



# BLACK NOSSOB HUNTING SAFARIS

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## Newsletter 05/2004: September & October 2004

As the year is running in its final weeks, we like to inform you about the resolutions of the CITES-Conference in Bangkok, the past hunting season as well as the latest news.

### CITES-Conference

From end of September to the middle of October, all countries ratifying the CITES regulations send their delegates to Bangkok to discuss their relevant issues.

Namibia had some important aspects on the agenda, with direct influence on the trophy hunting industry. Namibia was mentioned for their outstanding conservation achievements and all the burning questions were answered to a most positive outcome:

- The quota for leopard has been augmented from 100 to 250 trophies per year.
- Crocodiles were down-listed from Appendix I to Appendix II

In both cases, these decisions were possible due to proof was given that the population showed considerable increase.

The third motion offered was related to rhino hunting:

When 2003 an old rhino-bull died of old age in the northwestern regions, rhino-hunting on old, post-productive bulls were decided upon. Initially, a quota of 10 animals was expected. Eventually, Namibia got a quota of 5 black-rhinos a year. All black rhinos are property of the Government of Namibia, and the respective Ministries will identify the animals, which will be able to be hunted in 2005.

### Hunting season 2004

The trophy hunting season 2004 is coming to an end. In the meantime, the temperatures are rather on the hot side and although the ministry allows hunting till the end of November, we already stopped hunting in the first days of November.

We are very pleased to look behind on a successful hunting season. Our ranch hunts were – as usual- very satisfactory, and the animals harvested in the Doro !Nawas



Concession give ample room to be proud of: 22 Springbok, 11 Mountain Zebras, an equal lot of Oryx and Kudu of tremendous trophy quality and age. The average for the springbok trophies was 15 ½” and more than half of the oryx taken were over 37”.

Not only the fine trophies, but also the fascinating area of Doro !Nawas, with its wide open plains and red granite mountains made this area a real fantastic experience. We are glad that we were able to share this with you!

#### Promising rainseason

Normally, the month October is hot and dry, the vegetation on its lowest level, both in quality and quantity.

This year, however, we experience quite the opposite. The first rains have already fallen and the grasses, trees and most of the bush is in green foliage!

Every year, this is one of the most remarkable gifts of nature: When the veld is shining green... simply a miracle.

#### Old *Tembo* in camp

In the night from 27th to 28th of October, we had a very special guest in our Doro !Nawas Springbok Base Camp! We suddenly heard some branches breaking and then, in the middle of the full moon, he stood there, some 20m away from the mess-tent, old *Tembo*, a massive elephant bull, carrying some 60-pound of ivory.

After a proper camp inspection, he made his way to the camp staff tents and took one of their shoes

with him. Then, slowly and quietly, he made his way all up the Goantagab-River and



disappeared behind a bunch of Mopane-trees.

The shoe was found by its owner some 150m away from the camp; maybe

the big tusker threw him away after realizing that he didn't fit him...

*Greetings from Namibia from Ernst-Ludwig and Ina Cramer with Lennart and Florenz!*