

CASE-LAW ANALYSIS
POACHING AND ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADE IN TANZANIA

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CASE	
Case number	Economic Case No. 10 of 2015
Court	Resident Magistrate Court of Dodoma
Year (date)	2015
Name of the judge	Hon. Ngimilanga
Name of the parties	Republic, Malima Matungwe
Prosecuting authority (DGOs, state attorney, police...)	State Attorney
Representation of accused person (lawyer?)	Not represented
Transnational elements (Citizen/non-citizen, cross-border offence...)	Citizens/ crime committed in Tanzania, at Mvumi Mission in Chamwino District in Dodoma Region
DESCRIPTION	
Defendants (age, gender...)	Male
History of the case	-
Facts	It was alleged that the accused person on 10 March 2015 Chanumba Village within Chamwino District was found in possession of " <i>wike beast</i> " tail and lizard skin.
Charges	Being in an unlawful possession of government trophies contrary to sections 86(1) (2) (c)(ii) (3)(b) of the Wildlife Conservation Act, No 5 of 2009 and Paragraph 14(d) of the first schedule to and section 57(1) and 60(2) of the Economic and Organised Crimes Control Act, Cap 200 R.E. 2002.
SPECIES	
Name	" <i>Wike beast</i> " (wildebeest?), lizard.
Value	Tshs. 1,236,600/=

Processed/Not processed	Processed.
LEGAL REFERENCES	
Legislation (principal and ancillary legislation)	Wildlife Conservation Act, No. 5 of 2009 Economic and Organised Crimes Control Act, Cap 200 RE 2002 Criminal Procedure Act, Cap 20 RE 2002
Cases cited	-
International instruments	None
DECISION/OPINION	
Decision	Guilty
Basis of the decision (reasons)	The accused entered a plea of guilty
Legal issues raised in judgment	-
Penalty	Tshs. 100,000 fine or three years imprisonment.
OTHER CONTEXTUAL INFORMATION	
Context	
Appealed/Not appealed	No indication
Bail	No indication
Opinion on the case	It is again another case of trophies used for superstitious purposes.