



NKORHO
PRIVATE NATURE RESERVES ASSOCIATION

11 June 2018

Lion Hunting Umbabat

The Chairmen of the Reserves comprising the Nkorho Private Nature Reserve as well as Exco members of Nkorho, being part of the Federal structure of the Umbabat Private Nature Reserve together with the Umbabat Wilderness Conservation Association (UWCA), met on 11 June 2018 to consider and evaluate the processes, procedures and outcome of the lion hunt that took place during the week of 6 June 2018. This meeting took place following the print and social media reports, including unsubstantiated and inaccurate accusations and opinions on the legality and compliance of the lion hunt.

The meeting concluded that as far as they are aware, based on presentations made, legal and other requirements regarding the hunting protocol was adhered to, including principles and ethics, as well as specific and general procedures and guidelines. Furthermore, the hunting application, approval and permit process was in full compliance of all the regulatory requirements.

The meeting also sought to review the photographic evidence of all the photos supplied to the Hunting Outfitter and Reserve Representative prior to the hunt. These photos act as a specific guideline to assist the hunting party to take all reasonable steps to prevent the hunt of an identified male lion, so as not to disrupt pride dynamics in the region. In comparing the post-hunting pictures, it was concluded from the facial features and scars, that the hunted lion was not the same as the lion portrayed in the earlier provided pictures. All agreed that the photograph provided after the hunt took place, was of a different animal to that which was provided prior to the hunt.

Based on the photographic evidence presented at the meeting, we believe the decision by the hunting party to proceed, adhered to all required reasonable steps in carrying out the sanctioned hunt.

Regards

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Theo van Wyk
Chairman

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