specially Protected Game	Under Investigation
08	Walvisbay CR 58/04/2017	16/04/2017	2	Pair horn	Possession of Rhino Horns	The case postponed to 05/06/2018 for further investigation.
09	Otjiwarongo CR 67/04/2017	between 12-17/04/2017	3	Rhino Carcasses	Hunting of Special Protected Game.	The case postponed to 05/06/2018 for further investigation.
11	Anker CR 06/05/2017	N/A	1	Rhino (carcass)	Hunting of Specially Protected Game	Under Investigation
12	Oshivelo Cr 14/06/2017	N/A	1	Black Rhino (carcass)	Hunting in a Game Park 2.Sec 26(1) Hunting Specially Protected Game	Case pending Police Investigation

13	Okahao Cr 68/06/2017	N/A	1	Rhino (carcass) (dry bones/dung)	Hunting of Specially Protected Game	After the scene was scanned 1x bullet point and some fragments collected from the dung where the carcass was found. Samples to be analyze by the N FSL for comparison
14	Okahao Cr 69/06/2017	N/A	2	Rhino carcass (dry bones/dung)	Hunting of Specially Protected Game	After the scene was scanned 1x bullet point and some fragments collected from the dung where the carcass was found. Samples to be analyze by the N FSL for comparison
15	Okahao Cr 70/06/2017	N/A	2	Rhino carcass (dry bones/dung)	Hunting of Specially Protected Game	After the scene was scanned 1x bullet point and some fragments collected from the dung where the carcass was found. Samples to be analyze by the NFSL for comparison
16	Okahao Cr 71/06/2017	N/A	1	Rhino carcass (skull and scattered dry bones)	Hunting of Specially Protected Game	After the scene was scanned 2x bullet points and some fragments collected from the dung where the carcass was found. Samples to be analyze by the NFSL for comparison
17	Okahao Cr 71/06/2017	N/A	1	Rhino carcass (skull and scattered dry bones)	Hunting of Specially Protected Game	After the scene was scanned small parts of bullet fragments collected from the dung where the carcass was found. Samples to be analyze by the NFSL for comparison
18	Omaruru CR 01/07/2017	27/06/2017	1	Rhinoceros and 1x pair of rhino horn	Hunting of Specially Protected Game and Removal of Specially Protected	The case was postponed to 28/08/2018
19	Okahao CR 02/08/2017	01/08/2017	2	Rhinos cow and Calf (carcasses)	Illegal Hunting of Specially Protected Game	Under Investigation
21	Omaruru CR 20/08/2017	N/A	1	Male (bull) Rhinoceros (carcass)	Hunting of Specially Protected Game	The case was postponed to 28/08/2018
22	Oshivelo CR 20/08/2017	30/08/2017	1	Rhino (carcass)	Illegal Hunting of Specially Protected Game	On 12/03/2018 the case was nolle prosequi.
23	Hochfeld Cr 03/09/2017	07/09/2017	1	Rhino (wounded cow is in stable condition)	Hunting of Specially Protected Game.	Under Investigation
25	Mukwe CR 02/10/2017	05/10/2017	1	Rhino Horn	Possession of Controlled Wildlife Products	The case was withdrawn on 14/11/2017 due to fake Rhino Horn

26	Okahandja CR 113/11/2017	N/A	6	3X Black rhinos 3x white rhinos	Illegal Hunting of Specially Protected Game	The case postponed to 13/06/2018 for further investigation.
27	Windhoek CR 638/11/2017	19/11/2017	1	Rhino (carcass	Hunting of Specially Protected Game	Under investigation
28	Omungwelume CR 01/12/2017	01/12/2017	2	Rhino horns	Possession of Specially Protected Wildlife Products	Police investigation continues

RHINO CASES FROM 1ST JANUARY 2016 TILL 31ST DECEMBER 2016

NO	STATION OFFENCE AND CR	DATE	QUANTITY	TYPES OF SPECIMENS	ACTIVITY	OUT COME OF CASE
01	Anker CR 01/01/2016	N/A	2	Black Rhino carcasses	Hunting of Specially Protected Game.	Under Investigation. Waiting for ballistic analysis from NFSL and completion of photo plan
02	Anker CR 02/01/2016	N/A	1	Black Rhino carcass	Hunting of Specially Protected Game.	Under Investigation. Waiting for ballistic analysis from NFSL and completion of photo plan
03	Werda CR 03/01/2016	N/A	1	Black Rhino carcass	Hunting of Specially Protected Game	Under Investigation. Waiting for ballistic analysis from NFSL and completion of photo plan
04	Werda CR 04/01/2016	N/A	1	Black Rhino Carcasses 1x rhino horn	Hunting of Specially Protected Game.	Under Investigation. Waiting for ballistic analysis from NFSL and completion of photo plan
05	Anker CR 05/01/2016	N/A	1	Black Rhino carcass	Hunting of Specially Protected Game.	Under Investigation. Waiting for ballistic analysis from NFSL and completion of photo plan
06	Sesfontein CR 05/01/2016	N/A	1	Black Rhino carcass	Removal of Specially Protected Game Products. 2. Possession or dealing in Specially Protected	Under Investigation. Waiting for ballistic analysis from NFSL and completion of photo plan
07	Outjo Cr 42/02/2016	N/A	1	black rhino carcass	Hunting in a National Game Park	Case pending Police investigation and LAB report.
08	Outjo CR 43/02/2016		1	Black rhino carcass	Hunting in a National Game Park	Case pending Police investigation and LAB report.

09	Outjo CR44/02/2016	N/A	1	Black Rhino Carcass	Hunting in a National Game Park, 2. Illegal hunting	Case pending Police investigation and LAB report.
10	Outjo CR45/02/2016	1N/A	1	black rhino carcass	Hunting in a National Game Park, 2. Illegal hunting	Case pending Police investigation and LAB report.
11	Outjo CR46/02/2016	N/A	1	Black Rhino carcass	Hunting in a National Game Park, 2. Illegal hunting	Case pending Police investigation and LAB report.
12	Outjo CR47/02/2016	N/A	1	Black Rhino carcass	Hunting in a National Game Park, 2. Illegal hunting	Case pending Police investigation and LAB report.
13	Outjo CR48/02/2016	N/A	1	White rhino carcass	Hunting in a National Game Park, 2. Illegal hunting	Case pending Police investigation and LAB report.
14	Outjo CR49/02/	N/A	3	black rhino carcass	2016 Hunting in a National Game Park, 2. Illegal hunting	Case pending Police investigation and LAB report.
15	Windhoek CR 33/02/2016 1.	01/02/2016	1	Rhino Horn Pieces	Possession of and dealing with controlled wildlife Products	The accused person was released on bail but fail to appear in court on 11/09/2017 and a Warrant for his arrest was issued by the court. His whereabouts is unknown.
16	Okahao CR 32/02/2016	N/A	1	Rhino carcass found	Hunting of Specially Protected Game	Investigation ongoing ballistic evidence in the form of spent projectiles were retrieved on the crime scene and sent to NFSI for ballistic tests and analysis for possible linkage with fire arms confiscated in other poaching or related cases. Ballistics (2 rifles) Lab ref no. 1088/2016 date sent to lab on 20/04/2016 date 18received from lab O/S
17	Okahao CR 33/02/2016	N/A	1	Rhino carcass	Hunting of Specially Protected Game	Investigation ongoing ballistic evidence in the form of spent projectiles were retrieved on the crime scene and sent to NFSI for ballistic tests and analysis for possible linkage with fire arms confiscated in other poaching or related cases. Ballistics (2 rifles) Lab ref no. 1088/2016 date sent to lab on 20/04/2016 date received from lab O/S

18	Okahao CR 34/02/2016	N/A	1	Rhino carcass	Hunting of Specially Protected Game	Investigation ongoing ballistic evidence in the form of spent projectiles were retrieved on the crime scene and sent to NFSI for ballistic tests and analysis for possible linkage with fire arms confiscated in other poaching or related cases. Ballistics + DNA Lab ref no. 633/2016 date sent to lab on 07/03/2016 date received from lab is O/S
19	Okahao CR 60/02/2016	N/A	1	Rhino carcass	Hunting of Specially Protected Game	Investigation ongoing ballistic evidence in the form of spent projectiles were retrieved on the crime scene and sent to NFSI for ballistic tests and analysis for possible linkage with fire arms confiscated in other poaching or related cases. Ballistics Lab ref no. 664/2016 date sent to Lab on 07/03/2016 date received from lab is O/S
20	Okahao CR 61/02/2016	3N/A	3	Rhino carcass	Hunting of Specially Protected Game	Investigation ongoing ballistic evidence in the form of spent projectiles were retrieved on the crime scene and sent to NFSI for ballistic tests and analysis for possible linkage with fire arms confiscated in other poaching or related cases. Ballistics Lab ref no. 665/2016 date sent to Lab on 07/03/2016 date received from lab is O/S
21	Okahao CR 62/02/2016	N/A	2	Rhino carcass	Hunting of Specially Protected Game	Investigation ongoing ballistic evidence in the form of spent projectiles were retrieved on the crime scene and sent to NFSI for ballistic tests and analysis for possible linkage with fire arms confiscated in other poaching or related cases. Ballistics Lab ref no. 666/2016 date sent to Lab on 07/03/2016 date received from lab is O/S
22	Okahao CR 63/02/2016	N/A	1	Rhino carcass	Hunting of Specially Protected Game	Investigation ongoing ballistic evidence in the form of spent projectiles were retrieved on the crime scene and sent to NFSI for ballistic tests and analysis for possible linkage with fire arms confiscated in other poaching or related cases. Ballistics Lab ref no. 667/2016 date sent to Lab on 07/03/2016 date received from lab is O/S

23	Okahao CR 64/02/2016	N/A	2	Rhino carcass	Hunting of Specially Protected Game	Investigation ongoing ballistic evidence in the form of spent projectiles were retrieved on the crime scene and sent to NFSI for ballistic tests and analysis for possible linkage with fire arms confiscated in other poaching or related cases. Ballistics Lab ref no. 668/2016 date sent to Lab on 07/03/2016 date received from lab is O/S
24	Okahao CR 65/02/2016	N/A	1	Rhino carcass	Hunting of Specially Protected Game	Investigation ongoing ballistic evidence in the form of spent projectiles were retrieved on the crime scene and sent to NFSI for ballistic tests and analysis for possible linkage with fire arms confiscated in other poaching or related cases. Ballistics Lab ref no. 669/2016 date sent to Lab on 07/03/2016 date received from lab is O/S
25	Okahao CR 66/02/2016	N/A	1	Rhino carcass	Hunting of Specially Protected Game	Investigation ongoing ballistic evidence in the form of spent projectiles were retrieved on the crime scene and sent to NFSI for ballistic tests and analysis for possible linkage with fire arms confiscated in other poaching or related cases. Ballistics Lab ref no. 670/2016 date sent to Lab on 07/03/2016 date received from lab is O/S
26	Okahao CR 67/02/2016	1x N/A	1	Rhino carcass	Hunting of Specially Protected Game	Investigation ongoing ballistic evidence in the form of spent projectiles were retrieved on the crime scene and sent to NFSI for ballistic tests and analysis for possible linkage with fire arms confiscated in other poaching or related cases. Awaiting Lab results on ballistic submitted
27	Okahao CR 68/02/2016	N/A	5	Rhino carcass	Hunting of Specially Protected Game	Investigation ongoing ballistic evidence in the form of spent projectiles were retrieved on the crime scene and sent to NFSI for ballistic tests and analysis for possible linkage with fire arms confiscated in other poaching or related cases. Ballistics Lab ref no. 671/2016 date sent to Lab on 07/03/2016 date received from lab is O/S
28	Wanaheda CR 331/03/2016	11/03/2016	2	Rhino Horns recovered	Possession and dealing with Controlled Wildlife Products	Case postponed to 11/04/2017 for plea

29	Windhoek CR 871/03/2016		4	Rhino Horns	Possession of Wildlife Products	The case withdrawn due to lab result on 9/20170
31	Omaruru CR 09/03/2016	N/A	2	Privately owned white rhino's.	Hunting of Specially Protected Game	The case was postponed to 10/09/2018 for trail.
32	Bersig CR 03/06/2016	N/A	1	Black Rhino carcass	Hunting of Specially Protected Game	Investigation ongoing ballistic evidence in the form of spent projectiles were retrieved on the crime scene and sent to NFSI for ballistic tests and analysis for possible linkage with fire arms confiscated in other poaching or related cases.
33	Werda CR 03/05/2016	N/A	1	Black Rhino (carcass) 2x Black Rhino Horns	Illegal Hunting of Specially Protected Game	Case remanded to 09/06/2018 for further investigation
34	Katutura CR 457/06/2016	11/06/2016	4	Rhino horns recovered	Possession of and dealing in controlled wildlife products without a permit	The case has been till postponed to 25/01/2018 for DNA result.
35	Otavi CR 14/07/2016	N/A	3	Rhino Horns	Possession of Controlled Wildlife Products	The case postponed to 30/01/2018 for bail application, docket still at court.
36	Okahao CR 34/08/2016	N/A	1	Rhino carcass	Hunting of Specially Protected Game.	Investigation ongoing ballistic evidence in the form of spent projectiles were retrieved on the crime scene and sent to NFSI for ballistic tests and analysis for possible linkage with fire arms confiscated in other poaching or related cases. Ballistics Lab ref no. 671/2016 date sent to Lab on 07/03/2016 date received from lab is O/S
37	Okahao CR 35/08/2016	N/A	1	Rhino Carcass	Hunting of Specially Protected Game.	Investigation ongoing ballistic evidence in the form of spent projectiles were retrieved on the crime scene and sent to NFSI for ballistic tests and analysis for possible linkage with fire arms confiscated in other poaching or related cases. Ballistics Lab ref no. 671/2016 date sent to Lab on 07/03/2016 date received from lab is O/S
38	Okahao CR 36/08/2016	N/A	1	Rhino carcass	Hunting of Specially Protected Game.	Investigation ongoing ballistic evidence in the form of spent projectiles were retrieved on the crime scene and sent to NFSI for ballistic tests and analysis for possible linkage with fire arms confiscated in other poaching or related cases.

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39	Okahao CR 37/08/2016	N/A	1	Rhino carcass	Hunting of Specially Protected Game.	Investigation ongoing ballistic evidence in the form of spent projectiles were retrieved on the crime scene and sent to NFSI for ballistic tests and analysis for possible linkage with fire arms confiscated in other poaching or related cases. Ballistics Lab ref no. 671/2016 date sent to Lab on 07/03/2016 date received from lab is O/S
40	Okahao CR 38/08/2016	N/A	1	Rhino carcass	Hunting of Specially Protected Game.	Investigation ongoing ballistic evidence in the form of spent projectiles were retrieved on the crime scene and sent to NFSI for ballistic tests and analysis for possible linkage with fire arms confiscated in other poaching or related cases. Ballistics Lab ref no. 671/2016 date sent to Lab on 07/03/2016 date received from lab is O/S
41	Okahao Cr 39/08/2016	N/A	1	Rhino carcass	Hunting of Specially Protected Game	Investigation ongoing ballistic evidence in the form of spent projectiles were retrieved on the crime scene and sent to NFSI for ballistic tests and analysis for possible linkage with fire arms confiscated in other poaching or related cases. Ballistics Lab ref no. 671/2016 date sent to Lab on 07/03/2016 date received from lab is O/S
42	Okahao CR 40/08/2016	N/A	1	Rhino (carcass) recovered	Hunting of Specially Protected Game.	Investigation ongoing ballistic evidence in the form of spent projectiles were retrieved on the crime scene and sent to NFSI for ballistic tests and analysis for possible linkage with fire arms confiscated in other poaching or related cases. Ballistics Lab ref no. 671/2016 date sent to Lab on 07/03/2016 date received from lab is O/S
43	Okahao CR 41/08/2016	N/A	1	Rhino carcass	Hunting of Specially Protected Game.	Investigation ongoing ballistic evidence in the form of spent projectiles were retrieved on the crime scene and sent to NFSI for ballistic tests and analysis for possible linkage with fire arms confiscated in other poaching or related cases. Ballistics Lab ref no. 671/2016 date sent to Lab on 07/03/2016 date received from lab is O/S

44	WHK Cr 357/08/2016	N/A	1	Piece of Rhino horn	Dealing in and Exporting of Controlled Wildlife Product without a permit.	The case was finalized on 07/09/2016 and paid the fine of N\$40 000.00 or sentence to 5yrs imprisonment
45	Rundu CR 08/09/2016	N/A	2	Rhino Horns	Possession of Controlled Wildlife Products	The case postponed to 6-7/08/2018 for further investigation.
46	Okahandja CR 12/09/2016	03/09/2016	2	Rhino Horns	Possession of Rhino Horn Products (Dealing with Controlled Wildlife Products.	Accused person is in custody on Omaruru CR 05/09/2016
47	Omaruru CR 05/09/2016	Between 28 th August 2016 and 01 st September 2016	2	Rhino Horns	Hunting of Specially Protected Game	The case postponed to 23-24/07/2018 for Plea and Trail
48	Omuthiya CR 31/09/2016:	N/A	1	Young Adult Black Rhino (carcass)	Hunting in a Game Park Hunting Specially Protected Game.	Case postponed to 06/01/2017 for continuation of trial. Case docket still with the PP, new court date still to be confirmed.
49	Werda CR 01/12/2016	N/A	1	Rhinoceros carcass 2x Rhino horns were recovered	Hunting of Specially Protected Game	The case postponed to 28/05/2018 for plea and trail docket still at court.
51	Werda CR 02/12/2016	N/A	1	black rhino (carcass)	Hunting of Specially protected game	The case was provisionally withdrawn on 28/01/2018