



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM

MEDIA RELEASE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF HUNTING SEASON

The Ministry of Environment and Tourism, with the approval of Cabinet, and as provided for by the Nature Conservation Ordinance (Ordinance No. 4 of 1975 as amended), hereby announces a hunting season for the hunting of huntable game and huntable game birds. The hunting season enables members of the public to hunt certain species of game on invitation of a farm owner, lessee of a farm or a registered Conservancy, with the following provisions:

HUNTING SEASON FOR HUNTABLE GAME SPECIES

- Huntable game species can be hunted over the period from 1 May 2018 to 31 August 2018 (both days included) in the case of commercial farms of not less than 1000 hectares and which are enclosed with registered game proof fences and on registered Conservancies where quotas have been approved for huntable game species.
- Huntable game species can be hunted over the period from 1 June 2018 to 31 July 2018 (both days included), in the case of commercial farms not less than 1000 hectares in size and

which are enclosed with an adequate fence (normal livestock fence).

HUNTING SEASON FOR HUNTABLE GAME BIRD SPECIES.

- The periods as well as the bag limit per day per hunter are provided in the annex below. Hunttable game birds may be hunted by virtue of a written permission of the owner or lessee of a farm, or piece of land, the size in extent of not less than 1000 hectares and which is enclosed with at least an adequate fence, and within the boundaries of registered Conservancies with the written permission from the Conservancy committee. Hunting periods have been determined according to non-breeding times.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The public is informed of the following important information concerning the hunting season:

Hunting Limits

- There are prescribed limitations regarding the number of hunttable game animals that may be hunted by a single hunter on a commercial farm or farms which is/are enclosed with an adequate fence during a hunting season as follows (see the annex for limits on hunttable birds):
 - a total of three (3) large game animals; or
 - a total of two (2) large game and four (4) small game animals; or
 - a total of one (1) large game and eight (8) small game animals; or
 - a total of twelve (12) small game animals.

- No person shall hunt more than one (1) kudu during the hunting season
- No person shall hunt in total more than one or other combination of numbers as specified above, of huntable game animals per hunting season (noting that such limitations do not apply in case where permission is granted for the hunting of game animals on a **farm** which is enclosed with a registered game proof fence).

Game species

- Large game species consist of **Kudu** and/or **Oryx** and/or **Red Hartebeest**
- Small game species consist of **Springbok** and/or **Warthog**

Fences

- A game proof fence is a fence prescribed and certified by the Ministry of Environment and Tourism, for types of game that normally jump over or crawl under fence barriers.
- An adequate fence is the normal five strand stock proof fence.
- The obligatory jackal-proof fence on farms in the small stock of the southern region of Namibia is considered as game proof fenced for non-jumping game.

Veterinary restrictions

- Prior permission from the Directorate of Veterinary Services, Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry, is required to transport warthog or part of warthog from the land where it was obtained; and for any game meat or product of game meat or game birds or products of game birds to be exported from Namibia.

- The Directorate of Veterinary Services does not allow game meat to be transported from north of the Veterinary cordon fence.

Firearms

- The Namibian Police will not allow the import of any automatic firearm or any handgun by visiting hunters, and such firearm may not be used for hunting.
- The importation of hunting rifles for the hunting of huntable game and shotguns for the hunting of huntable game birds will only be allowed on the presentation by the hunter of a letter of invitation from the farm owner, lessee or Conservancy committee where the hunt will take place. It is the responsibility of the relevant owner, lessee or committee to fax or mail an invitation letter to the hunter.

Permit and reporting back

- Hunting permits will only be issued to **farm owners** or **lessees**, or in the case of registered Conservancies, to the **Conservancy committees**.
- A permit fee of N\$ 100.00 shall apply for each permit.
- Hunting permits cannot be used to take horns (trophies) out of Namibia. No such export may take place without prior permission from the Ministry of Environment and Tourism.
- Hunting permits will be issued to the farm owner or lessee or registered communal conservancy committee upon submission of a written invitation to the prospective hunter. The farm owner, lessee or committee must provide the **white**

copy of the permit to the hunter and report back to Permit Office by returning the **blue copy** with the required information filled in. **The white copy of the permit is required for the transport and export of any game meat resulting from such hunting, and should remain in the possession of the hunter.**

- Failure by farm owners, lessees or committees to report back is an offence and punishable by law, and may lead to the refusal by the Ministry of Environment and Tourism to issue further permits to the relevant party.
- No permit will be directly issued to any hunter. It is the responsibility of the farm owner, lessee or committee to apply for and obtain the permits.
- Invitation to hunt by a Land owner, Lessee or Conservancy Committee should contain the following information:
 - Name and address of the farm owner or lessee or registered Conservancy;
 - Name and address of hunter;
 - Name, number and District where the farm or Conservancy is located;
 - Type of fence enclosing farm/land and whether registered;
 - Total number of huntable game per species that the hunter is invited to hunt;
 - Period during which hunting and transportation of the meat will take place;
 - Signature of the farm owner, lessee or committee.
- Hunting permits can be obtained during normal office hours at the following offices of the Ministry of Environment and Tourism for the Regions or Districts specified (or other Regions if

needed, but only after consultation with the relevant regional office).

Windhoek:

Permit Office of the Directorate of Scientific Services: Permits for farms throughout the country, and permits for registered Conservancies.

/Karas Region:

Border posts: Ariamsvlei and Noordoewer: Permits for farms in the /Karas Region situated between the border and the nearest regional office of the Directorate of Wildlife and National Parks.

Keetmanshoop: Permits for farms in the /Karas Region.

Karasburg: Permits for farms in the /Karas Region.

Hardap, Khomas, Kunene, Omaheke, Otjozondjupa, Oshikoto and Erongo Regions:

Mariental: Permits for farms in the Hardap Region.

Rehoboth: Permits for farms in the Hardap and Khomas Regions.

Gobabis: Permits for farms in the Omaheke Region.

Otjiwarongo: Permits for farms in the Ojozondjupa, Oshikoto, and Kunene Regions

Outjo: Permits for farms in the Kunene and Otjozondjupa Regions.

Grootfontein:	Permits for farms in the Otjozondjupa, and Oshikoto Regions.
Swakopmund	Permits for farms in the Erongo Region.
Walvis Bay	Permits for farms in the Erongo Region.

Further enquiries can be made to the Directorate of Wildlife and National Parks or the Permit office at the Directorate of Scientific Services of the Ministry of Environment and Tourism in Windhoek

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