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Off-take application for the 2019/2020 Season

Every year several private nature reserves in the Greater Kruger apply for an off-take of animals. The Umbabat Private Nature Reserve (Umbabat), consisting of the Umbabat Wilderness Conservation Association (UWCA) and Nkorho Private Nature Reserves Association (NPNRA), are now applying for this annual offtake. Two independent entities within the Umbabat also form part of this offtake request.

Our request is in line with international sustainable utilisation guidelines and is also governed by the newly revised Greater Kruger Hunting Protocol. This protocol is a living document and is informed by extensive consultation and input by all stakeholders, including SANParks – Kruger National Park, Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA), and ecological management specialists. The Protocol aligns with legislation and has been ratified at the recent Associated Private Nature Reserves (APNR) Joint Operations Committee (JOC) meeting.

For 2019, the Umbabat is requesting a total of 7 Elephant, (UWCA 3, Nkorho 2 and Independents 2), 5 Buffalo (UWCA 2, Nkorho 0 and Independents 3) and 2 spotted Hyena (UWCA 0, Nkorho 0 and Independents 2) for commercial purposes. In addition, 406 Impala (UWCA 130, Nkorho 220 and Independents 56) are requested for non-commercial purposes.

Our off-take request will be scrutinised and evaluated by the Scientific Services department of the Kruger National Park. They then share their recommendations with the Scientific Services of the provincial conservation authority, the MTPA. The MTPA then issues the letter of authorisation or asks for amendments or further clarifications if needed. Once off-take numbers are approved, the Warden applies for the permits individually to the permitting authority (MTPA) by supplying additional information about the outfitter, client and reserve representatives that form part of each hunt.

The revenue generated from the commercial activities are utilised for the overall management of the reserve.



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The Umbabat federal entity spends nearly 52% of its funds on security and anti-poaching measures, whilst nearly 7% is earmarked for general maintenance and administrative purposes. The reserve also spends approximately 41% on wardenship and conservation needs including aerial animal census, veterinary fees, rhino data, elephant management, ARC surveys, buffalo survey, predator census, etc.

Furthermore, across the Umbabat, different entities contribute an amount equivalent to approximately 25% of the Umbabat's annual budget to community and staff-related matters.

Further communication will follow once the final approval is received

Regards

UPNR Management Authority