To acquire and manage a system of national parks which represents the indigenous wildlife, vegetation, landscapes and significant cultural assets of South Africa for the pride and benefit of the nation.



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Dear Ms Kvalsig

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: "AGREEMENT BETWEEN KRUGER NATIONAL PARK AND THE ASSOCIATED PRIVATE NATURE RESERVES"

We acknowledge receipt of your correspondence, received 10 July 2018 (E040-003/Sarah Kvalsvig).

Whilst SANParks is not the issuing authority for hunting in systems open to Kruger National Park (KNP), SANParks will not condone any practices outside the legal framework, or outside Protocols supportive of ethical and sustainable resource use, or practices that might negatively impact on biodiversity management or its reputation.

In terms of the process of evaluating hunting quotas, KNP management provide input and recommendations on request. It is important to point out that the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA) makes the final decision, and procedurally it is currently not incumbent on them to obtain approval from KNP, even when amendments have been made. It is the mandate of the MTPA to communicate and inform parties about final approved quotas, including further due diligence processes that were followed.

Within the above context, the following key matters have reference:

- 1. Hunting is a legitimate practice in protected areas (CBD, IUCN, SA Constitution, NEMPA Act of 2003).
- 2. SANParks does not allow hunting in a state owned National Park.
- 3. SANParks' Policy framework supports ethical and sustainable hunting in cooperative conservation areas open to KNP provided that;
 - Compliance to all governance arrangements (including having Management Plans, Agreements, Protocols)
 - Required processes are followed

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- 4. SANParks comments and provides advice through various ecological and governance structures.
- 5. MTPA and Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism, (LEDET) approve and issue permits for areas open to KNP, including any further due diligence processes needed where information might be lacking.
- 6. Additional due diligence through MTPA and LEDET requires that SANParks be informed about amendments.
- 7. The lion was not hunted in KNP, but in Umbabat, a Nature reserve not managed by KNP, but regulated by the MTPA.
- 8. Procedurally, MTPA followed the Protocol and open conservation parties were informed that a permit was issued.

Parties within the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area (GLTFCA GLTFCA footprint will strive to improve on procedures and best practices pertaining to all facets of protected area management.

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ours sincerely

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