



Legitimate Rhino Trophy Hunting

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Introduction

- ▶ PHASA (Professional Hunting Association of South Africa)
- ▶ National mouthpiece for the professional hunting industry in South Africa (1978)
- ▶ PHASA supports the responsible hunting of all species in a sustainable extensive wildlife system that can fend for themselves, provided that such species are hunted according to the laws of the land and the PHASA Code of Conduct.



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Introduction

- ▶ Appreciation to Kenya for withdrawing proposal;
- ▶ PHASA committed to legal, legitimate trophy hunting; and
- ▶ Assistance to South Africa Government, Range States and CITES parties in combating legal horn finding it's way to illegal markets



PURPOSE

To clearly differentiate between hunting trophies and commercial trade;

To address the issue of pseudo hunting; and

To share with delegates the leadership role taken by PHASA



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TROPHY HUNTING

- ▶ Hunting trophy ito CITES is for personal use only, and not for commercial use (Res 2.11)
== Momento of the hunting experience
NOT commercial trade
- ▶ Export of fake trophies? ⇨ aesthetic value? ⇨ effect value of rhino?
- ▶ Not taking place in national reserves.
- ▶ Limited in provincial reserves – funding directly used towards conservation projects
- ▶ Private Rhino Owners (investors): 80% supports legal, legitimate, trophy hunting



TROPHY HUNTING (cont)

- ▶ Hunting numbers not comparable to poaching.
Trophy hunting: .5% of population
- ▶ Profile of legitimate rhino hunter:
normally experienced, big-5 hunters
- ▶ Pseudo hunters : minority group
PHASA condemns any activities, mis-using permit system, contravening legislation and PHASA Code of Conduct



PSEUDO HUNTING

- ▶ 2008: PHASA first became aware of possible misuse of trophy hunting purpose;
- ▶ Took leadership role:
- ▶ Legal advice
- ▶ Took strong stand with membership and Government
- ▶ Membership: PHASA policy, Information
- ▶ Government: Letter / proposed procedure
- ▶ Internationally: Requested hunting organisations to advise their members to hunt with PHASA members only.



PHASA INITIATIVES AGAINST POACHING / PSEUDO HUNTING

- ▶ Publicly condemning poaching – and pseudo hunting
- ▶ PSEUDO HUNTING:
 - Cautioned members;
 - Public media statements;
 - Proposals to Government – new proposal to be discussed
 - Reporting possible irregularities
 - Code of Conduct / Disciplinary By-Laws
- ▶ POACHING:
 - Funding (Wildlife Heritage Funds and Voluntary Conservation Contributions)
 - Funding Research / investigations
 - Members reporting irregularities seen
 - Voluntary Conservation Contributions by hunters

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Value of Hunting

- ▶ Remove Emotions – facts supplied over past 3 days re conservation and economic value
- ▶ SA Conservation Success Story –
- ▶ PHASA slogan : Responsible hunting for sustainable life and livelihoods



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CLOSING

- ▶ No other wildlife management mechanism places higher value on wildlife, than hunting.
- ▶ That includes the hunting of rhino
- ▶ Stopping the export of legally hunted rhino horn trophies, will not combat poaching...



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