



# BLACK NOSSOB HUNTING SAFARIS

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## Newsletter 04/2005: July and August 2005

Looking back on the last two months, July and August, we have to admit that these were really filled with our latest news: we eventually succeeded in obtaining the license for the new gun of Ernst-Ludwig, we founded a new hunting company, our website is nearly completed and we got the opportunity to hunt an elephant; Doro !Nawas Conservancy was supplied with five horses from our stables.  
But, first things first:

After Ernst-Ludwig already bought his new rifle, a .416 Rigby, in January, we had to wait endlessly for the license from the police headquarters. Eventually in July we were able to collect the new rifle from the gun dealer. To his dismay, Ernst-Ludwig discovered that the rifle shot much too low. The gunsmith solved the problem by fitting a new front sight and a Hartebeest-hunt was selected as a premiere.

Suddenly, the opportunity arrived to hunt a problem elephant in the Kaokoveld. An interested hunting client was quickly found and thus soft point ammo was exchanged



for some solids on the reloading bench.

The young problem elephant bull damaged some tents, ran over a young boy and terrified the local people around Puros. This was enough to convenience even the Minister of Environment and Tourism that this elephant really pose a problem.

So we all went to Puros in northwestern Namibia in the beginning of August.

Already on the first hunting day, we came across the bull in a dry riverbed. He immediately made a mock-attack into our direction; the local Himba, who had to identify the problem elephant, were very sure that we had found the right one!

But after identifying the bull they opted to stay with the car when Ernst-Ludwig and the client left to stalk the elephant.

After half an our of stalking, the elephant was shot from a distance of 24 m. After the first shot into the head, the elephant fell down and rolled over after the second shot. He was already dead when a bullet hit it just behind the shoulder. The joy was great; not only on our side, but also for the Himba, as they now had really a mass of meat!

In order to comply with the affirmative action requirements of the State when the big game concessions are sold, we founded a new hunting company.

Since the middle of August, we now have also “Black Nossob Big Game Safaris”. This step was necessary, as exclusive European managed



companies won't be considered in future when big game concessions are allocated.

Also in Doro !Nawas, there are some changes: Wilderness Safaris, a company with luxury lodges over the whole southern Africa, has opened a new lodge in the end of July. Luckily, the lodge is situated in the extreme northeastern part of our concession, thus our hunting activities won't be affected. The Conservancy will benefit from the income, but to what extent these monies will reach the individual conservancy member and not only the committee members, we will have to see.

The chairman is already driving a new Toyota, sponsored by Wilderness Safaris, and a second vehicle for the game guards is soon to follow.

Also, the mobility of the game guards is further increased by five horses we brought up for them.

The last good news is, that our website is (nearly) completed. Newly shaped, re-designed and updated you will find it under [www.blacknossob.com](http://www.blacknossob.com).

Have a look and tell us how you experience our new layout!

Best regards from Namibia!

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