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## Man held to help probe into elephant poaching

**KOTA KINABALU:** A 20-year-old man has been arrested to help investigations into the suspected poaching of a bull Borneo pygmy elephant at a plantation in Sabah's east coast Beluran district.

This is the second case in a month of jumbos being poached for their tusks.

Beluran district police chief Supt Kasim Muda confirmed yesterday that the police and Sabah Wildlife Department rangers picked up the man, a guard at the plantation, at about 11.30pm on Sunday.

It is believed that the rangers also took the estate manager's statement and seized an entry logbook to screen people who had entered the estate.

The arrest came after the discovery of the jumbo's carcass at one of the plantation blocks of Ladang Bimbingan 2 in Beluran on Saturday.

The bull elephant, which had its tusks removed, was believed to have been killed three to five days before plantation workers found it.

Sabah Wildlife Department director Augustine Tuuga said a team of rangers carried out a post-mortem on the dead elephant on Sunday.

He added that they were helping the police in their investigations.

Last month, an elephant was shot dead at Sungai Udin in Tawau's Kalabakan.

Six people, including a Felda guard and settler, were arrested. They are expected to face separate charges under the Firearms Act as well as the Wildlife Conservation Enactment.