



**IMPORT OF SPORT-HUNTED BONTEBOK TROPHIES FROM SOUTH AFRICA**



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>Merchant</b>	1.b. First name <b>Michael</b>	1.c. Middle name or initial <b>M</b>	1.d. Suffix

<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>				
[Redacted] Suite #, or Room #; no P.O. Boxes)				
1.b. City <b>Oxford</b>	1.c. State <b>Mississippi</b>	1.d. Zip code/Postal code <b>38655</b>	1.e. County/Province <b>Lafayette</b>	1.f. Country <b>USA</b>
2.a. Mailing Address (include if different than physical address; include name of contact person if applicable) [Redacted]				
2.b. City <b>Oxford</b>	2.c. State <b>Mississippi</b>	2.d. Zip code/Postal code <b>38655</b>	2.e. County/Province <b>Lafayette</b>	2.f. Country <b>USA</b>

<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 – <i>attach documentation of fee exempt status as outlined in instructions.</i> (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. I understand that providing false information may subject me to the criminal penalties of 18 U.S.C. 1001.	
<p><i>Michael M. Merchant</i></p> <p>The individual/principal officer of the business must print and sign the application.</p>	

\*\* 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 BONTEBOK TROPHIES FROM SOUTH AFRICA

**Note 1:** If you hold an import permit for trophy/trophies that you did not use, please **return the unused original permit to the address on page one.**

**Note 2:** 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:** The bontebok is listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act. Applications for endangered species permits must be published in the Federal Register for a 30-day public comment period. Allow at least **90 days** for the application to be processed.

**Note 4:** This application can only be used if you have hunted/will be hunting in **South Africa**. If you have or will be hunting in a different country, please use form 3-200-20.

**Note 5:** *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
- May include 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 6:** 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 5, 6, and 7 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.

Michael M. Merchant [REDACTED] Oxford, MS, 38655 USA

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

Michael M. Merchant  
[REDACTED]

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.

N/A

4. How many Bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) are you applying to import? Quantity: 1

a. At the time of the application, the specimen(s) is/are:

Alive       Dead

b. If specimen(s) is/are still alive, what is the approximate date of proposed take? \_\_\_\_\_

c. If dead, what is the **date** you took the animal(s)? 07/29/2023

d. What is the approximate age and sex (if known) of the animal(s)? Male, 10+ years

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

1 Industrial Road, Somerset East 5850, Eastern Cape, South Africa

5. ENTER the name and address of the **landowner** on whose property the bontebok was or will be taken:

Owners name:            Meyrick Bowker  
Farm Name:              Thornkloof  
                                  Thornkloof Farm  
District:                  Grahamstown  
Address:                  Eastern Cape  
                                  South Africa 6139  
City:  
State/Province:  
Country, Postal Code:

**Please be aware that the bontebok is listed in Appendix II of CITES. As such, you must obtain a CITES export permit from South Africa. If you are not exporting the trophy from South Africa directly to the United States, you will need to obtain a CITES re-export certificate from the re-exporting country.**

6. Attach a signed statement from the **landowner** giving you permission to cull a bontebok from their captive herd.

7. If available, provide a copy of the landowner's Certification of Registration for the bontebok herd. (Note: this is **not** a copy of the CITES export permit, but a certificate issued by the South African province.) In order to meet the criteria for a permit under the Endangered Species Act, the bontebok must be culled from a ranch that has been certified by the Government of South Africa under their bontebok program. If the ranch is not registered, we may be unable to issue an import permit.
8. **Complete name and address** of overseas person or business shipping the trophy to you (this name will appear on the face of the permit).

Name: Francois Basson  
Business Name: African Trophy Exports  
Address: 13 Wildesering Street  
Address: Elspark  
Address: Germiston  
City: RSA, 1428  
State/Province:  
Country, Postal Code:

**CERTIFICATION STATEMENT** (original signature must be provided for either 9 or 10 below)

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

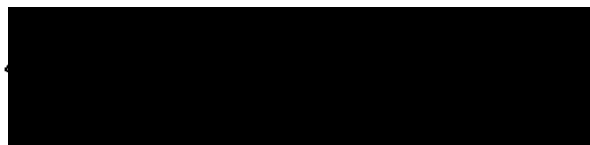
I acknowledge that the sport-hunted trophy/trophies to be imported has been/will be personally hunted by my client and is being imported only for my client's personal use (i.e., **not for sale, transfer, donation, or exchange that is reasonably likely to result in economic use, gain, or benefit**).

Taxidermist/Broker's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

10. 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: 07-12-2024

*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.*

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).

Meyrick Bowker  
THORN KLOOF  
P.O. BOX 442,  
GRAHAMSTOWN  
6140  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Email [meyrick@thornkloof.co.za](mailto:meyrick@thornkloof.co.za)

Web [www.thornkloof.co.za](http://www.thornkloof.co.za)

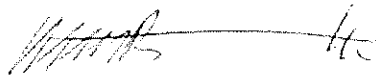
Tel 0829403779

Date 21.07.2023.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I, Meyrick Bowker, of Thorn Kloof, Grahamstown hereby grant permission to  
Michael M Merchant (passp [REDACTED])

to harvest our Male hontebok out of my private herd. I have to remove old, surplus males in this manner.



Meyrick Bowker

C/o Hargreaves Road  
Beacon Hill  
Hockley Close  
King Williams Town  
South Africa



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Private Bag X0054  
Bhisho  
South Africa  
5605

Permit No: TR-20210700000742  
Expiry Date: 2024-07-22

Issuing Office: Sarah Baartman Region (Port Elizabeth)  
Amount Paid: ZAR 50.00

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE: GAME FARM



In terms of the National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act 2004, Act 10 of 2004



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A permit is hereby issued to:

PERMIT HOLDER

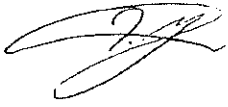
Meyrick Bowker  
ID/Passport Number 7110105120083  
Email Address meyrickmbowker@gmail.com  
Cellphone Number 0829403779  
Telephone Number 0829403779  
Physical Address Thornkloof Farm  
Grahamstown  
6139  
Postal Address P.O.Box 442  
Grahamstown  
6140  
Lat/Lng /

FACILITY

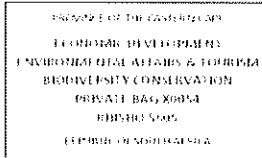
Agent Name Meyrick Bowker  
Facility Name Bowker Safaris  
Facility Number Ongeluks Krants No 9  
Facility Size 3055.0 ha  
Physical Address Thornkloof  
Town Grahamstown  
Unique Registration No B1/4507305006086

SPECIES

Common Name	Scientific Name	Qty	Restricted Activities	Particulars
Bontebok	<i>Damaliscus pygargus pygargus</i>	10.0	N/A	Microchips Nos: 123451   123452   123453   123454   123455   123456   123457   123458   123459   1234510 Tag Nos: 1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   9   10 Sex & Age: Unknown   Unknown   Male   Unknown   Unknown   Unknown   Unknown   Unknown   Unknown   Male   Unknown
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Wilbeest, black	<i>Connochaetes gnou</i>	15.0	N/A	Sex & Age:
Wilbeest, black	<i>Connochaetes gnou</i>	25.0	N/A	



Signature of Approver  
Date Issued: 2021-07-30



Signature of Holder

I acknowledge, accept and fully understand the permit conditions as set out on this permit

### STANDARD CONDITIONS

1. A personal effects permit must specify that the permit holder must apply for a possession permit. The personal effects permit must reflect, in addition to any other information stipulated, the REGISTRATION NUMBER or STANDING PERMIT number of the registered game farm.
2. Consideration of future applications will be based on, among other things, whether any permit issued to the landowner of the registered game farm / wildlife trader has been cancelled in terms of section 93 of the Biodiversity Act.
3. No listed species may be transported without the necessary permits in terms of the Threatened or Protected Species Regulations.
4. Provide information, relating to security measures to prevent theft, with each renewal.
5. The game farm/s must be fenced in accordance with the specifications provided for in provincial legislation and the Certificate of Adequate Enclosure must be renewed at least 3 months prior to the expiry thereof.
6. The landowner of the registered game farm must RETURN ALL THE COPIES of the Game Farm Hunting permits USED DURING A 12-MONTH PERIOD to the issuing authority; and must submit a list of any unused permit numbers to the issuing authority.
7. The permit holder may apply for game farm hunting permits, authorising a person to buy and hunt a listed threatened or protected species, on the registered game farm and for the subsequent transport and possession of the dead specimen/s that was hunted.
8. The permit holder must give regard to any other applicable legislation and/or protocols.
9. The permit holder must keep a register of past, current and anticipated turnover of stock on an annual basis.
10. The permit holder must keep evidence of legal acquisition of the listed species in his possession.
11. The permit holder must take reasonable measures to ensure that captured animals do not injure each other and are transported under hygienic conditions.
12. This permit or a certified copy thereof must always be kept at the facility or in the vehicle used for the transportation of animals.
13. This permit or a certified copy thereof must be shown to any authorized official upon request.
14. Where applicable the permit holder must microchip the listed species or ensure that animal/s he /she receives are microchipped.
15. The permit holder may apply for a personal effects permit for dead, processed specimen/s or derivatives.
16. The permit holder must adhere to applicable National Norms and Standards and is bound by those Norms and Standards and must act in accordance with those Norms and Standards when carrying out the restricted activity.
17. The owner must take reasonable measures in ensuring that the fence is in a good state of repair which includes but not limited to the following:  
Regular fence patrols,  
Fence repairs and maintenance must be according to the Departmental Fencing Specifications Policy document, applicable at the time of such repairs

### SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Blue Wildebeest/Blesbuck may NOT be introduced onto Thornkloof Farm, in an area where hybridization with Black Wildebeest/Bontebok has the potential to occur; Any transport of listed species off the property requires an application for an ordinary permit in terms of NEMBA Act 10 of 2004; Restricted activity on this permit include possession in an extensive wildlife system, capture, selling and hunting. It is illegal for any person to hunt Black Wildebeest without a valid and pre-stamped Game Farm Hunting Permit. Please also note that DEDEA cannot backdate a stamp on the Game Farm Hunting Permit Book or issue a permit retrospectively. Please note that for Bontebok, a proposed annual take-off must be submitted to the DEDEA Regional Office for approval before any hunting may take place using the Game Farm Hunting Permit.

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Permit No: TS-20210800000753  
 Expiry Date: 2024-08-03

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STANDING PERMIT FOR A GAME FARM



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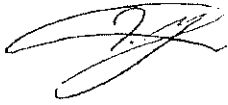
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A permit is hereby issued to:

PERMIT HOLDER		FACILITY	
Meyrick Bowker		Agent Name	Meyrick Bowker
ID/Passport Number	7110105120083	Facility Name	Thornkloof
Email Address	meyrickmbowker@gmail.com	Facility Number	No#9
Cellphone Number	0829403779	Facility Size	3055.0 ha
Telephone Number	0829403779	Physical Address	Thornkloof
Physical Address	Thornkloof Farm Grahamstown 6139	Town	Grahamstown
Postal Address	P.O.Box 442 Grahamstown 6140	Unique Registration No	
Lat/Lng	/		

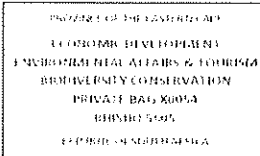
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Wildebeest, black	<i>Connochaetes gnou</i>	40.0	Convey/Move/Translocate, Capture/Catch, Hunt, Sell, Breeding/Propagate	





Signature of Approver

Date Issued: 2021-08-03



Signature of Holder

I acknowledge, accept and fully understand the permit conditions as set out on this permit

### STANDARD CONDITIONS

1. Please do not hesitate to contact this office should you not be in agreement with any aspect of your permit.
2. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS PERMIT DOES NOT NEGATE ANY RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON THE PERMIT HOLDER BY THE CURRENT COVID-19 NATIONAL LOCK-DOWN REGULATIONS ISSUED ITO SECTION 27(2) OF THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002.
3. Please note too that if permits are not returned as per the conditions you are in contravention of Ordinance 19 of 1974. It may also result in the withholding of your permits and/or delay in the issuing of your permits in the future.
4. The actual number of wild animals of every species which has been transported and the number of such wild animals of each species which have been unloaded alive at the destination shall be recorded.
5. The permit holder must adhere to the applicable National Norms and Standards and are bound by those Norms and Standards when carrying out a restricted activity.
6. The permit holder must give regard to any other applicable legislations and/or protocols.
7. The species listed on this permit are deemed as adequately enclosed; the ownership of the species is therefore maintained in terms of the Game Theft Act 105 of 1991.
8. The use of the Game Farm Hunting Permit Book is subject to the validity of the registration certificate and standing permit and may only be used as per the Conditions specified in the Standing Permit.
9. This permit is subject to a valid CAE in terms of the Nature and Environmental Conservation Ordinance 19 of 1947.
10. This permit or a certified copy thereof must always be kept at the facility or in the vehicle used when the restricted activity is carried out.
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**From:** [Hutchins, Brian \(Jake\)](#)  
**To:** [wildliferesolutions@yahoo.com](mailto:wildliferesolutions@yahoo.com)  
**Subject:** CITES Application # CS7791632 --- Request for Information  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 27, 2024 10:45:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Hello,

Our office has received CITES application # CS7791632, FWS Form 3-200-22, for the Import of (1) sport hunted bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*). To continue the review process, please provide the following:

- ☐☐☐ Please provide documentation from the landowner on whose property the bontebok was taken, which demonstrates that the **herd** from which the bontebok was hunted was DNA tested, by the National Zoological Gardens (NZG) of South Africa, as genetically pure at the time of the hunt.

**In accordance with 50 CFR 13.11(e), if the requested information is not received by this office by **October 11, 2024** your application will be abandoned and administratively closed. Once a file is closed you will need to submit a new application and all required fees for the Service to consider your proposed activity.**

Thank you for your time,

Jake Hutchins | Biologist  
[USFWS](#) | [International Affairs](#)  
Division of Management Authority  
5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: IA  
Falls Church, Virginia, 22041-3803, USA



**From:** [Mike Merchant](#)  
**To:** [Hutchins, Brian \(Jake\)](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: CITES Application # CS7791632 --- Request for Information  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 27, 2024 1:44:12 PM

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**Results for Bontebok  
(WC BCTUP)**



[info@bosbergvets.co.za](mailto:info@bosbergvets.co.za)

Enquiries: Dr Desiré lee Dalton  
Email: [desire@nzg.ac.za](mailto:desire@nzg.ac.za)  
Tel: +27 12 328 3265

Date: 01 June 2015

Herewith are the results of the 24 samples received for genetic testing of bontebok to detect hybrid animals.

According to the DNA marker set typed, as compiled through research for the detection of possible hybrid animals the following results were obtained from an assignment test for bontebok and blesbok:

Sample No.	Microchip No.	Lab No.	Final Result
NO 14	953010000509361	BB6558	Bontebok
NO 11	953010000505293	BB6559	Bontebok
NO 10	953010000505291	BB6560	Bontebok
NO 20	953010000503631	BB6561	Bontebok
NO 24	953010000503684	BB6562	Bontebok
NO 23	953010000508341	BB6563	Bontebok
NO 21	953010000508313	BB6564	Bontebok
NO 22	953010000508345	BB6565	Bontebok
NO 15	953010000509365	BB6566	Bontebok
NO 17	953010000509432	BB6567	Bontebok
NO 7	953010000505196	BB6568	Bontebok
NO 8	953010000505186	BB6569	Bontebok
NO 5	953010000505246	BB6570	Bontebok
NO 16	953010000509369	BB6571	Bontebok
NO 2	953010000503624	BB6572	Bontebok
NO 3	953010000505763	BB6573	Bontebok
NO 4	953010000505224	BB6574	Bontebok
NO 9	953010000509389	BB6575	Bontebok

On Aug 27, 2024, at 9:46 AM, Hutchins, Brian (Jake) <brian\_hutchins@fws.gov> wrote:

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Our office has received CITES application # CS7791632, FWS Form 3-200-22, for the Import of (1) sport hunted bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*). To continue the review process, please provide the following:

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**In accordance with 50 CFR 13.11(e), if the requested information is not received by this office by **October 11, 2024** your application will be abandoned and administratively closed. Once a file is closed you will need to submit a new application and all required fees for the Service to consider your proposed activity.**

Thank you for your time,

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**Results for Bontebok  
(WC BCTUP)**



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Date: 05 October 2015

Herewith are the results of the 7 samples received for genetic testing of bontebok to detect hybrid animals. According to the DNA marker set typed, as compiled through research for the detection of possible hybrid animals the following results were obtained from an assignment test for bontebok and blesbok:

Sample #	Microchip #	Lab No.	Final Result
#1	900032002851360	BB8465	Bontebok
#2	900032002851362	BB8466	Bontebok
#3	900032002851358	BB8467	Bontebok
#4	900032002852563	BB8468	Bontebok
#5	900032002851377	BB8469	Bontebok
#6	900032002852568	BB8470	Bontebok
#7	900032002852571	BB8471	Bontebok

<sup>1</sup> = Bontebok – 100% pure bontebok as determined by the nuclear test, using microsatellite markers and incorporating a 90% threshold.

<sup>2</sup> = Hybrid – animals below the threshold for bontebok DNA. These animals pose a high risk to the pure bontebok population.

<sup>3</sup> = Blesbok – 100% pure blesbok as determined by the nuclear test, using microsatellite markers.

We thank you for your support and hope to be of service in the future.



Yours sincerely,  
Dr Desiré Lee Dalton

**DISCLAIMER:**

The National Zoological Gardens of South Africa is a declared National research facility under the National Research Foundation that conducts research as part of our mandate. All results thus may be used for this purpose.

Whilst every effort is made in ensuring the accuracy of results provided following sample testing, due to the nature of ongoing research in the field of DNA and best practices and acceptable thresholds, the National Zoological Gardens of South Africa (NZG) does not accept liability for any loss or damage suffered by sample providers arising out of the use of or reliance on the reports of the sample tests conducted, unless such loss is caused by the negligence or wilful act or omission of any employee of the NZG. In no event will the NZG be liable for any indirect or consequential loss or damage whatsoever arising from the use or reliance on the sample test reports.

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Permit No: TR-20210700000742  
Expiry Date: 2024-07-22

Issuing Office: Sarah Baartman Region (Port Elizabeth)  
Amount Paid: ZAR 50.00

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE: GAME FARM



In terms of the National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act 2004, Act 10 of 2004

NOT TRANSFERABLE



A permit is hereby issued to:

PERMIT HOLDER		FACILITY	
	Meyrick Bowker	Agent Name	Meyrick Bowker
ID/Passport Number	7110105120083	Facility Name	Bowker Safaris
Email Address	meyrickmbowker@gmail.com	Facility Number	Ongeluks Krants No 9
Cellphone Number	0829403779	Facility Size	3055.0 ha
Telephone Number	0829403779	Physical Address	Thornkloof
Physical Address	Thornkloof Farm Grahamstown 6139	Town	Grahamstown
Postal Address	P.O.Box 442 Grahamstown 6140	Unique Registration No	B1/4507305006086
Lat/Lng	/		

SPECIES				
Common Name	Scientific Name	Qty	Restricted Activities	Particulars
Bontebok	<i>Damaliscus pygargus pygargus</i>	10.0	N/A	Microchips Nos: 123451   123452   123453   123454   123455   123456   123457   123458   123459   1234510 Tag Nos: 1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   9   10 Sex & Age: Unknown   Unknown   Male   Unknown   Unknown   Unknown   Unknown   Unknown   Unknown   Unknown
Bontebok	<i>Damaliscus pygargus pygargus</i>	10.0	N/A	Microchips Nos: 1234511   1234512   1234513   1234514   1234515   1234516   1234517   1234817   1234519   1234520 Tag Nos: 11   12   13   14   15   16   17   18   19   20 Sex & Age: Male   Male   Male   Male   Male   Male   Male   Male   Male   Unknown   Male
Bontebok	<i>Damaliscus pygargus pygargus</i>	10.0	N/A	Microchips Nos: 1234521   1234522   1234523   1234524   1234525   1234526   1234527   1234528   1234529   1234530 Tag Nos: 21   22   23   24   25   26   27   28   29   30 Sex & Age: Female   Female   Female   Female   Female   Female   Female   Female   Female   Female   Female
Wildebeest, black	<i>Connochaetes gnou</i>	15.0	N/A	Sex & Age:
Wildebeest, black	<i>Connochaetes gnou</i>	25.0	N/A	





Signature of Approver

Date Issued: 2021-07-30



Signature of Holder

I acknowledge, accept and fully understand the permit conditions as set out on this permit

### STANDARD CONDITIONS

1. A personal effects permit must specify that the permit holder must apply for a possession permit. The personal effects permit must reflect, in addition to any other information stipulated, the REGISTRATION NUMBER or STANDING PERMIT number of the registered game farm.
2. Consideration of future applications will be based on, among other things, whether any permit issued to the landowner of the registered game farm / wildlife trader has been cancelled in terms of section 93 of the Biodiversity Act.
3. No listed species may be transported without the necessary permits in terms of the Threatened or Protected Species Regulations.
4. Provide information, relating to security measures to prevent theft, with each renewal.
5. The game farm/s must be fenced in accordance with the specifications provided for in provincial legislation and the Certificate of Adequate Enclosure must be renewed at least 3 months prior to the expiry thereof.
6. The landowner of the registered game farm must RETURN ALL THE COPIES of the Game Farm Hunting permits USED DURING A 12-MONTH PERIOD to the issuing authority; and must submit a list of any unused permit numbers to the issuing authority.
7. The permit holder may apply for game farm hunting permits, authorising a person to buy and hunt a listed threatened or protected species, on the registered game farm and for the subsequent transport and possession of the dead specimen/s that was hunted.
8. The permit holder must give regard to any other applicable legislation and/or protocols.
9. The permit holder must keep a register of past, current and anticipated turnover of stock on an annual basis.
10. The permit holder must keep evidence of legal acquisition of the listed species in his possession.
11. The permit holder must take reasonable measures to ensure that captured animals do not injure each other and are transported under hygienic conditions.
12. This permit or a certified copy thereof must always be kept at the facility or in the vehicle used for the transportation of animals.
13. This permit or a certified copy thereof must be shown to any authorized official upon request.
14. Where applicable the permit holder must microchip the listed species or ensure that animal/s he /she receives are microchipped.
15. The permit holder may apply for a personal effects permit for dead, processed specimen/s or derivatives.
16. The permit holder must adhere to applicable National Norms and Standards and is bound by those Norms and Standards and must act in accordance with those Norms and Standards when carrying out the restricted activity.
17. The owner must take reasonable measures in ensuring that the fence is in a good state of repair which includes but not limited to the following:  
Regular fence patrols,  
Fence repairs and maintenance must be according to the Departmental Fencing Specifications Policy document, applicable at the time of such repairs

### SPECIAL CONDITIONS

Blue Wildebeest/Blesbuck may NOT be introduced onto Thornkloof Farm, in an area where hybridization with Black Wildebeest/Bontebok has the potential to occur; Any transport of listed species off the property requires an application for an ordinary permit in terms of NEMBA Act 10 of 2004; Restricted activity on this permit include possession in an extensive wildlife system, capture, selling and hunting. It is illegal for any person to hunt Black Wildebeest without a valid and pre-stamped Game Farm Hunting Permit. Please also note that DEDEA cannot backdate a stamp on the Game Farm Hunting Permit Book or issue a permit retrospectively. Please note that for Bontebok, a proposed annual take-off must be submitted to the DEDEA Regional Office for approval before any hunting may take place using the Game Farm Hunting Permit.