

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND NATIONAL PARKS ACT

(ACT NO. 28 OF 1992)

WILDLIFE HUNTING QUOTA 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, for Public Information, that in pursuance of section 32 (2) of the Wildlife Conservation and National Parks Act, the Director of Wildlife and National Parks has determined that the wildlife hunting quota for the year 2026 to be as follows:

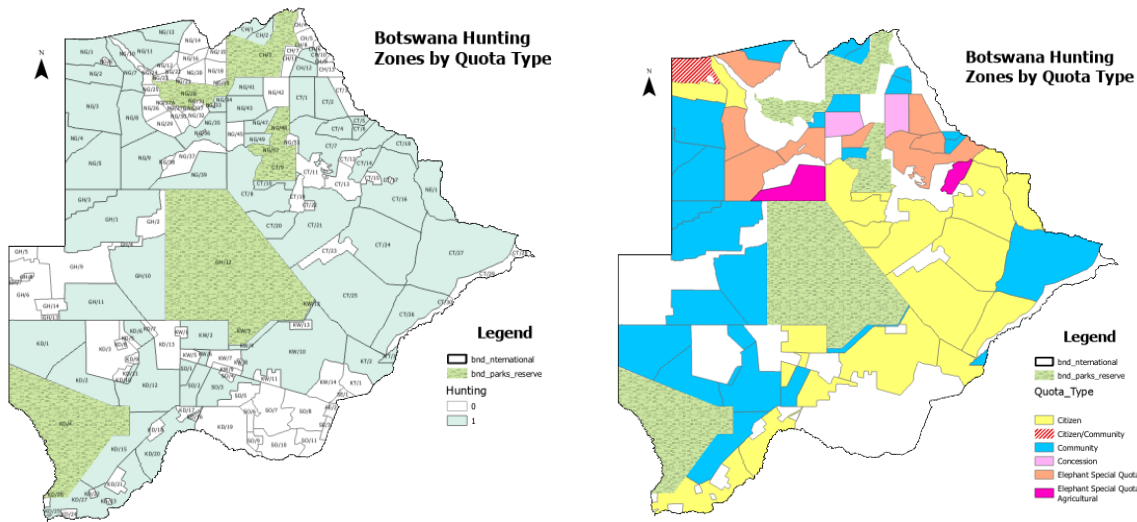


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Wildlife Quota by Species

SPECIES	2026 Quota
Elephant	430
Ostrich	224
Kudu	191
Gemsbok	187
Steenbok	166
Impala	158
Buffalo	139
Baboon	114
Blue Wildebeest	111
Eland	93
Leopard	93
Warthog	91
Zebra	81
Duiker	75
Hartebeest	71
Red lechwe	15
Lion	10
TOTAL	2299

Wildlife Quota by Type

ALL CITIZEN HUNTING AREAS		ALL COMMUNITY HUNTING AREAS		ALL CONCESSION HUNTING AREAS	
Species	2026_Quota	Species	2026_Quota	Species	2026_Quota
Baboon	52	Baboon	59	Baboon	3
Buffalo	0	Buffalo	134	Buffalo	5
Duiker	49	Duiker	25	Duiker	1
Eland	23	Eland	70	Eland	0
Elephant	54	Elephant	234	Elephant	10
Gemsbok	23	Gemsbok	164	Gemsbok	0
Hartebeest	25	Hartebeest	46	Hartebeest	0
Impala	41	Impala	115	Impala	2
Kudu	77	Kudu	109	Kudu	5
Lechwe	0	Lechwe	15	Lechwe	0
Leopard	0	Leopard	76	Leopard	2
Ostrich	100	Ostrich	121	Ostrich	3
Steenbok	66	Steenbok	100	Steenbok	0
Warthog	10	Warthog	81	Warthog	0
Wildebeest		Wildebeest		Wildebeest	
blue	43	blue	68	blue	0
Zebra	10	Zebra	71	Zebra	0
Grand Total	573	Grand Total	1488	Grand Total	31

Wildlife Quota by Regions

CENTRAL

CENTRAL 2026 CITIZEN HUNTING AREAS										
SPECIES	CT8	CT10	CT16,18	CT20	CT21	CT24	CT25	CT26	NE1	TOTALS
Baboon	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	27
Buffalo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Duiker	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	26
Eland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elephant	7	3	5	3	6	3	0	0	10	37
Gemsbok	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hartebeest	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	8
Impala	0	0	8	0	0	5	4	7	0	24
Kudu	3	2	4	3	3	6	6	5	2	34
Lechwe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
Leopard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ostrich	5	0	4	4	4	5	5	4	0	31
Steenbok	3	0	3	3	3	3	3	3	8	29
Warthog	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
Wildebeest blue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zebra	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
TOTALS	28	11	30	19	22	32	28	25	34	229

CENTRAL 2026 COMMUNITY MANAGED AREAS			
SPECIES	CT27	CT 5/6	TOTALS
Baboon	3	6	9
Buffalo	0	15	15
Duiker	3	0	3
Eland	2	4	6
Elephant	30	15	45
Gemsbok	0	6	6
Hartebeest	0	0	0
Impala	15	10	25
Kudu	4	4	8
Lechwe	0	0	0
Leopard	4	3	7
Ostrich	4	4	8
Steenbok	4	3	7
Warthog	2	4	6
Wildebeest, blue	0	0	0
Zebra	0	5	5
TOTALS	71	79	150

CHOBE

CHOBE 2026 COMMUNITY MANAGED AREAS					
SPECIES	CH1	CH 2	CH8	CH12	TOTALS
Baboon	5	0	5	0	10
Buffalo	16	16	15	16	63
Duiker	0	1	0	1	2
Eland	4	5	5	5	19
Elephant	15	15	15	15	60
Gemsbok	0	0	0	0	0
Hartebeest	0	0	0	0	0
Impala	15	9	7	7	38
Kudu	5	5	3	4	17
Lechwe	8	2	0	0	10
Leopard	1	1	1	1	4
Ostrich	5	2	2	2	11
Springbok	0	0	0	0	0
Steenbok	2	2	2	2	8
Warthog	10	8	8	8	34
Wildebeest, blue	0	0	0	0	0
Zebra	7	6	6	7	26
TOTALS	93	72	69	68	302

GHANZI

GHANZI 2026 COMMUNITY MANAGED AREAS					
SPECIES	GH1	GH3	GH10	GH11	TOTALS
Baboon	0	0	0	0	0
Buffalo	0	0	0	0	0
Duiker	0	0	0	0	0
Eland	0	0	0	0	0
Elephant	2	10	10	0	22
Gemsbok	10	10	10	10	40
Hartebeest	3	3	3	3	12
Impala	0	0	0	0	0
Kudu	5	5	5	3	18
Lechwe	0	0	0	0	0
Leopard	4	4	4	4	16
Ostrich	4	4	4	5	17
Springbok	0	0	0	0	0
Steenbok	4	5	4	4	17
Warthog	4	4	0	0	8
Wildebeest blue	0	0	0	0	0
Zebra	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	36	45	40	29	150

NGAMILAND

NGAMILAND 2026 COMMUNITY MANAGED AREAS									
SPECIES	NG3	NG1	NG4	NG5	NG13	NG34	NG41	NG49	TOTALS
Baboon	0	3	3	5	5	0	3	3	22
Buffalo	0	0	0	0	5	20	20	11	56
Duiker	0	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	8
Eland	0	0	9	10	3	2	2	0	26
Elephant	12	4	10	10	10	15	15	15	91
Gemsbok	0	0	4	4	0	2	4	4	18
Hartebeest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Impala	0	0	0	0	7	12	13	0	32
Kudu	3	2	4	4	2	4	3	4	26
Lechwe	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5
Leopard	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	18
Ostrich	0	0	5	5	5	0	0	0	15
Steenbok	0	2	5	5	5	4	4	4	29
Warthog	0	0	3	3	5	3	2	3	19
Wildebeest blue	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	7
Zebra	0	0	0	0	6	9	10	9	34
TOTALS	18	15	48	50	64	78	78	55	33

NGAMILAND CITIZEN HUNTING AREAS 2026				
SPECIES	NG1	NG2	NG7	TOTALS
Baboon	3	3	3	9
Buffalo	0	0	0	0
Duiker	3	3	3	9
Eland	0	0	0	0
Elephant	5	2	10	17
Gemsbok	0	3	0	3
Hartebeest	0	0	0	0
Impala	0	0	0	0
Kudu	3	3	3	9
Lechwe	0	0	0	0
Leopard	0	0	0	0
Ostrich	4	4	4	12
Steenbok	5	3	3	11
Warthog	0	0	5	5
Wildebeest, blue	0	3	0	3
Zebra	0	3	3	6
TOTALS	23	27	34	84

KGALAGADI

KGALAGADI 2026 COMMUNITY MANAGED AREAS						
SPECIES	KD1	KD2	KD6	KD11&12	KD15	TOTALS
Baboon	0	0	0	0	0	0
Buffalo	0	0	0	0	0	0
Duiker	1	1	1	1	1	5
Eland	3	3	0	0	3	9
Elephant	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gemsbok	20	15	8	20	25	88
Hartebeest	7	5	0	7	7	26
Impala	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kudu	3	4	4	5	4	20
Lechwe	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leopard	3	3	3	3	3	15
Ostrich	10	8	8	8	8	42
Steenbok	5	4	4	4	4	21
Warthog	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wildebeest blue	3	3	1	0	2	9
Zebra	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	55	46	29	48	57	235

KGALAGADI 2026 CITIZEN HUNTING AREAS			
SPECIES	KD20	KD27	TOTALS
Baboon	0	0	0
Buffalo	0	0	0
Duiker	4	4	8
Eland	4	4	8
Elephant	0	0	0
Gemsbok	5	5	10
Hartebeest	2	5	7
Impala	0	0	0
Kudu	2	2	4
Lechwe	0	0	0
Leopard	0	0	0
Ostrich	8	8	16
Steenbok	3	3	6
Warthog	0	0	0
Wildebeest, blue	0	0	0
Zebra	0	0	0
TOTALS	28	31	59

SOUTH CENTRAL

SOUTHERN

SOUTHERN 2026 CITIZEN HUNTING AREAS			
SPECIES	SO1	SO3	TOTALS
Baboon	3	3	6
Buffalo	0	0	0
Duiker	0	0	0
Eland	0	0	0
Elephant	0	0	0
Gemsbok	0	0	0
Hartebeest	3	3	6
Impala	0	0	0
Kudu	3	3	6
Lechwe	0	0	0
Leopard	0	0	0
Ostrich	3	3	6
Springbok	0	0	0
Steenbok	5	5	10
Warthog	0	0	0
Wildebeest, blue	5	5	10
Zebra	0	0	0
TOTALS	22	22	44

SOUTHERN 2026 COMMUNITY MANAGED AREAS		
SPECIES	SO2	TOTALS
Baboon	3	3
Buffalo	0	0
Duiker	2	2
Eland	0	0
Elephant	0	0
Gemsbok	4	4
Hartebeest	2	2
Impala	0	0
Kudu	5	5
Lechwe	0	0
Leopard	4	4
Ostrich	10	10
Springbok	0	0
Steenbok	5	5
Warthog	3	3
Wildebeest blue	20	20
Zebra	0	0
TOTALS	58	58

KWENENG

KWENENG 2026 CITIZEN HUNTING AREAS				
SPECIES	KW2	KW6	KW10	TOTALS
Baboon	0	0	5	5
Buffalo	0	0	0	0
Duiker	1	1	2	4
Eland	5	5	5	15
Elephant	0	0	0	0
Gemsbok	2	2	6	10
Hartebeest	2	2	0	4
Impala	0	0	0	0
Kudu	5	5	5	15
Lechwe	0	0	0	0
Leopard	0	0	0	0
Ostrich	4	6	15	25
Steenbok	5	5	3	13
Warthog	0	0	0	0
Wildebeest, blue	0	0	0	0
Zebra	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	24	26	41	91

KWENENG 2026 COMMUNITY MANAGED AREAS			
SPECIES	KW4	KW12	TOTALS
Baboon	5	5	10
Buffalo	0	0	0
Duiker	1	1	2
Eland	5	5	10
Elephant	8	8	16
Gemsbok	5	3	8
Hartebeest	4	2	6
Impala	0	0	0
Kudu	4	4	8
Lechwe	0	0	0
Leopard	4	4	8
Ostrich	10	5	15
Steenbok	5	5	10
Warthog	3	3	6
Wildebeest, blue	1	1	2
Zebra	3	3	6
TOTALS	58	49	107

KGATLENG

KGATLENG 2026 COMMUNITY MANAGED AREAS		
SPECIES	KT3	TOTALS
Baboon	5	5
Buffalo	0	0
Duiker	3	3
Eland	0	0
Elephant	0	0
Gemsbok	0	0
Hartebeest	0	0
Impala	20	20
Kudu	7	7
Lechwe	0	0
Leopard	4	4
Ostrich	3	3
Steenbok	3	3
Warthog	5	5
Wildebeest, blue	30	30
Zebra	0	0
TOTALS	80	80

KGATLENG 2026 CITIZEN HUNTING AREAS		
SPECIES	KT2	TOTALS
Baboon	5	5
Buffalo	0	0
Duiker	2	2
Eland	0	0
Elephant	0	0
Gemsbok	0	0
Hartebeest	0	0
Impala	15	15
Kudu	5	5
Lechwe	0	0
Leopard	0	0
Ostrich	2	2
Steenbok	2	2
Warthog	5	5
Wildebeest, blue	30	30
Zebra	0	0
TOTALS	66	66

SPECIAL HUNTING QUOTAS

ELEPHANT SPECIAL QUOTA

SPECIES	CT2	CT4	CT7	NG8	NG9	NG11	NG35	NG47	TOTAL
ELEPHANT	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	88

ELEPHANT SPECIAL QUOTA AGRICULTURAL

SPECIES	CT5/6	CT8	CT21	CT24	NG8	NG39	CT14	TOTAL
ELEPHANT	6	6	6	6	9	5	6	44

SPECIAL LEOPARD QUOTA FOR GAME RANCHES

SPECIES	TOTAL	SEX
LEOPARD	15	M

EXPERIMENTAL SPECIAL LION QUOTA

SPECIES	KD1	KD2	KD12	KD15	GH3	GH10	CT6	NG8	NG39	KW4	TOTAL
LION	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10

On the following conditions –

- (A) The quota allocated to communities must be bought in whole from those communities, and not in lots.
- (B) The Department will recognize valid agreements between local communities and private operators that were signed prior to the publication of the quota, where such Agreements do not disadvantage communities, where the Agreement disadvantage communities, the Department reserves the right to amend and or cancel the disposal of the quota allocated to the communities.
- (C) All Agreements signed by local communities and private operators after the publication of the quota must be vetted by the Department and the CBNRM office in Gaborone.
- (D) All operators need to have paid for the full community quota by 31st January 2026, failing which the offer will be withdrawn.
- (E) Department of Wildlife and National Parks reserves the right to review all Agreements proposed after the publication of this quota; and
- (F) All community quota negotiations must take place in the presence of District Commissioner's representative as Technical Advisory Committee Chairperson.

DATED this _____ of _____ 2026

Mr Moemi Batshabang
Director of Wildlife and National Parks

Annexure 1: New Proposals Elephant Quota

1. The single game licence for elephant to be increased from **BW70 000.00 to BWP100 000.00;**
2. There should be no closed season for hunting elephants

Annexure 3: Leopard Hunting Report

1. The Leopard Hunting Return Form in Annexure 3 is mandatory for each hunt.



Form No. /Year

MONITORING OF LEOPARD HUNTING

LEOPARD HUNTING RETURN FORM (3 PAGES) *PLEASE FILL OUT ONE FORM FOR EACH LEOPARD HUNT*

LEOPARD HUNT RETURN FORM

GENERAL DATA ON THE HUNT

HUNTING AREA		DATE OF HARVEST:	
HUNTING OPERATOR		CLIENT NAME AND SURNAME:	
HUNTING LICENSE NO:		NATIONALITY:	
PROFESSIONAL HUNTER		CELLULAR NUMBER	
EMAIL ADDRESS		SIGNATURE:	

1. HUNT START DATE:
2. MINIMUM NUMBER OF DAYS BOOKED BY CLIENT FOR LEOPARD HUNT:
3. WAS THE HUNT SUCCESSFUL?
IF NOT, WHY NOT?
4. PRE-BAITING (were baits deployed before the hunt started with the client):
5. NUMBER OF BAIT SITES USED DURING HUNT (including pre-baiting if applicable):
6. NUMBER OF BAIT SITES FED ON BY LEOPARD (including pre-baiting if applicable):
7. TOTAL NUMBER OF BAIT NIGHTS (including pre-baiting if applicable): The total number of nights that all bait sites were open (e.g. if 6 bait sites were open for 1 night = 6 bait nights)
8. TOTAL NUMBER OF BAITS USED (including pre-baiting if applicable): The total number of times that bait sites were 'freshened' with new bait
9. SEX & AGE OF LEOPARD FEEDING ON BAITS DURING HUNT:

SEX & AGE OF LEOPARD FEEDING ON BAITS DURING HUNT:	NUMBER:	EVIDENCE (SIGHTING, TRACKS, TRAIL CAMERA):
Adult male		
Adult female		
Sub-adult male		
Sub-adult female		
Juvenile		
Unknown		

Insert a picture with the measurement of the width of the back pad of the front foot taken around the bait area.



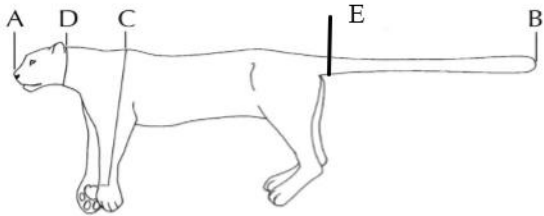
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IF A TROPHY WAS TAKEN:

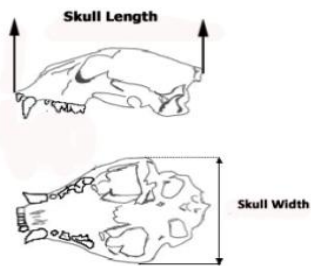
- 10. NUMBER OF DAYS INTO HUNT BEFORE TROPHY IS TAKEN:
- 11. GPS LOCATION OF HUNT:
- 12. SEX:

MEASUREMENTS (in Centimeters =cm): FILL TABLE BELOW – SHALL BE DONE BEFORE SKINNING:

- 13. Total length (cm, tip of nose to tip of tail; Measurement A–B):
- 14. Body length (cm, tip of nose to base of tail: Measurement A-E)
- 15. Shoulder height (cm, tip of scapula to back of plantar pad; Measurement C):
- 16. Neck circumference (cm, immediately behind the ear; Measurement D):



- 17. Skull length (in centimeters = cm, and inches=in., greatest length of skull, measured as a straight line between pegs):



- 18. Skull width (cm and in., greatest width of skull, measured across zygomatic arches)

- 19: Total skull size length + width (cm and inches)

- 20. Weight (kg, weight of leopard)

MEASUREMENTS TABLE

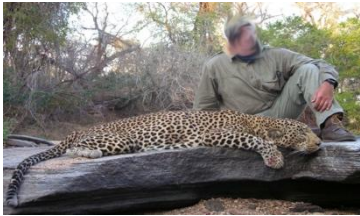
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16. Neck circumference (cm, immediately behind the ear; Measurement D)	
17. Skull length (in centimeters = cm and inches=in., greatest length of skull, measured as a straight line between pegs)	
18 Skull width (cm and in., greatest width of skull, measured across zygomatic arches)	
19. Total skull size length + width (cm and in.)	
20. Weight (kg, weight of leopard)	

Ensure all data are accurate and no blank spaces are left. Page 1 and 2 must be completed even if a leopard hunt was unsuccessful. Ensure GPS coordinates are provided throughout.

SAMPLE COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS

A. High quality color photographs required before the trophy is skinned:

1. Side view showing the entire body with the hunter positioned directly behind for scale. Useful for assessing body size and condition.



SAMPLE

2. Side view of the head (which must be lifted) and shoulders, showing neck circumference.



SAMPLE

3. Frontal view of the face showing the condition and position of the ears, and facial scarring.



SAMPLE



SAMPLE.

4. Close up of the nose clearly showing the pigmentation.

5. Frontal view of the teeth showing coloration and wear on the canines and incisors.



SAMPLE

6. Hindquarters clearly showing the presence or absence of a scrotum.



SAMPLE

B. High quality color photographs required from the cleaned skull:

7. Lower jaw showing all the teeth and chipping of the enamel ridge on the back of the canines.



SAMPLE

8. Upper jaw showing all the teeth and chipping of the enamel ridge on the back of the canines.



SAMPLE

9: Side view of the lower jaw (either side) showing the canine and wear on the cusps of molars and premolars.



SAMPLE

10. Wide shot of all the teeth showing wear, broken teeth, and teeth coloration. **SAMPLE**



Ensure all data are accurate and no blank spaces are left. Page 1 and 2 must be completed even if a leopard hunt was unsuccessful. Ensure GPS coordinates are provided throughout. RETURN THE FORM TO DWNP dwnpresearchhq@gmail.com VIA EMAIL AS SOON AS THE HUNTING IS COMPLETED AND MAINTAIN THE PRINTED AND SIGNED ORIGINAL IN A SAFE PLACE.

Annexure 4: Experimental Special Lion Quota Guidelines

An Experimental Special Lion Quota is allocated with the following conditions:

1. The experimental quota will inform lion management and mitigation of conflict.
2. Each of the 10 CHAs receiving quotas is considered a hotspot of Human Lion Conflict (HLC) in the country.
3. The minimum huntable age of a male lion is set at 6 years
4. The Lion Hunting Report in Annexure 2 is mandatory should be submitted to the DWNP

Annexure 5: Lion Hunting Report



LION HUNTING REPORT (2 PAGES)

PLEASE FILL OUT ONE FORM FOR EACH LION HUNT

FORM NO. YEAR

GENERAL DATA ON THE HUNT

HUNTING AREA		DATE OF HARVEST:	
HUNTING OPERATOR		CLIENT NAME AND SURNAME:	
CLIENT NATIONALITY:		SINGLE GAME LICENSE AND CHA PERMIT Nos.	
PROFESSIONAL HUNTER		CELLULAR NUMBER	
EMAIL ADDRESS		SIGNATURE:	

COURSE OF THE SAFARI

Number of hunting days :days										
Have you effectively looked for a lion to hunt during the Safari?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No										
Number of hunting days before lion was harvested:											
Estimated number of kilometers covered during the Safari:	Bycar By foot Total										
Number of different solitary lions seen during the Safari:											
Number of different lion prides seen during the Safari:											
Total number of different individual lions during the Safari (solitary + in pride)	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Male</td> <td>Female</td> <td>Sub-adult</td> <td>Cub</td> <td>Total</td> </tr> <tr> <td>+</td> <td>+</td> <td>+</td> <td>+</td> <td>=</td> </tr> </table>	Male	Female	Sub-adult	Cub	Total	+	+	+	+	=
Male	Female	Sub-adult	Cub	Total							
+	+	+	+	=							
Number of different "trophy lions" seen during the hunt:											

IF A LION IS HARVESTED

Date of harvest:					
Hunting days needed for harvesting the lion					
Location of harvest (GPS in decimal degrees)	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>GPS S:</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>GPS E:</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	GPS S:		GPS E:	
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Give your own estimate of the lion's age:					
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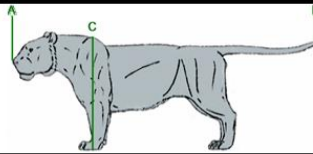
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REMARKS:

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TROPHY MEASUREMENT AND PHOTOGRAPHY

Total length (A-B: tip of the nose to end of the tail):


 cm

Shoulder height (C: tip of scapula to back of plantar pad):

 cm


Side view showing the entire body with the hunter positioned directly behind for scale



Side view of the head, neck and shoulder showing mane development



Head down, showing mane development on head and shoulder



Head up, showing mane development on throat and chest



Face head, showing shape and scars



Frontal view of the teeth, showing coloration and wear on canines and incisors. At time of hunt for color!



Nose, not too close and clearly showing the pigmentation. At time of hunt for color!

BIOLOGICAL SAMPLING

Please note that two blood and two skin samples are required per lion.

Blood sample: Place the filter paper on bullet wound or another source of blood until blood soaks through, air dry for 10-15 minutes in the shade, place in a small plastic bag inside the larger plastic bag and store in a cool place.

Skin sample: Cut a small piece of skin (3-4mm), place it into a tub filled with alcohol 70 or 90° (ethanol) and put the tub in the larger plastic bag.

...thanks for your help!

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