

LIONS' REVENGE

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Poaching has become a big problem here in Limpopo Province. Last month, several lions were found poisoned, with their heads and paws cut off, presumably for sale in the thriving black market.

Now, however, the tables may be turning. A suspected big cat poacher has been eaten by lions near the Kruger National Park in South Africa, police say.

The animals left little behind, but some body parts were found over the weekend at a game park near Hoedspruit.

"It seems the victim was poaching in the game park when he was attacked and killed by lions," Limpopo police spokesman Moatshe Ngoepe told The Mirror.

"They ate his body, nearly all of it, and just left his head and some remains."

Police have not yet established the victim's identity. A loaded hunting rifle and ammunition were found next to the body.

When asked to comment, several local lions initially responded with uncontrollable laughter, then after regaining their composure suggested that it was probably "those damned hyenas."

