



**IMPORT OF SPORT-HUNTED TROPHIES (Appendix I of CITES and/or ESA)**



New  Reissue/Renew  Amendment

Complete Sections A or B, and C, D, and E of this application. U.S. address may be required in Section C.\*\*

<b>A. Complete if applying as an individual</b>			
1.a. Last name <b>Damron</b>	1.b. First name <b>Michael</b>	1.c. Middle name or initial <b>C</b>	1.d. Suffix
2. Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) <b>09/15/72</b>	5.a. Telephone number <b>352-302-1377</b>	5.b. Alternate telephone number <b>979-571-4968</b>	6. E-mail address <b>adventurepermits@gmail.com</b>

<b>B. Complete if applying on behalf of a business, corporation, public agency, Tribe, or institution</b>			
1.a. Name of business, agency, Tribe, or institution		1.b. Doing business as (dba)	
2. Tax identification no.	3.a. Description of business, agency, Tribe, or institution		3.b. Website URL (if applicable)
4.a. Principal officer (P.O.) last name	4.b. P.O. first name	4.c. P.O. middle initial	4.b. P.O. Title
5. Primary contact name		6. Primary e-mail address	
7.a. Business telephone number	7.b. Alternate phone no.	8.a. Primary contact telephone no.	

<b>C. All applicants complete address information</b>				
1.a. Physical address (Street address; Apartment #, Suite #, or Room #; no P.O. Boxes) <b>3195 West Pebble Beach Court</b>				
1.b. City <b>Lecanto</b>	1.c. State <b>Florida</b>	1.d. Zip code/Postal code <b>34461</b>	1.e. County/Province <b>Citrus</b>	1.f. Country <b>USA</b>
2.a. Mailing Address (include if different than physical address; include name of contact person if applicable)				
2.b. City	2.c. State	2.d. Zip code/Postal code	2.e. County/Province	2.f. Country

<b>D. All applicants MUST complete</b>	
1. Include a check or money order, payable to the U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, a nonrefundable processing fee [50 CFR 13.11(d)(4)]. Federal, Tribal, State, and local government agencies, and those acting on behalf of such agencies, are exempt from the processing fee – <b>attach documentation of fee exempt status as outlined in instructions.</b> (50 CFR 13.11(d)).	
2. If you are requesting a reissue/renew/amendment, what is your permit/file number?	
3. Certification: I hereby certify that I have read and am familiar with the regulations contained in Title 50, Part 13 of the Code of Federal Regulations and the other applicable parts in subchapter B of Chapter I of Title 50, and I certify that the information submitted in this application for a permit is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false statement herein may subject me to the criminal penalties of 18 U.S.C. 1001.	
The individual/principal officer of the business must print and sign the application. (No photocopied or stamped signatures) <span style="float: right;">Date (mm/dd/yyyy) <b>12/28/2022</b></span>	

\*\* Further instructions for the above application may be found on our ePermits website. See the last page for information on the Privacy Act, Paperwork Reduction Act, Estimated Burden, and Freedom of Information Act aspects of this application form.

Mail your application(s) to Division of Management Authority, Branch of Permits, MS:IA 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

**E. IMPORT OF SPORT-HUNTED TROPHIES (Appendix I of CITES and/or ESA)**

**Note 1:** This form should be used to request authorization to import trophies of species included in Appendix I of CITES and/or as threatened or endangered under the ESA (examples include elephants, lions, cheetahs, wood bison, and markhor).

**PLEASE USE FORM 3-200-19 FOR SOUTHERN AFRICAN LEOPARD TROPHIES AND NAMIBIAN SOUTHERN WHITE RHINOCEROS TROPHIES.**

**Note 2:** If you hold an import permit for trophy/trophies that you did not use, please **return the unused original permit**. If you are requesting reissuance of a permit because you have taken a trophy, but were unable to import it prior to the expiration of the permit, please use the renewal form (3-200-52) and return your original permit with that form.

**Note 3:** Applications for species listed as endangered under the U.S. Endangered Species Act are published in the Federal Register for a 30-day public comment period. Please allow at least **90 days** for the application to be processed.

**Note 4:** *Sport-hunted trophy* is defined at 50 CFR 23.74 as follows: *Sport-hunted trophy* means a whole dead animal or a readily recognizable part or derivative of an animal specifically identified on the accompanying CITES document that meets the following criteria:

- Is raw, processed, or manufactured;
- Was legally obtained by the hunter through hunting for his or her personal use;
- Is being imported, exported, or re-exported by or on behalf of the hunter as part of the transfer from its country of origin ultimately to the hunter's country of usual residence; and
- Includes worked, manufactured, or handicraft items made from the sport-hunted animal only when:
  - i. Such items are contained in the same shipment as raw or tanned parts of the sport-hunted animal and are for the personal use of the hunter;
  - ii. The quantity of such items is no more than could reasonably be expected given the number of animals taken by the hunter as shown on the license or other documentation of the authorized hunt accompanying the shipment; and
  - iii. The accompanying CITES documents (export document and, if appropriate, import permit) contain a complete itemization and description of all items included in the shipment.

**Note 5:** Certain hunting trophies, including elephants, are subject to restrictions on their use after import into the United States. Please see 50 CFR 23.55 for more information or contact the Division of Management Authority.

- **Complete all questions on the application.**
- **Mark questions that are not applicable with "N/A".**
- **If applying for more than one trophy species, be sure to answer questions 4, 5, and 6 for each trophy.**
- **If importing trophies from more than one country, you must submit a separate application for each shipment in order to obtain separate import permits.**

1. Name and address where you wish the permit to be mailed, if different from physical address. If you would like expedited shipping, please enclose a self-addressed, pre-paid, computer-generated, courier service airway bill. If unspecified, all documents will be mailed via the U.S. Postal Service.

Adventure Permits ATTN: Jerad Dabney 1429 Winrock BLVD, Houston Texas 77057

2. Who should we contact if we have questions about the application (name, phone number, and e-mail)?

Jerad Dabney 979-571-4968 AdventurePermits@gmail.com

3. Have you or your client (if a broker applying on behalf of your client), been assessed a civil penalty or convicted of any criminal provision of any statute or regulation relating to the activity for which the application is filed; been convicted, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, for a felony violation of the Lacey Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, or the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act; forfeited collateral; OR are currently under charges for any violation of the laws mentioned above?

No     Yes

If you answered "Yes" to Question 3, provide: a) the individual's name; b) date of charge; c) charge(s); d) location of incident; e) court, and f) action taken for each violation. Please be aware that a "Yes" response does not automatically disqualify you from getting a permit.

4. For each trophy to be imported, provide:

a. Scientific name (genus, species, and, if applicable, subspecies) and common name.

Diceros bicornis - Black Rhino

b. Sex (if known).

MALE

5. **IF ANIMAL IS CURRENTLY LIVING IN THE WILD**, please include the following information:

a. Country and location (e.g., area, region, GIS coordinates, ranch, conservancy, management area, or hunting block, AND nearest city) where wildlife is to be taken from the wild:

b. Date wildlife is to be hunted:

c. Name of hunting outfitter, safari company, or professional hunter you will be hunting with:

6. **IF ANIMAL HAS ALREADY BEEN TAKEN**, please include the following:

a. Country and location (e.g., area, region, GIS coordinates, ranch, conservancy, management area, or hunting block, AND nearest city) where trophy was removed from the wild:

Mangetti National Park, Closest City: Rundu, Namibia

b. Date wildlife was hunted: October 30, 2022

c. Approximate age of animal: 31 years old

d. Name of hunting outfitter, safari company, and/or professional hunter you hunted with:

Omujeve Hunting Safaris, Professional Hunter - Cornelius Kruger

e. The current location of the trophy (address and country) [the U.S. CITES import permit will identify this country as the country of export/re-export and must match with the CITES export/re-export document]:

Omujeve Hunting Safaris, PO BOX 9453, Windhoek Namibia

7. Please provide a copy of any applicable foreign government permits, licenses, or tags, that were required to remove this animal from the wild (if you have not hunted yet and do not currently hold any such permits or licenses, please indicate so).

8. Complete name and address of overseas person or business shipping the trophy to you. If you are applying to import a trophy directly from **Namibia**, you **must** provide the name and address of the professional hunter listed on your Namibian hunting permit [this name will appear on the face of the export permit].

Name: Cornelius Kruger  
Business Name: Omujeve Hunting Safaris  
Address: PO Box 9453  
City: Windhoek  
City: Namibia  
State/Province:  
Country, Postal Code:

9. For species listed under the Endangered Species Act, please be aware that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service must make a finding that your activities will enhance or benefit wild populations of the species involved. While we will communicate with the range country for the species you will hunt or have hunted when making the required findings, **please include the Operator Enhancement Questionnaire** provided in Annex I filled out by the operator or professional hunter of the concession in which you hunted or will hunt. You may attach an updated report of operations from this concession in lieu of this questionnaire if information regarding the enhancement of the survival or propagation of the species in the wild is made available in the report.

10. If required by the country in which you hunted, please include the government-endorsed hunter return form.

11. Provide the name of the operator, safari company, or professional hunter with whom you hunted or will hunt.

Name (Company/Professional Hunter): Omujeve Hunting Safaris / Cornelius Kruger  
E-mail: Bookings@omujevehuntingsafaris.com  
Phone number: +1 979-571-4968

**CERTIFICATION STATEMENT** (original signature must be provided for either 11 or 12 below)

12. If you are a broker or taxidermist applying on behalf of a U.S. hunter or foreign national, provide documentation to show you have **Power of Attorney** to act on your client's behalf and sign the following statement.

I acknowledge that the sport-hunted trophy/trophies to be imported has been/will be personally hunted by my client and is being imported only for my client's personal use (i.e., **not for sale, transfer, donation, or exchange that is reasonably likely to result in economic use, gain, or benefit**). If applying for the import of a leopard trophy, I understand that my client may only import two leopard trophies in one calendar year.

Taxidermist/Broker's signature:  Date: 12/28/2022

13. If you are the hunter applying to import your own trophy, please read and sign the following statement.

I acknowledge that the sport-hunted trophy/trophies to be imported has been/will be personally hunted by me and is being imported only for my personal use (i.e., **not for sale, transfer, donation, or exchange that is reasonably likely to result in economic use, gain, or benefit**).

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Be aware that there may be additional permitting or approval requirements by your local or state governments, as well as required by other Federal agencies or foreign government to conduct your propose activity. While the Service will attempt to assist where possible, it is your responsibility to obtain such approval.*

14. All international shipment(s) must be through a designated port. A list of designated ports (where an inspector is posted) is available from **the list of designated ports**. If you wish to use a port not listed, please contact the Office of Law Enforcement for a Designated Port Exemption Permit (form 3-200-2).

## ANNEX I OPERATOR ENHANCEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

### Operator Information

- a. Name of Area Operator: MET/Ukwangali Traditional Authority/Kavango Regional Council.
- b. Years in business: 14
- c. Name of company conducting hunt: Omujeve Hunting Safaris
- d. Country: Namibia

### Concession

- a. Name of Concession: Mangetti National Park
- b. Area in km<sup>2</sup>: 419
- c. Land tenure:
  - Government Lease
  - Community
  - Private Ranch
  - Private Conservancy
- d. Length of concession agreement: 3 Years 2022-2024
- e. Can the concession be renewed? Yes
- f. Length of renewal, if applicable: 3 Years
- g. Estimated trophy fees: \$3,825,000 Namibian Dollars, \$2,667,500 Direct to Namibian MET
- h. Are there are special obligations under the Concession Agreement (e.g. annual reporting, poaching control, qualification requirements, community investment/employment)? If so, please explain (attach extra documents if needed): Yes, we are required to Employ/Train members of the Local community. Provide Anti Poaching Support. We also use local staff when available for camps/skinners/trackers/housekeepers, build facilities that benefit the community.
- i. Provide concession location and nearest city: North Central Namibia, City - Rundu, See MAP below
- j. Please attach a map or maps with marked boundaries and nearest city
- k. If the concession borders a National Park, provide park name: It is a National Park
- l. Describe general and distinctive habitat/water features: Kalahari Woodlands  
Kalahari woodland vegetation dominates Mangetti's dune crests, whereas mixed acacia savannah vegetation characterises the dune valleys  
There are multiple waterholes that are run by Windmills.

### Communities in the Concession

- a. Are there any communities living in the concession? Yes  No
- b. If so, estimated number of people/villages in the concession: n/A
- c. Are there communities bordering this concession? Yes  No
- d. If so, estimated number of peoples/villages around the concession: 3000

### Relevant Game Populations in the Concession

Species	Relative Abundance (Dense, Average, or Sparse)	Estimated Population	3-Year Trend (Up, Down, or Stable)	How is it Monitored?
Elephant				
Lion				
Prey Species (if applicable)				
Other: Black Rhino	Dense	20	Stable to increasing	Game Surveys/Visual Counts by Rangers/Game Cameras

- a. If there are any population studies or reports being done in or around the concession area, please provide a copy with your application.
- b. Are there any actions being taken to conserve game community habitat? If so, please explain and attach any relevant project photos or reports.

Local Community Participation

- a. Total employment number: 13
- b. Total employment in the off-season: 6
- c. Identify the number and type of all employees:

Employee Type	Number of Employees	Number of Employees from Local Communities	Number of Employees in the Off-Season
Professional Hunters	2		
Trackers	2	2	
Anti-poaching Scouts/Rangers	6	6	6
Other Anti-poaching			
Cooks/Housekeepers	2	2	
Community Coordinators			
Managers			
Biologists	1		
Others: _____			

Anti-Poaching Efforts

- a. Number of anti-poaching staff: 6
- b. Are patrols conducted during the hunting season, off-season, or both? Both 365/year
- c. Months patrols are conducted: Jan-Dec
- d. Number of patrols per month: Daily
- e. Estimate the percentage of trophy fees that go toward anti-poaching efforts: 70%
- f. Description of anti-poaching equipment, vehicles, gear, etc. Uniforms, Boots, Weapons, Vehicles Tents, Radios, Helicopters, the additional Funds Support the Black Rhino Conservation across the entire country of Namibia as Determined by Namibian MET, the proceeds from hunt do not just support the Mangetti National Park.
- g. Do government-sponsored game scouts conduct patrols? YES
- h. If so, do they have the ability to arrest? YES
- i. Do you offer rewards to poaching informants leading to arrest? Yes  No
- j. Do you offer rewards to poaching informants upon conviction? Yes  No
- k. Please describe the operator's anti-poaching expenditures over the past 3 years below:

Type of Expense	Year 1 (2022) Spending	Year 2 ( ) Spending	Year 3 ( ) Spending	Remarks
Scout Salaries	50000			
Equipment				
Vehicles				
Fuel	25000			
Rewards				
Others: _____	6000 Uniforms			
Totals	81000			1st year -Minimum Per Year

- l. What currency are the expenditures given in? Namibian Dollars

Anti-Poaching Results

Type	Year 1 (2022)	Year 2 ( )	Year 3 ( )	Remarks
Poaching Incidents Discovered	0			There were no incidence of Poaching in the Park
Elephant Carcasses Observed				
Lion Carcasses Observed				
Leopard Carcasses Observed				
Ivory Poachers Observed				
Bush Meat Poachers Observed				
Illegal Logging Observed				
Other Poachers Observed				
Poachers Convicted				
Snares/Traps Collected				
Firearms Confiscated				
Vehicles Confiscated				
Bicycles Confiscated				
Boats/Nets Confiscated				
Tusks Recovered				Our Rangers Patrol Heavily, and are Armed.
Others: <u>Black &amp; White Rhino</u>	0			There haven't been any poaching incidents.

Community Investment

- Does the company give money or goods/services to local communities? Yes  No
- If so, what percentage/amount is shared and how often, and how much is voluntary (i.e. more than required by law)? The funds from this Black Rhino Hunt specifically go to the MET to support their Black Rhino Conservation Program Country Wide.
- Does the company provide game meat to nearby communities? Yes  No
- If so, estimate the amount/value of meat contributed in the last year and describe that distribution program: All of the meat from this Park goes to the local community, approximately 15000 lbs.
- Are there any programs run by the company that address human-wildlife conflict (e.g. patrolling field during harvest, PAC hunts, insurance programs); please describe. YES  
PAC hunts for farm raiding elephants are conducted in the area. There haven't been any Black Rhino Human/Wildlife Conflicts Reported this Year.

f. Describe any consolation payments made to local residents that have incurred damage by game species:

Species	Damage Caused	Consolation Paid, Year 1 ( )	Consolation Paid, Year 2 ( )	Consolation Paid, Year 3 ( )	Remarks
Elephant	NA				
Lion	NA				
Leopard	NA				
Other: <u>Black Rhino</u>	<b>NA</b>				

g. What currency are the expenditures reported in? NA

h. Describe any community projects paid for by the company:

Product/Service	Spending, Year 1 (2022)	Spending, Year 2 ( )	Spending, Year 3 ( )	Remarks
Education (classrooms, offices)				
Education (supplies, fees)	5000			School Supplies for local members
Health (clinics, offices)				
Health (equipment, salaries)				



Product/Service	Spending, Year 1 (2022)	Spending, Year 2 ( )	Spending, Year 3 ( )	Remarks
Community Scout Salaries				
Community Anti-Poaching	50000			
Local Government Activities				
Infrastructure Improvements				
Sports Teams Funded				
Construction Materials Donated	15000			Windmills
Other: Fuel	12000			Ranger Vehicles
Other:				
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>82000</b>			<b>Minimum Per Year</b>

- i. What currency are the expenditures reported in? Namibian Dollars, 70% of the trophy fee goes directly to the Namibian MET
- j. Include receipts and photographs of projects, if available.

**Company Clientele**

- a. How many U.S. clients did the company have in the past 3 years (indicate years), what percentage of clients were from the U.S., and what fees did they pay?

	Elephant	Lion	All Species
Number of U.S. Clients	2 - Black RHINOS (not Elephant)		75
Percentage of Clients from the U.S.	80%		
Trophy Fees Paid by U.S. Clients	<b>\$625,000 USD</b>		

- b. Approximate amount/percentage of company's revenue from U.S. clientele: 80%

**Hunting Policies**

- a. List the expertise required for the company's professional hunters (i.e. abilities and experience):  
See attached Below.
- b. Are there age/sex requirements for take of trophies? If so, please describe how this is enforced for each species (attach methodology, if available): YES, 25+ Years Old  
The Black Rhino Bulls that are hunted are selected by the Namibian MET, they specifically target bulls that are older/no longer contributing to breeding.
- c. Are there hunt return forms that must be reported to officials? If so, please include a copy of these forms or confirmation of their receipt for the past 3 years.

Other Information

Provide a narrative of other enhancement information about the operation, such as any additional hunting policies, maintenance of the concession, management activities, research, community involvement and outreach, etc.

I declare that the foregoing is true and correct.

*Cornelius Kruger* 12/12/2022  
Sign Name and Date

Cornelius Kruger - Owner  
 Omujeve Hunting Safaris  
Print Name and Title

## NOTICES

### PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

**Authority:** The information requested is authorized by the following: the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16

U.S.C. 668), 50 CFR 22; the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544), 50 CFR 17; the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712), 50 CFR 21; the Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1361, et seq.), 50 CFR 18; the Wild Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4901-4916), 50 CFR 15; the Lacey Act: Injurious Wildlife (18 U.S.C. 42), 50 CFR 16; Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (TIAS 8249), 50 CFR 23; General Provisions, 50 CFR 10; General Permit Procedures, 50 CFR 13; and Wildlife Provisions (Import/export/transport), 50 CFR 14.

**Purpose:** The collection of contact information is to verify the individual has an eligible permit to conduct activities which affect protected species. This helps FWS monitor and report on protected species and assess the impact of permitted activities on the conservation and management of species and their habitats.

**Routine Uses:** The collected information may be used to verify an applicant's eligibility for a permit to conduct activities with protected wildlife; to provide the public and the permittees with permit related information; to monitor activities under a permit; to analyze data and produce reports to monitor the use of protected wildlife; to assess the impact of permitted activities on the conservation and management of protected species and their habitats; and to evaluate the effectiveness of the permit programs. More information about routine uses can be found in the System of Records Notice, Permits System, FWS-21.

**Disclosure:** The information requested in this form is voluntary. However, submission of requested information is required to process applications for permits authorized under the listed authorities. Failure to provide the requested information may be sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to deny the request.

### PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

We are collecting this information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501) in order provide the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service the information necessary, under the applicable laws governing the requested activity, for which a permit is requested. Information requested in this form is purely voluntary. However, submission of requested information is required in order to process applications for permits authorized under the applicable laws. Failure to provide all requested information may be sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to deny the request. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has approved this collection of information and assigned Control No. 1018-0093.

### ESTIMATED BURDEN STATEMENT

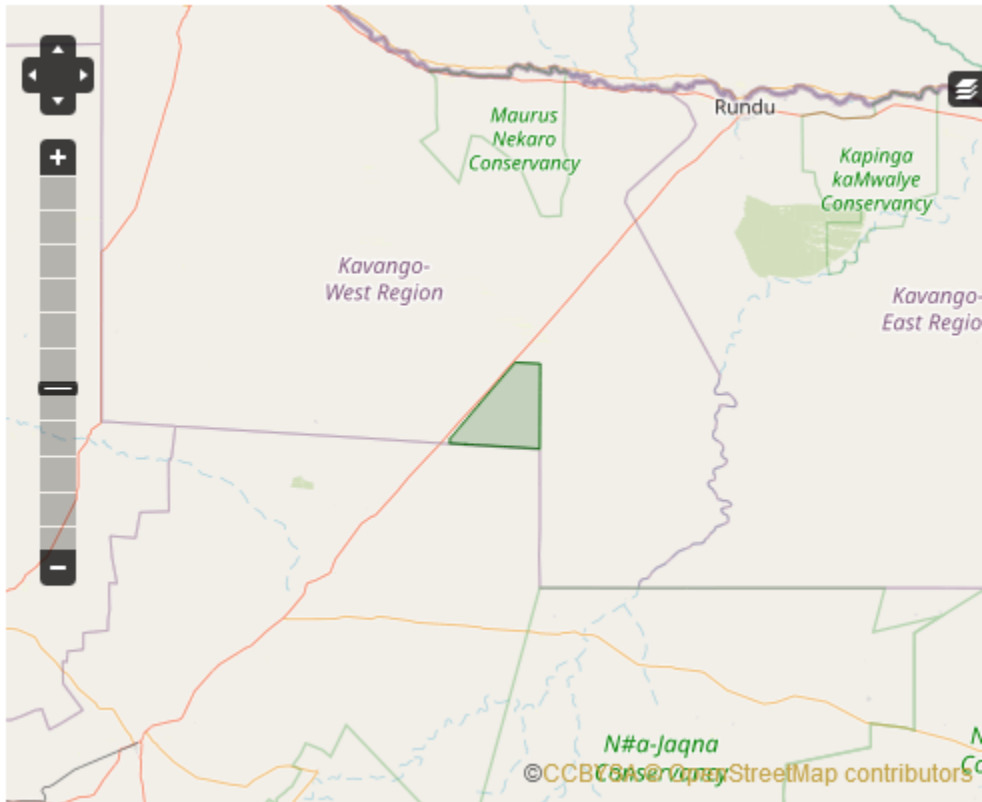
We estimate public reporting for this collection of information to average 1 hour, including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the form to the Service Information Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service,

U.S. Department of the Interior, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: BPHC, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803, or via email at [Info\\_Coll@fws.gov](mailto:Info_Coll@fws.gov).

Please do not send your completed form to this address.

## Operator Enhancement Questionnaire and Map of AREA

### **Mangetti National Park Green Triangular Shape**



### **Hunting Policies**

- a. List the expertise required for the company's professional hunters (i.e. abilities and experience):

Professional Hunters must be licensed and in good standing with government to hunt in Namibia. In Namibia, hunts fall into 3 categories, Hunting Guide, Master Hunting Guide, and Professional Hunter. Hunters must work their way through the system which takes years of working experience and requires the passing of field exams as well as classroom exams covering all aspects of game and fauna in Namibia. Big Game hunters require extensive experience and documented participation in Dangerous Game hunts in order to be considered to sit for Big Game Professional Hunter courses and exams.

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- b. Are there age/sex requirements for take of trophies? If so, please describe how this is enforced for each species (attach methodology if available):

YES, hunting of a Black Rhino in Namibia is highly controlled and managed by the Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET). All Black Rhinos in Namibia are owned by the Government of Namibia and managed by MET. Bulls for hunting are selected by the MET Biologist Piet Beytell, the head Biologist for Rhino Management for MET for the entire

country of Namibia. The bulls are selected based on their age, location, population & genetic conservation needs of the entire population of Black Rhinos in Namibia. MET has Black rhinos both on Private land (through their Black Rhino Ambassador program) and Government Reserves/National Parks.

A member of MET is required to be present during all times when hunting Black Rhino occurs. They are an integral part of the safari team, as they are responsible for identifying the correct Black Rhino and giving permission to the hunter to harvest the Black Rhino. After the hunt, biological samples are harvested from the Black Rhino to provide further information to manage and conserve the species.

Piet Beytell was the MET Representative for this Hunt in Mangetti National Park.

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LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY

Purpose – This form satisfies certain provisions applicable to persons who designate agents to communicate and submit permit applications to U.S. government agencies relating to Title 50, Part 13 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Principal Granting Limited Power of Attorney	Agent Appointed
Name: Michael Chad Damron Address: <u>3195 West Pebble Beach Court</u> Lecanto Florida 34461 Phone: <u>352-302-1377</u> Email: Chad@bluemarlinmcd.com DOB: <u>9/15/72</u>	<u>Adventure Permits International, LLC</u> , a Texas Limited Liability Company  Contact: Jerad Dabney, Manager Phone: 979-571-4968 Email: AdventurePermitsInt@gmail.com

**Appointment.** I appoint the above named Agent (and its officers, managers, and employees acting in such capacity for Agent) as my true and lawful agent and attorney-in-fact to communicate, issue submissions, and apply for permits and renewals with U.S. government agencies relating to Title 50, Part 13 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The authority herein shall include such incidental acts as are reasonably required to carry out and perform the specific authorities granted herein.

**Representations and Warranties of Principal.** Have you or your client (if a broker applying on behalf of your client), been assessed a civil penalty or convicted of any criminal provision of any statute or regulation relating to the activity for which the application is filed; been convicted, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, for a felony violation of the Lacey Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, or the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act; forfeited collateral; OR are currently under charges for any violation of the laws mentioned above?

[YES]  [NO] (Please Circle A Box)

/s/ Michael Chad Damron  
 [Full Name of Client]

**Termination.** This power of attorney is effective upon execution, and may be revoked by the Principal at any time by written notice to Agent at the email address identified above. This power of attorney shall be automatically revoked upon Principal's death or incapacitation. Any person relying on this power of attorney shall have full rights to accept and rely upon the authority of Agent until in receipt of actual notice of revocation. Agent may provide notice of termination of appointment by written notice to Principal at the email address identified above.

Principal Granting Limited Power of Attorney:

Michael Chad Damron  
 [Client Name]

Date 12-27-22

**MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM**

Directorate Scientific Services  
 Private Bag 13306  
 Windhoek, Namibia  
 Enquiries: Permit Office  
 Tel +264-61-284 2538/2506



PERMIT No.:

204203

VALID FROM:

22/10/22

VALID TO:

04/11/22

RECEIPT No.:

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**PERMIT TO HUNT FOR TROPHIES**

Permission is hereby granted in terms of the Nature Conservation Ordinance 1975 (Ord. 4 of 1975)

Name of Trophy Hunter: M. Damron

Residential Address: 3195 W Pebble beach Ct Lecanto Florida

Country: U.S.A

To hunt the specified number of game for the sake of trophies:

SPECIES: COMMON NAME	NUMBER	SPECIES: COMMON NAME	NUMBER	SPECIES: COMMON NAME	NUMBER	SPECIES: COMMON NAME	NUMBER	
Blesbok	/	Impala Common	/	Springbok	/	Other		
Buffalo		Klipspringer		Steenbok		* Subject to attached conditions. * MEFT must be present * Namibia Rhino mortality form must be completed * Report back hunt within 48 hours after the hunt.		
Crocodile		Kudu		Warthog				
Dik-Dik		Lechwe		Waterbuck				
Eland		Oryx (Gemsbok)		Wildebeest, Black				
Elephant		Ostrich		Wildebeest, Blue				
Giraffe		Reedbuck		Zebra Burchell's				
Grey Duiker		Rhinoceros, Black		Bull x1			Zebra Hartmann's	
Hartebeest		Rhinoceros, White					Cheetah	
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On the following farms / hunting concessions / safari / guestfarm: Mangeti NP

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Guided by (name of guides): C. G. Kruger and J.A. Lipps

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C. Louw  
 ISSUING OFFICER (NAME & SIGNATURE)  
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Namibian Rhinoceros Mortality Reporting Form

Species Black  White

Sex Male  Female  Unknown

Age Class A  B  C  D  E  F  *31 years beyond*

Approximate Age 31 years

Rhino ID/Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date found 30/10/22 Found by C. Kruger

How found Searched for  Routine patrol  Aerial patrol

By chance  Other (specify)

Locality Mangetti National Park

GPS Coordinates -18.77076 19.16746

Estimated date of death 30/10/22

PM done by No

Samples taken Yes

Cause of death / PM findings Hunted legally Permit # 204203

Number of horns found Two  One  None  ID no. \_\_\_\_\_

Skull collected Yes  No  ID no. \_\_\_\_\_

Controlled Game Products Permit No. 204203

Attachments (reports, photos etc.)  
 1. See photos attached  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Comments legally Trophy Hunted.

Name/s of investigating personnel Piet Baytall and Richard Foyer

Name of recorder Corneilus G Kruger Date 10/30/22

Signature of recorder Kruger

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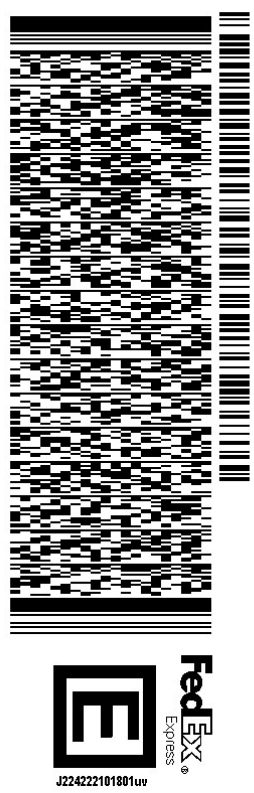
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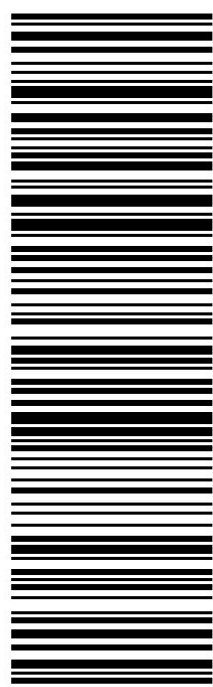
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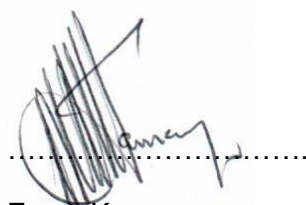
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**From:** Grab, Kirstine M  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 30, 2024 10:24 AM  
**To:** Jerad Dabney  
**Subject:** CITES Permit Application CS0197341

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If you have questions, you may contact me at [kirstine\\_grab@fws.gov](mailto:kirstine_grab@fws.gov) or at 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: IA, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803. Please reference your file number CS0197341.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Grab, Kirstine M  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 7, 2024 7:51 AM  
**To:** Jerad Dabney  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: CITES Permit Application CS0197341

Good morning,

Thank you for your prompt reply. If I need anything else, I will let you know.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** Jerad Dabney <[adventurepermits@gmail.com](mailto:adventurepermits@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 6, 2024 9:05 AM  
**To:** Grab, Kirstine M <[kirstine\\_grab@fws.gov](mailto:kirstine_grab@fws.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: CITES Permit Application CS0197341  
**Importance:** High

Hi Kristine,

Regarding the age of the rhino harvested by Michael Damron - All Black Rhinos in Namibia are owned by the government and all calves born are ear-notched in a unique manner to be able to track/identify them for their entire lives, and therefore their ages are known due to the records kept by MET. The rhino was selected by Ministry of Environment and Tourism as a post reproductive bull, (only hunted/harvest under their supervision with their MET/GOV representatives on the hunt), therefore the Ministry of Environment & Tourism Office knew the age of the rhino due to the ear notches, and that was recorded as the official age.

The funds from Michael Damrons hunt went to support Anti-Poaching efforts in and around the Mangetti National Park, uniforms/equipment for anti-poaching teams, fuel for anti-poaching vehicles, & rewards for information about black rhino poaching.

Thank you,

Jerad Dabney  
Adventure Permits International  
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On Tue, Aug 6, 2024 at 7:27 AM Grab, Kirstine M <[kirstine\\_grab@fws.gov](mailto:kirstine_grab@fws.gov)> wrote:

Good morning,

Thank you for your reply and providing this information. I do have some follow up questions.

Are you able to provide information for how the age of the rhinoceros was determined? If so, please provide such documentation.

Are you able to provide information on how these fees specifically from Mr. Damron's hunt were used?

I apologize for not being more clear in my initial email.

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\$250,000 USD was paid to the Government as a trophy fee for the Black Rhino.

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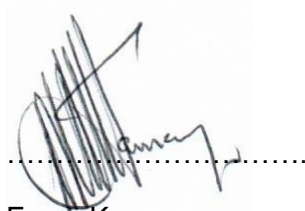
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