

Speak out for animals

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REF: Animal law training (Thursday)

Wildlife law was the topic of the day on Thursday. The presentation mainly focused on the functions of Zimbabwe National Parks and Wildlife Authority as it is the custodian of Zimbabwe's wildlife resources. The main statute of the day was the Parks and Wildlife act Chapter 20:14 which govern the protection of wildlife in Zimbabwe. The guest speaker of the day Mr November from Zimparks gave a presentation on challenges of protecting wildlife in the legal sector. In his presentation he made clear how the acts which he defined as the main acts work. The main acts from his presentation included, the Parks and wildlife act, Idemnity act, Trapping of animals act and others. The supporting acts included the immigration act and the criminal act. The participants analysed the parks and wildlife act and the other main statutes noting their weaknesses and areas that needed improvement. The discussion ended up with a heated debate on whether Zimbabwe should persist in advocating for the sale of ivory or if Zimbabwe should take a stance against the sale of ivory. Mr November gave the participants the position of the country's governing authority and why they are persisting on the sale. This discussion could not be concluded but it revealed the need for animal law training.

Thursday in Pictures



Mr November giving a presentation on the challenges of protecting wildlife in the legal sector



Participants posing for a photo during lunch



Participants following closely to Mr November's presentation

