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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND TOURISM

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Good afternoon. Could you confirm (and if yes, why) that since end of last year it is policy to not seal drones when entering Etosha NP any longer, but to confiscate them and they have to be picked up at that get when leaving the park?

The control and prohibition on the use of drones in the Etosha National Park is a security matter, implemented in accordance with the security plan for the park. In the past, the Ministry had allowed visitors to the park to enter with their drones, and only use them if they have permission from the park management authority. To the contrary, many visitors have been entering the park and using drones with no such permission. This situation created some security risks and a disturbance to other visitors to the park. For this reason(s), the Ministry decided that no person entering Etosha National Park will be allowed to enter with a drone. Should any person have a drone and wish to enter the park, such a drone will have to be left at the entry gate of the park and picked up from there on exiting the park.

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