

3 KNP field rangers arrested

Three field rangers have been arrested on suspicion of poaching in the Kruger National Park (KNP), SANParks announced on Wednesday, 16 January. The suspects were based at Crocodile Bridge Section and are currently in custody for further investigation until they appear in court.



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“It is always very sad when your own staff become involved in poaching, however I want to congratulate the SANParks and SAPS investigators for their diligent work in bringing these members to book. Slowly but surely we are coming to grips with people within our ranks who are sabotaging our efforts in this campaign. We still have confidence in those who are committed and loyal; and would like to encourage them to continue with the excellent work. We will not be deterred in ensuring that we are successful in continuing the fight against the scourge of wildlife crime in KNP. Those who are still involved or know of those involved, and would like to give us information, both the CEO of SANParks and I are willing to listen,” commented KNP managing executive Glenn Phillips.

The arrests were a joint effort by the SANParks Rangers, Environmental Investigation Unit, SAPS and Directorate for Priority Crime Investigation.

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