



Professional Hunters' Association of South Africa

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Dallas Safari Club Position on Captive Bred Lion Hunting

To the President, Board and Members of Dallas Safari Club

The Professional Hunters' Association of South Africa (PHASA) is aware of the most recent decision taken by the Dallas Safari Club (DSC) Board. PHASA understands and respect DSC's decision and although no specific associations were mentioned feels the need to address this position statement. As an Association that is trying to find amicable solutions for over 6000 Captive-Bred Lions (CBL) in South Africa. PHASA is committed to working with DSC and all other stakeholders within the industry for the long term sustainable benefit of wildlife conservation and hunting.

South African ranches fall under a unique paradox in that we are recognised for the role we have played by increasing wildlife numbers in the country. However, currently the international Conservation Regulators including CoP17, CITES, IUCN and RED DATA LIST all do not recognise or count any animals on private wildlife ranches as "wild animals". These organisations do not recognise semi-extensive or extensive wildlife ranches as "the wild". Thus, by default all wildlife in private ownership or on game ranchers in South Africa are viewed as making no contribution to conservation.

It is imperative that Associations be mindful of this before taking decisions to oppose an individual facet within the industry as a result of not contributing to conservation especially when the specific practice isn't a threat to conservation either.

Similarly, to DSC, PHASA does not condone all forms of CBL Hunting and at our 40th Annual General Meeting (AGM) voted in favour of the following resolution:

"PHASA accepts the responsible hunting of ranched lions on SAPA accredited hunting ranches within the relevant legal framework and/or according to recommendations of the applicable hunting association, such as SCI's fair chase standards."

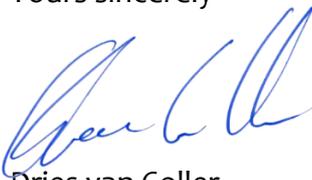
This resolution is by no means a blanket endorsement of all CBL Hunting and PHASA currently only recognises 8 accredited South African Predator Association (SAPA) hunting ranches, of which the majority were vetted and approved by our former president Mr Stan Burger. These ranches have to adhere to much higher industry standard and PHASA is committed to upholding fair chase and ethical conduct of members partaking in such hunts.

The 2017 Resolution also allows Associations such as DSC to make recommendations that are applicable to their membership. As previously corresponded to DSC, PHASA commits itself to implementing these requirements on behalf of the associations provided the hunt is conducted

with a PHASA member on a SAPA accredited hunting ranch. PHASA would therefore wish to ask for clarity regarding DSC position on CBL hunting. Does the DSC Position statement preclude a member of DSC partaking in a Ranched lion hunt? What are the specific recommendation or conditions required by DSC that either allow or prevent DSC members who may wish to partake in a Ranched Lion hunt?

PHASA is an Association that is rooted in personal professional customer service and respects the views of fellow Associations. As conveyed and discussed PHASA will support DSC in any decision taken to represent or further the best interests of your Association and membership.

Yours sincerely



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