



environmental affairs

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Discussion document to prepare draft Hunting Regulations

Definitions:

"Sustainable" means use in a way and at a rate that does not lead to the long-term decline of wildlife species;

"Wildlife" means animal species occurring within natural ecosystems and habitats;

"Professional hunter" definition to be developed considering wording of all provincial acts/ ordinances;

"Hunting outfitter" definition to be developed considering wording of all provincial acts/ ordinances;

"Training provider" definition to be developed considering wording of all provincial acts/ ordinances;

1. Purpose of the draft Hunting Regulations:

- 1.1 To ensure that hunting is conducted in an ecologically sustainable manner
- 1.2 To ensure that hunting methods are selective in terms of the target species
- 1.3 To provide for a national uniform approach to hunting

2. Possible scope of the draft Hunting Regulations:

- 2.1 Nationally to all indigenous wild mammal and bird species
- 2.2 Local and trophy hunting
 - Biltong hunting
 - Trophy hunting
 - Hound hunting
 - Bow hunting

- Wingshooting
- 2.3 In protected areas
- 2.4 On privately-owned game farms

3. Guiding Principles:

3.1 Legislative requirements:

- 3.1.1 NEMA, NEMBA (including bioregional plans, threatened or protected ecosystems, biodiversity management plans, etc);
- 3.1.2 Threatened or Protected Species (TOPS) Regulations
- 3.1.3 Provincial legislation and policies (including standards, protocols);
- 3.1.4 International agreements/ conventions, inclusive of:
- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES);
 - Convention on Biological Biodiversity (CBD);
 - Bonn Convention on Migratory Species;
- 3.1.5 Applicable Norms and Standards
- Norms and Standards for hunting methods in SA (not implemented yet)
 - Norms and Standards for the management of elephants in SA
- 3.1.6 Applicable strategies and protocols (e.g. Black rhino expansion strategy);
- 3.1.7 Any other applicable legislation (e.g. Animals Protection Act, 71 of 1962).

3.2 Factors to consider:

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3.3 Principles:

3.3.1 Hunting should not be detrimental for wild populations;

3.3.2 Achieve the objectives of NEMBA, as well as international agreements which are applicable to the sustainable use of wildlife and to which SA are a party

4. Methods of hunting

4.1 Permissible methods

- Bow and arrow, excluding lion, leopard, cheetah, brown and spotted hyena, wild dog, elephant, black and white rhino, crocodile
- Hounds for the purpose of:
 - tracking a wounded animal
 - pursuing an animal over large distances
 - pointing, flushing or retrieving
- Falcons
- Rifle
- Handgun

4.2 Prohibited methods of hunting

- Poison
- Traps (gin traps or trap cages)
- Snares
- Darting
- Automatic or semi-automatic weapon
- .22 of an inch or smaller calibre
- Shotguns, except for birds and hares
- Airguns

4.3 Prohibited hunting activities

- **Put and take**
- Animal under influence of tranquiliser
- Hunting in a controlled environment
- From a motorised vehicle, except to track over large distances or physically disabled persons
- From aircraft, except to track over large distances
- Luring by smell or sound
- Luring by bait, except leopard and hyena
- Flood or spot lights

5. Regulations applicable to hounds hunting

5.1 Registration of hounds

5.2 Pack sizes

6. Regulations applicable to falconry

6.1 Registration of falcons

6.2 Marking of falcons

7. General provisions applicable to local hunting

7.1 Hunting seasons

7.2 Bag limits

8. Regulations applicable to trophy hunting

8.1 Prescribed training

- Duration

- Syllabus

8.2 Registration as professional hunter

- Criteria for new application
- Criteria for renewal

8.3 Registration as hunting outfitter

- Criteria for new application
- Criteria for renewal

8.4 Registration as training provider

- Criteria for new application
- Criteria for renewal

8.5 Responsibilities of professional hunter

- Supervision of the hunt
- Keeping record of information relating to the hunt (professional hunting register)

8.6 Responsibilities as hunting outfitter

- Marketing material
- Provision of services and conveniences
- Keeping record of all information relating to the booking of the hunt

8.7 Responsibilities of training provider

- Provision of training facilities
- Compiling of training material
- Assessment of candidates
- Report on candidates attending the training
- Provide procedure for appeal against assessment

8.8 Professional hunting register

- Compulsory information to be contained
- Submission of register

8.9 Remuneration agreement

- Compulsory information to be contained
- Submission of register

8.10 Regulation of agents