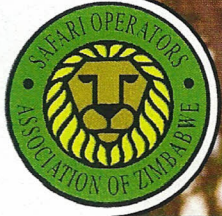


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Statement

by

The Safari Operators Association of Zimbabwe
The Zimbabwe Professional Hunters & Guides Association Zimbabwe and
The Zimbabwe Tour Operators Association

The Safari Operators Association of Zimbabwe (SOAZ) and its sister organisations, The Zimbabwe Professional Hunters & Guides Association (ZPHGA) and The Zimbabwe Tour Operators Association (ZTOA) and being a member of the Operators and Professional Hunting Associations of Africa (OPHAA) hereby reaffirm our commitment in promoting and encouraging the legal and ethical fair-chase sustainable use of wildlife resources for the benefit of wildlife, communities and the tourism industry in all member countries.

We further reaffirm our continued and unwavering support to OPHAA in its action of indefinitely suspending The Professional Hunters' Association of South Africa (PHASA) from OPHAA, due to PHASA's continued stand on the abhorrent and unethical practice of captive bred lion hunting. Our position on this was clearly stated in previous statements from OPHAA, SOAZ and ZPHGA earlier in the year and these were brought to PHASA's attention together with similar support statements from sister African Associations.

SOAZ embraces the consumptive and non-consumptive sectors of our industry in Zimbabwe and fully support and take pride in the bold decision taken by OPHAA in the above regard.

EMMANUEL A FUNDIRA
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5th December 2017