

Guidelines for Lion and Leopard Hunting

Below are the revised guidelines on hunting of lion in Zambia.

Professional Hunters and concessionaires shall only be allowed to hunt lion under the following conditions:-

- 1) A person shall not hunt any female lion or leopard;
- 2) Male lions are divided in the following categories;

Category 1

A lion of 7 years old or above which qualifies for the award prescribed in point 5 below;

Category 2

Male lions between 5 and 6 years old and above;

Category 3

Male lions above 4 years old, but below the age of 5 years old;

Category 4 (Underage)

Male lions 4 years old and below.

- 3) A person shall not hunt any male lion in Category 3 or 4;
- 4) Where the lion hunted is of Category 2 or above, the Department may allow export or issue a certificate of ownership to the client of such a trophy;
- 5) Digital camera traps may be used by hunters for the purposes of aiding in aging and sexing of lion or leopard before the hunt;
- 6) A concession holder in whose hunting block a lion of category 1 is hunted for two consecutive seasons may at the discretion of the Director be awarded an additional lion the next hunting season;
- 7) A lion hunt shall be a minimum of 14 calendar days;
- 8) A Professional Hunter shall submit a lion sighting form and a lion trophy size record form as indicated in annexes I and II.

- 9) The Concessionaire or Professional Hunter or their appointed representative shall physically submit the trophy to the Department for measurement within two months of the hunt;
- 10) The Department shall determine the age of hunted lions before the trophy can be collected from the Department. The Department may consult an independent expert to assist in determining the age of the hunted lion;
- 11) Where the Department determines that the trophy or carcass of the lion hunted was that of a female lion or a male lion of Category 3 or 4, the Department shall impose on the Professional hunter or concession holder such fines and penalties as prescribed in schedule 1 below;
- 12) A person who is found to have committed an offence under these regulations and does not agree with the decision made under 10 or 11 above, may appeal to the Director who may refer the matter to the Lion Aging Evaluation Committee for review of the age of the lion trophy in question;
- 13) The Director may appoint the members of the Lion Aging Evaluation Committee from independent experts with specific competence in aging procedures for lions. One DNPW staff member and one Professional Hunters Association member shall sit in the committee as ex-officials.
- 14) The function of the Lion Aging Evaluation Committee is to recommend to the Director the appropriate age and category of the lion trophy or carcass;
- 15) The Lion Aging Evaluation Committee's recommendation shall be made in writing to the Director;
- 16) The Director shall issue a final decision upon receiving recommendations from the Lion Aging Evaluation Committee which decision may revise, set-aside or uphold the earlier decision as he sees fit in the name of good wildlife management;
- 17) A person who is aggrieved by the final decision may appeal in accordance with the Zambia Wildlife Act no 14 of 2015;

Schedule 1: schedule of Offences and Penalties

Type of Offence	1 st offence	2 nd Offence	3 rd Offence
Hunts female lion or leopard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Up to 3 years Suspension or cancellation of PH license; ▪ Fine of not less than 150,000 but not exceeding 200,000 penalty fee units; ▪ Withdrawal of lion quota for that year. ▪ No export permits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cancellation of PH license; ▪ Fine of 200,000 to 400,000 penalty fee units. ▪ Suspension of lion quota up to 3 years. ▪ No export permits. 	
Hunts lion of category 4 (Underage)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Up to 1 year Suspension of PH license; ▪ Fine of not less than 150,000 but not exceeding 200,000 penalty fee units; ▪ Withdrawal of lion quota for next hunting season. ▪ No export permits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Up to 3 years Suspension or cancellation of PH license; ▪ Fine of 200,000 to 400,000 penalty fee units. ▪ Suspension of lion quota up to 3 years ▪ No export permits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cancellation of PH license with no possibility of lifting the cancellation; ▪ Fine of at least 400,000 penalty fee units ▪ Suspension of lion hunting quota up to end of concession ▪ No export permits

Hunts lion of category 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fine of not less than 30,000 but not exceeding 50,000 fee units; ▪ Export on discretion of Director 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dropping PH Licences to Restricted for a period of 12 months from date of decision. ▪ Fine of 50,000 but not exceeding 100,000 fee units. ▪ Withdrawal of lion quota for next hunting season. ▪ No Export permits allowed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Up to 1 year Suspension of PH license; ▪ Fine of 100,000 but not exceeding 200,000 fee units. ▪ suspension of lion quota up to 2 years; ▪ No export permits.
None submission of trophy records forms and trophies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Withdrawal of lion and leopard quota until records are provided. ▪ Fine of 2,000 penalty fee units per year; ▪ No export permit until records are provided 		
Late submission of trophy, records and forms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fine of 2,000 fee units 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fine of 4000 fee units; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fine of 6,000 penalty fee units for year;

LION SIGHTING FORM

Game Management/Open Area: Hunting Block:
Name of recorder:

Sighting #	Date (dd/mm/yy)	Time	Pride Size and Structure						Pride Identity	GPS Location (in decimal degrees)		Activity	Photos (Y/N)
			# Cubs	# AM	# AF	# SAM	# SAF	Total #		Latitude	Longitude		

Clear pictures of lions indicating whisker spot patterns are required for every sighting.

AM = Male; AF = Female; SAM = Sub Adult Male; SAF = Sub Adult Female

Notes

Age estimate in the field: Mane characteristics, nose pigmentation, skin coloration, leg markings, whiskers, colour and wear of teeth (later in the lab).

Activities: These may include; resting, feeding, walking, chasing/hunting etc.

Pride Identity: Identity code can be any name given to a particular pride or coalition of males.

TROPHY SIZE RECORD FORM

Name of Professional Hunter:	Hunting Outfitter:
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DETAILS OF CLIENT

Name of client:	Nationality:
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Country of Residence	
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Postal Address	
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GMA permit No:	Non Resident Hunting Licence No:
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DETAILS OF HUNT

Name of GMA		Hunting period from to	
Name of Hunting Block			

Date Killed or wounded	Species	Sex	Killed or Wounded	Give Your Estimate of Lion Age	GPS Location		Trophy for export	
					South	East	Yes	No

DETAILS OF TROPHY MEASUREMENTS

Species	Body length (tip of nose to end of tail)	Shoulder height (Shoulder to base of paw)	Skull length	Skull width	left canine length	Right canine length

All Measurements should be in metric units i.e. centimetres and metres

Required Photos:

Side view showing the entire body with hunter positioned directly behind for scale

Side view of the head neck and shoulder

Head down, showing mane development on head and shoulder

Head up showing mane development on throat and chest

Face head, showing shape and scars if any

Frontal view of the teeth showing coloration and wear on canines and incisors at time of hunt for colour

Nose shoot clearly showing the pigmentation at time of hunt.