

EZEMVELO KWAZULU-NATAL WILDLIFE

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY AND CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ALL CONTROLLED HUNTING AREAS

LOCAL HUNTERS

On arrival:

On arrival the Hunting Party Leader will:

- Advise the gate staff at the entrance gate that they are hunters and are proceeding to the Reserve Manager's
 office.
- 2. Report to the Reserve Manager/Section Ranger on the first day of the hunt, who will then arrange for the party to be accompanied by a Field Ranger.

Please note:

No dogs are allowed in the Controlled Hunting Area or in the Reserve.

Entrance fees to the park is applicable.

Shooting test:

After reporting to the Reserve Manager/Section Ranger, hunters will be taken to the rifle range where:

- 1. They will be offered the opportunity to test and zero their rifles at 25, 50 or 100 metres.
- 2. They will then be required to place 3 out of 4 shots in a 150 mm square target from 100 metres, using a bench rest.
- 3. Hunters failing this test will NOT be allowed to hunt in the Controlled Hunting Area

IMPORTANT: PLEASE NOTE THAT
HUNTERS FAILING THIS TEST WILL <u>NOT</u> BE ALLOWED TO
HUNT IN THE CONTROLLED HUNTING AREA.

Administration:

On successful completion of the shooting test, hunters will be required to:

- 1. Sign a copy of these "Conditions of Entry and Code of Conduct" signifying that they will abide by them.
- 2. Sign a KwaZulu-Natal Nature Conservation Board Indemnity form.
- 3. Produce all hunting permits, professional hunting licences and any other documentation as required by relevant legislation.

Controlled Hunting Area: Conditions Applicable Local Hunters:

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- (a) A Field Ranger will be provided. The Field Ranger will act as an observer and guide to the area and will have the authority to enforce the rules and regulations of the park. The Field Rangers are not trackers, judges of trophy horns, or skinners. Although they may volunteer help during the hunt, it cannot be demanded.
- (b) No other staff will be provided to the hunting party, and they are therefore responsible for their own skinning, general labour and all transport and catering requirements.
- (c) A maximum of two hunters are to hunt at any one time, and they must be in the presence of the Ezemvelo appointed Field Ranger when hunting.
- 2. When hunters enter the CHA, whether by vehicle or on foot, they MUST be accompanied by the Field Ranger.
- 3. Hunting is only permitted in the areas demarcated on the map.
- 4. No hunting is permitted within 200 metres of a vehicle.
- 5. (a) The word of the Field Ranger, or physical evidence of blood, will be taken as proof that an animal has been shot. Should the animal not be recovered within the hunting party's allocated days, it will be classified as "wounded" and will be taken off the hunter's allocation and considered forfeited.
 - (b) In the event of a wounded animal leaving the Controlled Hunting Area, and entering the reserve, hunters will NOT be allowed to follow up the animal. The accompanying Field Ranger will immediately notify the Reserve Manager/Section Ranger who will arrange for reserve staff to follow up and locate the animal. The animal may then be destroyed if the wound is considered life threatening. Only if the animal is destroyed, will the trophy be made available to the hunter. If the wounded animal is not located within the hunting party's allocated days, it will be considered forfeited.
- 6. Hunters' vehicles will be confined to roads/tracks designated by KZN Nature Conservation Service staff. Vehicles will only be allowed off these designated roads/tracks to recover carcases. The most direct route from the track to the carcass and back will be used and destruction of vegetation is to be avoided when driving off the tracks.
- 7. No hunting will be allowed from half-an-hour after sunset and half-an-hour before sunrise.
- 8. The Reserve Manager/Section Ranger may, if he is satisfied that any member of a hunting party has:
 - (a) contravened any of the provisions of the Nature Conservation Ordinance No 15 of 1974, or
 - (b) breached any of the terms or conditions of this undertaking, or
 - (c) contravened the local rules and regulations of the Reserve

order such person to immediately leave the reserve.

- 9. Any person ordered to leave the reserve shall not be entitled to take possession of any animal shot by him, nor shall he have any claim against the KZN Nature Conservation Board in respect of such animals.
- 10. A hunter, shooting an animal other than one on his allocation, is liable to:
 - (a) a surcharge for the animal amounting to twice the "live market value" of that particular species shot

- (the "live market value" of the species shot will be determined solely by Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife),
- (b) forfeiture of the carcass including all related by-products as well as trophy,
- (c) be charged for contravening Nature Conservation Ordinance No 15 of 1974.
- 11. The hunt is to be completed during the period allocated.
- 12. No refunds will be made if the hunting package is not hunted in full.

On departure:

The Hunt Leader will:

- 1. Before leaving the reserve on the final day of the hunt, in the company of a Field Ranger from the Hunting area, report to the Reserve Manager on the way out of the reserve.
- 2. Ensure that a "Hunters Return" is completed in full and signed by the Professional hunter as proof that he/she agrees with the details and quantities of animals hunted and the period of the hunt/accommodation.

NB: There are amongst other animals, Elephant, White Rhino, Black Rhino, Hippo, Buffalo and Giraffe present in the Controlled Hunting Areas.

At NO TIME will any shots be fired in the direction of these species.