

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PROFESSIONAL HUNTERS

The code of conduct for Professional Hunters shall be as follows:

1. That all professional hunters shall give conservation of Flora and Fauna top priority in all their activities and shall not do anything contrary to the generally accepted principles of conservation whether or not these are covered by law.
2. That all professional hunters shall comply strictly with the provisions of the Wildlife Act at all times under all circumstances. No animal shall be shot before a license is issued.
3. That all professional hunters shall, in case of doubt, on anything, consult their management or nearest Wildlife Officer.
4. That all professional hunters shall work in full co-operation with local Wildlife Officers and Honorary Wildlife Rangers. To this end, every professional hunter shall, before entering the area of his assignment; report his presence to the Chief of that area and, afterwards, to the local Wildlife Officer in charge of the area on his first visit. The Wildlife Officer shall check on the operations of professional hunters regularly.
5. That all professional hunters shall, where possible, give assistance by providing essentials to Wildlife Scouts strictly on a payment basis.
6. That all professional hunters shall adhere to the following procedures in the use of baits :
 - a. That all animals shot for bait, shall already have been paid for on a license.
 - b. That baits shall be out of sight from every hunting track.
 - c. That baits must be removed immediately the baited animal is shot and that such carcasses must be destroyed and should not be left to be cleared by vultures or hyenas.
 - d. That in the event of unsuccessful hunting, the baits must be removed and destroyed within 24 hours, all wires used to hang any baits must also be removed from the area.
 - e. That there shall be no careless placement of baits.
 - f. That not more than three (3) baits may be hung at any one time for Leopard and not more than two (2) baits at any one time for Lion.
 - g. That no baits may be hung prior to the start of a safari and none to be left hanging at the end of a safari.
7. That where professional hunters come across any baits put up by either citizens or residents, it shall be their duty in that area to bring to the attention of these citizens and residents the code of conduct relating to baits. It shall be the duty of the professional hunter to report any hunter who contravenes this code on baits to Wildlife Officers.

8. That any professional hunter who violates the code on baits, shall have his professional hunter's license and or hunting licenses canceled immediately.
9. That professional hunters shall give respect and due regard to all Wildlife workers and other hunters operating in their areas. Under no circumstances shall professional hunters adopt the attitude of personalizing these areas as their own to the exclusion of others.
10. That professional hunters shall assist where possible Safari clients in interpreting the law correctly and to adhere to correct methods of hunting. It is illegal for example to shoot from or near a vehicle.
11. That the normal working schedule of every professional hunter shall include inter alia anti-poaching patrols of his area of operation, and shall accord this exercise high priority by sparing time and resources to achieve this objective.
12. That professional hunters shall be required to fill out forms as and when prescribed by the Zambia Wildlife Authority.
13. Professional hunters licensed to practice in this country shall be expected to display a higher degree of conservation and general integrity both in this country and when they go to hunt in other countries. If any adverse reports are received by the Authority against any professional hunter for breaking conservation requirements, they shall not have their licenses renewed in this country. Any malpractices connected with foreign exchange dealings, either in this country or any in any country, will cause the immediate cancellation of the professional hunter's license.
14. That no female Leopards are to be shot. Incidents where female Leopard are shot must be reported to the Executive in writing as soon as possible, outlining the circumstances.
15. That no professional hunter shall fire together with the client, unless in self-defense or in the dispatch of a dangerous wounded animal.
16. That the measure of a good hunt shall be the quality of the trophies taken, the sportsmanlike manner in which they were obtained and the quality of camp life.
17. That before any professional hunter's licenses are issued for the first time, the professional hunter shall:
 - a. Be required to pass examinations on Act # 12 of 1998 and Act # 111 of the laws of Zambia conducted by the Professional Hunters' Association and the Zambia Wildlife Authority to ensure that the prospective professional hunter is fully conversant with the laws under these acts.

- b. Be cleared by the Professional Hunters' Association for a professional hunter's license.
 - c. Be in possession of a valid offer of employment from a safari hunting company with a valid lease agreement.
18. That professional hunters are advised to give adequate surplus game meat to Wildlife Officers and the local people in order to maintain good human relations with the local community.
19. That professional hunters shall ensure that bushfires set for the purpose of hunting in Game Management Areas are set before 31st July, and that considerable care should be taken to ensure that such fires do not stray into National Parks.
20. That any professional hunter shall be deemed to have committed a breach of hunting ethics and or conduct if he commits the following :
- a. Shooting from a vehicle.
 - b. Hunts at night.
 - c. Gives firearms to minors below 18 years of age.
 - d. Allows the shooting of immature animals.
 - e. Fails to honor his obligations to his clients or his company.
 - f. When involved in under invoicing and or under declaring of and with-holding information about the volume and status of clients.
 - g. Using unlawful methods of hunting.
 - h. If he does anything that puts him in disrepute morally or otherwise to his client, Company, Association and or Government.
21. That a professional hunter shall not solicit for a gratuity. A gratuity may be accepted when offered spontaneously by a client.
22. That a professional hunter may, when requested by a client, give guidance on an appropriate gratuity for camp staff.
23. That a professional hunter shall use his own liquor unless invited to share that of the client.
24. That wives and children of professional hunters may be allowed in camp after agreement with the client and employer company, under agreed conditions. Independent transport and driver facilities for the wife must be available when children are in camp.
25. That no observers accompanying clients shall be allowed to hunt.
26. That all professional hunters shall comply with all the terms and conditions of the lease agreement.
27. That all professional hunters shall endeavor to portray a positive image of Zambia and her Wildlife Industry.