

Read the newspaper article and answer questions 1-16.

HELP SAVE THE HIPPO

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Did you know?

- The hippo is the 2nd heaviest animal on earth;
- Hippos cannot swim;
- Baby hippos are born underwater;
- The mommy hippo's milk is pink.

It is so sad that these special animals are being killed by selfish, cruel people.

According to the police, a 30-year-old man, Siphso Malema, was arrested for hippo poaching and appeared in court on Thursday.

Colonel Tembu, the investigating officer, said that Malema appeared in the court where his case was postponed to 21 October for bail application.

He faced charges of illegal hunting, possession of animal products and an unlicensed firearm.

He was arrested at a house in Thembisa after the police received information.

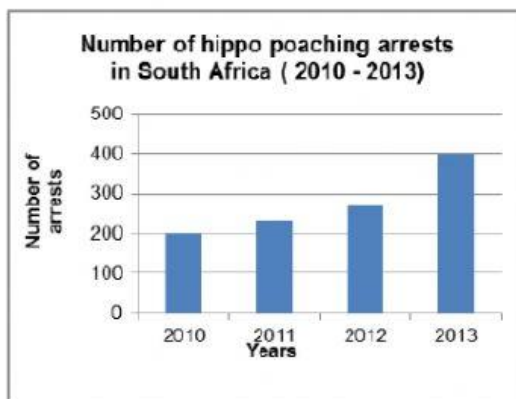
The police discovered hippo meat, skin and bones in the house. 15 traps used to catch small animals were also found.

The colonel said that the house had been taken over by criminals after the legal owners had died.

It was now being used as a butchery by the poachers.

He also explained that the skin strips would be made into sjamboks.

Below is a graph showing the number of poaching arrests made by the South African police.



Let's join hands in protecting our animals.

[Adapted from www.news24.com]

1. What is the heading of the newspaper article?

(1)

2. When was this newspaper article written?

A 6 September 2013

B 6 September 2010

C 21 October 2010

D 21 October 2013

(1)

3. What does the word "poaching" mean?

A Uncover secretly.

B Arrest carefully.

C Hunt illegally.

D Save quickly.

(1)

4. Which word in paragraph 3 means that the court case was moved to another date?

A application

B postponed

C appeared

D bail

(1)

5. What was the surname of the investigating officer?

- A Mazibumvo
- B Thembisa
- C Malema
- D Tembu

(1)

6. What was going to be made from the hippo skin?

(1)

7. How did the police know which house to go to in Thembisa?

(1)

8. What did the poachers use the traps for?

(1)

9. Name **two** animal products that the poachers had in their possession.

(2)

10. Look at the graph and answer questions 10.1-10.3.

10.1 Why was 2013 a good year for the police?

_____ (1)

10.2 In which year was the least number of arrests made?

_____ (1)

10.3 Say whether the following statement is True or False.
There were more arrests in 2013 than in 2010.

_____ (1)

11. Complete the sentence using the correct prepositions.

The poacher had to appear _____ court on Thursday, _____
he was arrested. (2)

12. Write down the correct plural form of the underlined word.

The meat was sold in the butchery.
_____ (1)

13. Write down the correct word in brackets.

13.1 The poacher did not (believe/beleive) that he would be caught.
_____ (1)

13.2 Sharp (knifes/knives) have been used to cut up the hippo.
_____ (1)

14. Rewrite the following sentence using the correct punctuation marks.

we were walking through the bush when we saw a hippo her calf and a few
smaller animals said the policeman

(4)

15. Complete the following degree of comparison.

A rabbit is heavy, a crocodile is heavier but a hippo is the ...

(1)

16. Give a synonym for the word in brackets.

The poacher had an unlicensed (firearm).

(1)

