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**Ms A M M Weber (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment**

Whether she will furnish Ms A M M Weber with the (a) hunting offtakes recommended by SA National Parks (SANParks) for the individual private nature reserves that form part of the Associated Private Nature Reserves for 2020, (b) latest census information on which the decision was based and (c) copies of the letters of recommendation from SANParks to (i) Timbavati Private Nature Reserve, (ii) Balule Nature Reserve, (iii) Umbabat Nature Reserve and (iv) Klaserie Private Nature Reserve regarding 2020 hunting offtakes, noting that the previous Managing Executive of SANParks promised to make the hunting offtake figures public; if not, in each case, why not; if so, what are the further relevant details in each case?

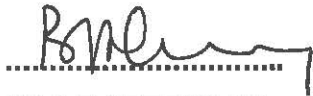
**2359. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:**

- (a) SANParks does not recommend hunting off-takes to the Private, Community and State managed reserves open to Kruger National Park (KNP). SANParks comments on the scientific-based animal off-take requests received from such entities, in consultation with the provincial regulatory authorities overseeing the allocation of such quotas; namely Mpumalanga Tourism

and Parks Agency (MTPA) and Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environment (LEDET).

- (b) Census and scientific reports are submitted by the neighbouring Private, Community and State managed areas, which inform and support the off-take requests. The reports are then considered, and if supported, they are approved by the MTPA and LEDET, as the regulatory authorities. The MTPA and LEDET are the custodians of the Census information.
- (c) SANParks comments on the hunting off-take requests (See Addendum 1). The allocation of quotas is approved by the MTPA and LEDET, as the regulatory authorities. Approved quotas can be obtained from the aforementioned provincial regulatory authorities. However, some of the reserves publish the off-takes quotas on their websites and within their annual reports.

**Regards**



**MS B D CREECY, MP  
MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

**DATE:** 30/10/2020

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**TO:** Mr A Hare - Chair: APNR  
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**SUBJECT:** APNR animal off-takes request for 2019

The APNR's animal off-take request for 2020, received on 20 November 2019, has reference.

The Kruger National Park (KNP) has studied the APNR request (Addendum 1). The required information as per guideline (Addendum 2) has been submitted, and the requested quotas are within the ecological sustainability thresholds.

**Recommendations:**

1. KNP supports the requested animal off-takes for the APNR Reserves (Timbavati, Klaserie, Umbabat, Thornybush, Balule), for the properties party to the GLTFCA Cooperative Agreement for Conservation areas.
2. The approval of a leopard is subject to the allocation of a leopard tag, and the MTPA's approval.
3. The MTPA and LEDET will be responsible for the final approvals, and are requested to inform SANParks and the APNR entities in writing of final approved quotas.
4. The APNR is requested to monitor and manage animal off-takes adaptively during the off-take season.
5. Animal off-take reports, as per Protocol and guidelines, to be submitted by the end of the animal off-take season.
6. The APNR entities to ensure compliance with all Protocols.
7. The MTPA and LEDET to provide regulatory oversight during the off-take season

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