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LIONESSE KILLED AT THE NAMUTONI RESORT CAMP

The Ministry of Environment and Tourism has taken note of the public's concerns surrounding the lioness that was shot at the Namutoni Resort in the Etosha National Park on 20 February 2015.

The Ministry's staff members in the park received notification about the discovery of a fresh giraffe carcass killed by a lioness along the resort camp fence on 19 February 2015. At the time the discovery was made, the carcass was still full and fresh indicating that the kill was recent.

Sometime later it was established that some parts of a giraffe were missing, reportedly cut off by staff members in the resort camp. Immediately an investigation was commissioned by the MET and members of the police.

On 20 February lion tracks were observed in the Namutoni Resort camp, our staff members conducted a comprehensive search of the animal and found the lioness in the resort area along the camp fence. In absence of a veterinarian in the area, our staff members had to act quickly to avoid possible attacks to people particularly tourists, and destroyed the lioness. It was established that a lioness forced its way in by squeezing into a small hole dug by warthogs.

Further investigations are being conducted by the Ministry of Environment and Tourism and the Police in this regard.

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