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ELEPHANT HUNTING IN TANZANIA

Kindly refer to our meeting that was held at TAWA Headquarters in Morogoro on 10th August 2017 regarding the contribution of elephant hunting to the prosperity of hunting industry and conservation of wildlife in Tanzania as a whole.

I would like to express our sincere gratitude for your attendance and valuable contributions to this important meeting. One of our key deliberations was that trophy hunting outfitters should closely collaborate with the government in promoting ethical hunting, combating poaching, address anti-hunting sentiments as well as fundraise for elephant count.

As you are aware, the previous wave of poaching decimated a our elephants, which propelled a negative message about the sustainability of elephant hunting. However, the government in collaboration with stakeholders undertook various substantive measures to reverse the poaching wave, which have yielded positively. Poaching is now halted and the elephant population is stable. As such, the European Union has recently accepted import of African Elephant hunting trophies from Serengeti, Tarangire-Manyara, Katavi-Rukwa and Selous-Mikumi ecosystems. The trophies (tusks) should be of >20kg or 160cm in length.

In light of the above, I am pleased to inform you that the government has reinstated elephant quotas. However I advise you to remind your esteemed members intending to hunt elephants to strictly comply to the elephant hunting criteria together with regulation 26(4) of the Wildlife conservation (Tourist Hunting) (read together with its amendment of 2017) during elephant hunting.

It is my sincere hope that we will continue collaborating for the prosperity of the hunting industry in general as previously agreed in our meeting.

We thank you for your continued cooperation.

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