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### CM MULLS GOING HIGH-TECH TO TRACK DOWN POACHERS

**SABAH** Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Shafie Apdal said the government may consider high-tech equipment to combat poaching in the state following the latest killing of a Borneo pygmy elephant in the east coast district of Beluran last week, *Free Malaysia Today* reported yesterday.

He said new technology, besides drones, will be considered to locate the culprits.

"Maybe not drones, but new (technology) that can enable us to locate where and who they are," he told reporters at his office.

Sabah Wildlife Department director Augustine Tuuga said the elephant carcass in Beluran was discovered by plantation workers on Saturday. It was believed to have been dead for at least three days.

Beluran police chief Kasim Muda said they had detained a 20-year-old man who allegedly killed the elephant at a plantation in the district last Sunday.

Rangers are still investigating the matter and recording witness statements.

They have also confiscated the plantation's entry logbook. Several gunshot wounds were found on the body of the elephant, which was also missing its tusks.

This follows the discovery of another bull pygmy elephant found dead in Tawau last month. That elephant, believed to have been about 30 years old, was found with more than 70 bullet wounds.

Its tusks were sawn off and later discovered at a Felde farm, along with a cache of guns and ammunition. Six people, including Felde plantation guards, have been arrested and are expected to face trial soon.