

Proposal of procedures for Hunting trophies in the context of the SRG

Problematic in relation to the elaboration of opinions for hunting trophies

General table of Sp/country combination opinions

	Elephant		Lion		Leopard	Cheetah	Hipoo	White Rhino	Black Rhino
Mozam			Positive Nyassa	Negative (rest of the country)			suspension		
Tanzania	Positive: Serengeti	Negative rest of the country	Positive				Positive		
	Tarangire-Manyara								
	Katavi-Rukwa								
	Selous-Mikumi								
Zimbawe	Positive		Positive				Positive		
Zambia	Positive		Positive				Positive		
Namibia	Positive		Positive			Positive	Positive		
Botswana	Positive								
South Africa	Positive		Positive				Positive	Positive	



No decision formulated or no opinion or negative

Proposal of solution

- During SRG 78 it was submitted a proposal to tackle a potential solution to the mentioned problematic related to the elaboration of opinions by scientific authorities and SRG for hunting trophies.
- A first draft was elaborated and a consultation to some EU Members States and stakeholders was developed.
- The draft was submitted to AC29 and an informal meeting with parties and stakeholders was maintained.

Proposal of solution (discussion period)

- Main elements during discussions raised:
 - Annex A vs Annex B differentiation;
 - How to integrate with current NDF sp/country approach and SRG formulated opinions?
 - Cost vs benefits of decision making process at hunting area level; voluntary vs mandatory;
 - Expert consultants, Independence, cost support
 - The challenge of agreeing species-specific standards at the EU level (UK previous experience with lions).
 - The role of the export countries;
 - Element: Hunting Areas (HA) itself, concessioner, both; it is frequent the change of concessioner?, etc

Proposal of solution (discussion AC29)

- Great interest in hunting sector and other relevant stakeholders.
- It was raised the need for more information exchanging in practice, between Scientific Authorities, in the line of CITES Conf 17 9 resolution, when dealing with import applications.
- The creation of an informal informative group for interested Scientific parties was suggested.
- Formal procedures (may be proposing an intersessional working group)
- Technical WS with experts and SAs (both from import and export relevant countries) would be desirable

Proposal

1) Elaboration **of a List of Hunting Areas (HA)** (subjected to evaluation to obtain a positive opinion for the 7 species inhabiting those areas (African Annex A and Annex XIII (7 sp): elephant, lion, leopard, cheetah, hippo, white and black rhino. Similar approach to *Pericopsis elata* and others.

Pericopsis example



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NOTE FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CITES SCIENTIFIC AUTHORITIES IN THE EU MEMBER STATES

**Subject: Application of Article 4 of Regulation 338/97 – Afrormosia
(*Pericopsis elata*) from the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

At its 76th meeting on 27 June 2016, the SRG agreed to form a positive opinion for *Pericopsis elata* for the total quota of 49 356 m³ (round wood equivalent), bearing in mind that imports can only be accepted from 10 companies / 12 forestry concessions for which management inventories were submitted by the companies in question to the DRC forestry administration¹.

Further to my note of 17 March 2017 (Ares1442197) and subsequent e-mail of 23 March 2017 sent by H el ene Perier, the Commission has received further communications from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Based on those elements, it remains unclear whether DRC wishes to increase its export quota for *Pericopsis elata* from 49 749 m³ to 56 201 m³ for the year 2016. Those elements suggest also that DRC may be considering establishing an export quota of 49 749 m³ for the year 2017, instead of 41 108 m³ as indicated in DRC communication of 6 March 2017.

On the basis of these recent developments, the Commission proposes that the SRG maintains its positive opinion for a quota of 49 356 m³ for the year 2016. This quota relates to the 10 companies / 12 forestry concessions listed in the Annex to this note.

The Commission will formally consult with DRC with a view to clarifying the above issues, as well as with a view to raising a number of questions raised by SRG members, in particular in relation to the report transmitted by DRC regarding the conversion rate between logs and sawn wood volumes.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex

List of 10 companies / 12 forestry concessions for which the SRG has issued a positive opinion on 27 June 2016, corresponding to an overall quota of 49 356 m³ (round wood equivalent)

Soci�t�	N� de contrat (titres)	Quota 2016 (en m ³)
La Foresti�re	003/11	2.047
Cotrefor	018/11	24.107
Sicobols	033/11	271
Sodefor	036/11	1.121
Sodefor	037/11	7.652
Forabola	042/11	2.513
CFT	046/11	1.387
CFT ex-Sodefor	047/11	445
Siforco ex-Sedaf	052b/14 054/14 053/11	8.461
Sodefor ex-Forabola	064/14	1.352
		49.356

Proposal

2) The evaluation of the **HA** would be developed in advance to the potential reception of applications of trophy imports.

3) For this evaluation an specific NDF methodology for hunting trophies will be applied. It will be organized a technical workshop for adapting current NDF methodology to **HA** scale (implying experts, stakeholders and range countries, as suggested in AC29).

Proposal (Evaluation)

- 1) It would be for species/countries with:
 - “no opinion i, ii, iii”
 - “no decision”
 - Exceptionally, “negative opinion”

- 2) Based on field work in the hunting areas.

- 3) In collaboration (mixed teams) between CITES authorities of export country and EU Scientific authorities (Spain and whatever other interested).

- 4) On request of the interested HAs.

Example: list of Hunting Areas we have been invited to develop a preliminary evaluation

Country	Hunting Area name	Elefante	Lion	Leopard	Cheetah	Hippo	White Rhino	Black Rhino
Mozam	Hunting Block (Nyassa)	Ev		Ev				
	Coutada (Zambezi delta)	Ev	Ev	Ev				
Tanzania	Concession (Serengueti ecosystem)			Ev				
	Concession (Katavi-Rukwa ecosystem)			Ev				
Zimbabwe	Concesion (Campfire program, Zambezi valley)			Ev				
	Concesion (Campfire program, Zambezi valley)			Ev				
Zambia	Concesion (Luangwa valley)			Ev				

Ev Information collecting and specific evaluation



Positive opinion at the level of country or ecosystem. Information collecting of potential useful information for potential future reviews



No hunting of the species in the Hunting Area

Initial table including HA resulting from evaluations

	Elephant		Lion		Leopard		Cheetah	Hipoo	White Rhino	Black Rhino
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Zimbawe	Positive		Positive		Positive: Concession (Zambezi valley) Concesion (Zambezi valley)	No decision rest of the country		Positive		
Zambia	Positive		Positive		Positive Concession (Luangwa valley)	No decision rest of the country		Positive		
Namibia	Positive		Positive				Positive	Positive	Positive	
Botswana	Positive									
South Africa	Positive		Positive					Positive	Positive	



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