

News: November and December 2005

Every year again...

... is the time right before Christmas not really dumped in tranquillity, but rather hectic. Although this year we experienced the same story again, we really enjoyed a couple of days at the coast. The weather was beautiful; sunny and warm, and the fish was running at the coastline.



Back on the farm, we have to finish off quite a handful of tasks, Christmas is at the doorsteps. Thanks to modern techniques, this letter will reach you well before the festive season.

Doro !Nawas

Rangers caught 2 european Namibian poachers of 15 Springbok and 4 Oryx in the far northern part of our Damaraland Concession. The two men were hunting illegally in Doro !Nawas Conservancy as well as in the neighbouring Torra Conservancy.

Rumours tells us, that these two guys got permission from Leonard !Hoab,

chairman of the Doro !Nawas Conservancy, to hunt 150 Springbok, 15 Zebras, 30 Oryx and 10 Kudus for meat purposes.

As this is not allowed according to current legislation, the matter is investigated by nature conservation officials. Hopefully, the accused will be prosecuted and not only a written report submitted to the officials in Windhoek.

In November, the Parliamentary Commission on Natural Resources headed by former prime minister Hage Geingob visited Doro !Nawas.

The commission came to the conclusion, that the local people should be protected from problem animals, for example from elephants, and that the monies generated from these animals should be used to cover the damages caused by these problem animals.

Two weeks after the visit of the delegation, the following incident made it quite clear, that not all of the participants understood the topic of problem animals:

In the area between Doro !Nawas and Sorris - Sorris, a young elephant bull with a broken leg was detected. The elephant was so seriously injured, that his condition worsened by the day.

Nature conservation officials only wrote a report on the elephant two weeks after they detected the injury. When we were contacted in this regard, we managed to organise a hunter for the elephant three days later. Just when everything was finalized from our side, the Ministry

decided that the elephant needed to be shot within the next 24 hours.

So, the State shot the elephant himself, the ivory will be stored in the ivory vault in Windhoek and no cent is available to the community.

Since the end of November, our hunting guide recruited from the Doro !Nawas community is no longer in our service.

He is not able to accept his responsibilities as a hunting guide towards his hunting equipment and his employer.

Black Nossob Conservancy

After two years of absence, we are again, with our farm Rogers, member of the Black Nossob Conservancy.

Although we only partly support the idea of a Conservation area in the current form on commercial ranchland, we hope to gain more influence in the usage of our game populations.

This is also, in the hunting context, our main concern: Why should we destroy the natural population of our game, by means of catching game with helicopters, only to bring in other species and put them into game camps?

Unfortunately, the majority of members of the Black Nossob Conservancy favour game-camps and have difficulties to accept the beauty of natural occurring game herds.

We left as members of the conservancy two years ago, when huge amounts of Hartebeest we live captured in the conservancy to swap for Springbok. We were not able to stop a second capture

operation this year, when " only " 80 hartebeest were caught. Nowhere else are such huge herds of free-roaming hartebeest present than in our area. Here, you can still encounter herds over a hundred animals moving over the planes. Such big movement of game I only saw in the north-western parts of the country, when huge herds of Springbok move after the rain. Hopefully, we are able to have some influence on the decisions taken, as we are members of the conservancy again.

Hunting fair: Jagd & Hund in Dortmund/Germany, February 2006

The brochures are finished, the decoration material for the booth already arrived in Frankfurt. On the 15th of January, we take the plane to Germany.

From January 31st until February 5th, 2006, we will be in Dortmund at the Jagd & Hund hunting fair (hall no. 7, booth # 7048). Mid February, we will be back on the farm again.

We already have quite a busy schedule for next year, so please, if you would like to hunt with us, please place your booking as soon as possible.

We will be glad to meet you here in Namibia.



Merry Christmas!

We wish all of you a merry and peaceful Christmas, a happy New Year and good hunting in the year 2006!

Best regards from Namibia!

Ernst-Ludwig & Ina Cramer with Lennart & Florenz

and all staff members of BLACK NOSSOB HUNTING SAFARIS

