



# BLACK NOSSOB HUNTING SAFARIS

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## Newsletter 06/2004: November and December 2004

It is already Christmas and there are only a few days left until a new year begins. This year ends as it has began: With *green foilage*. We already had some 200 mm of rain since the middle of October. The eastern parts of Namibia are completely covered by fresh green veld. Vast numbers of red hartebeest are roaming all over and their groups are joined by many small calves. Little warthog piglets follow their mothers through the long grass and especially our children like these small, cute animals.

Hopefully, the first months of the new year will also bring as much rain as we already had during the last months. We would not mind if it would be even more, of course...

The auction of the big game hunting concessions of the Ministry of Environment and Tourism, which was planned for December 9th, did unfortunately not take place.

It was cancelled on short notice, probably to give the hunting operators more time to organize their black empowerment incentives. Hopefully, these concessions will be auctioned in the second quarter of 2005, when all the obstacles are finally solved. In addition to the concessions of the Ministry, the WWF is going to auction the two Caprivi-concessions Kwando-Linyanti and Salambala. Due to the fact that buffaloes are not constantly in Salambala, we were not interested in that concession. The quota of the Kwando-Linyanti-concession looked much more interesting: elephants, buffaloes, leopards, lions, hippos, crocodiles and different kind of plains game. The dream of every big game hunter!



However, Kwando-Linyanti also have marketing drawbacks: Six trophy-elephants per year, approximately four suggested problem-elephants (extremely aggressive elephants and crop raiders) and three elephants for meat distribution to the local community and their traditional feasts; altogether a very big concession! The hunting of the allocated quota of buffaloes, lions and leopards and only half of the elephants-quota would at least take half a year of time. Taking this into account, we submitted

an offer, which made provision to only utilize part of the quota. However, this offer was simply too low.

At the beginning of the new year, the WWF is going to advertise another concession, which is located in the far eastern part of Caprivi, close to Kasika and Impalila Island. In fact, we are really interested in that concession; so we are going to drive up to Eastern-Caprivi for New Years Eve. We are very much looking forward to inspect our potential new area.

Besides Caprivi, we have several other plans for the coming year:

Our bungalows need some upgrading again; this will be done in January, before the hunting season starts in February.

A practical hunting guide course is also arranged in February on our Farm, Rogers; the participants are three "former disadvantaged" Namibians. Two of the participants live on farms close to ours and the third one, a pupil from the WWF, originates from the Sorris -Sorris Conservancy in Damaraland. All of them have already passed their theoretical examination as hunting-guide and we hope that they will also pass the practical one, which will enable these candidates to qualify as fully registered hunting guides in the field.

In the third week of February we start off hunting and the first half of the year is already pretty fully booked.

We are looking forward to welcome you on our hunting grounds, to share exciting experiences with you under the Southern Cross and the wide open spaces of Namibia.



Wishing all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, with lots of luck and happiness, and of course, good luck with your hunting in the new year 2005!

*Best regards from  
Namibia,*

*Ernst-Ludwig and Ina Cramer with Lennart and Florenz*