

TROPHY HUNTING:

Ten countries, Ten years



CAMPAIGN TO BAN TROPHY HUNTING

Introduction

This report looks into hunting trophy import trends in 10 countries over the past decade. It is based on data on the CITES database for 2007 and 2017, the most recent year for which full CITES data is available.

The 10 countries studied were: Austria, Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, Germany, Norway, Russia, Spain, and the USA.

Cover photo: Caracal shot by Norwegian trophy hunter Trondner Gaard. **Below:** Baboon shot by Belgian trophy hunter Andre Caulier (credit: Umlilo Safaris)

Status and population of 'African Big 5' (source: IUCN Red List):

Lion: Vulnerable (23,000-39,000)

Elephant: Vulnerable (an estimate of 415,000 is frequently cited)

Black rhinoceros: Critically endangered (unknown)

White rhinoceros: Near threatened (unknown)

Leopard: Vulnerable (unknown)

Buffalo: Near threatened (398,000-401,000)

Status and population of other iconic African wildlife trophy species (source: IUCN Red List)

Cheetah: Vulnerable (6,674)

Giraffe: Vulnerable (68,293)

Mountain zebra: Vulnerable (34,979)

Hippopotamus: Vulnerable (unknown)

Primate species hunted for trophies:

1. Tana River Mangabey
2. Chimpanzee
3. guenon monkey
4. grivet monkey
5. vervet monkey
6. black and white colobus
7. patas monkey
8. olive baboon
9. yellow baboon
10. hamadryas baboon
11. chacma baboon
12. bleeding heart monkey



Impact of Trophy hunting on vulnerable species

A report by US Congressional researchers reviewed the scientific literature on the conservation impact of trophy hunting on vulnerable species targeted by trophy hunters. Below are extracts from its conclusions:

- “Trophy hunting ... removes a significant number of animals from these rapidly declining populations”
- “While hunters claim that their presence deters poaching, illegal killing has soared to record levels despite the continued operation of trophy hunting lodges and outfitters.”
- “Scientists report that trophy hunting can affect a specific, localised population of a given species in many ways: by reducing the number of animals in the population, by reducing the population’s reproductive capacity, and by altering the ecosystem where the species resides.”
- “On the whole... the evidence shows that trophy hunting is having negative impacts across sub Saharan Africa.”
- “According to scientists, unsustainably high rates of trophy hunting have caused population declines in African lions and possibly African leopards”
- “Hunting and poaching of wild elephants in general are currently outpacing the reproductive rate of the species, causing an unsustainable loss of elephants annually.”¹



Baboon shot by Danish trophy hunter Knud Blach (credit: Umlilo Safaris)

¹ “Missing the Mark – African trophy hunting fails to show consistent conservation benefits”, a report by the Democratic Staff of the House Committee on Natural Resources, 2016

COUNTRY DATA

COUNTRY	USA
NO. OF TROPHIES	2007: 23,893 2017: 19,707
MOST ENDANGERED	Whale species including right whales, Dama Gazelle, Scimitar horned oryx, Tana River mangabey, Hawksbill sea turtle, Nile crocodile, elephant, cheetah, leopard, chimpanzee, sloth bear, markhor, lion, jaguar, grey parrot, white rhinoceros
EXAMPLES OF OTHER TROPHIES	guereza monkey, patas monkey, zebra, elephant, wild cat, potto monkey, monk parakeet, black-chested snake eagle, bald eagle, hooded vulture, white-headed vulture, knob-billed duck, gueron monkey, grivet monkey, black and white colobus, olive baboon, yellow baboon, hamadryas baboon, chacma baboon, bleeding-heart monkey, crocodile, lion (including captive lions), puma, sandhill crane, hippopotamus, sea otter, North American river otter, American flamingo, white rhinoceros, Speke's hinge-back tortoise, bears (black, brown, polar), Egyptian goose, black-bellied whistling duck, fulvous whistling duck, white faced whistling duck, honey badger



Unnamed US trophy hunter with rhinoceros (credit: Umlilo Safaris)

COUNTRY	CHINA
NO. OF TROPHIES	2007: 18 2017: 2,142
MOST ENDANGERED	Scimitar horned oryx, Arabian oryx, elephant (Mozambique), cheetah, leopard, white rhinoceros
EXAMPLES OF OTHER TROPHIES	Vervet monkey, various baboon species, crocodile, elephant, zebra, lion (including captive), hippopotamus, North American River otter, bears including polar bear

COUNTRY	GERMANY
NO. OF TROPHIES	2007: 1062 2017: 1278
MOST ENDANGERED	Addax, markhor, scimitar, elephants (Zambia, Mozambique, Cameroon, Tanzania), cheetah, Eurasian lynx (Russia), leopard, Arabian oryx, barasingha, black rhinoceros
EXAMPLES OF OTHER TROPHIES	Alligator, grivet monkey, various baboon species, crocodile, elephant, zebra, wild cat, lion (including captive), hippopotamus, North American river otter, white rhinoceros, bears including polar bear, vervet and guereza monkeys



German trophy hunter Adreas Hack with a porcupine (credit: Umlilo Safaris)

COUNTRY	SPAIN
NO. OF TROPHIES	2007: 2564 2017: 699
MOST ENDANGERED	Markhor, Scimitar horned oryx, Arabian Oryx, elephant (Cameroon, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia), cheetah, leopard
EXAMPLES OF OTHER TROPHIES	Grivet monkey, baboon, crocodile, elephant, zebra, wild cat, lion (including captive), hippopotamus, white rhinoceros, bears including polar



Spanish trophy hunter Fernando Serrano Fernandez with a baboon (credit: Umlilo Safaris)

COUNTRY	DENMARK
NO. OF TROPHIES	2007: 758 2017: 525
MOST ENDANGERED	Markhor, scimitar, elephant (Mozambique, Zambia), cheetah, leopard, black rhino
EXAMPLES OF OTHER TROPHIES	Elephant, lion (including captive), vervet and grivet monkeys, various baboon species, crocodile, hippopotamus, North American river otter, white rhinoceros, various species of bear including polar bear, alligator



Danish trophy hunter Jens Klemmensen with a caracal (credit: Umlilo Safaris)

COUNTRY	CANADA
NO. OF TROPHIES	2007: 146 2017: 462
MOST ENDANGERED	Elephant (Mozambique), cheetah, scimitar horned oryx, leopard, golden eagle, addax, markhor
EXAMPLES OF OTHER TROPHIES	Elephant, various baboon species, grivet monkey, zebra, wild cat, lion (including captive), hippopotamus, alligator, white rhinoceros



Canadian trophy hunter Julia Arkley with a Red Hartebeest (credit: Umlilo Safaris)

COUNTRY	AUSTRIA
NO. OF TROPHIES	2007: 321 2017: 448
MOST ENDANGERED	Scimitar-horned oryx, elephants in Cameroon, cheetah, leopard, and Markhor
EXAMPLES OF OTHER TROPHIES	Lion (including captive), white rhinoceros, polar bear, zebra, hippopotamus, crocodile, various baboon species and vervet monkey



Captive lion shot by an unnamed Austrian hunter (credit: Umlilo safaris)

COUNTRY	RUSSIA
NO. OF TROPHIES	2007: 223 2017: 312
MOST ENDANGERED	Scimitar horned oryx, elephant (Tanzania), cheetah, leopard, black rhinoceros, markhor
EXAMPLES OF OTHER TROPHIES	Grivet monkey, baboons, crocodile, elephant, zebra, lion (including captive), hippopotamus, white rhinoceros, polar bear, wild cat

COUNTRY	NORWAY
NO. OF TROPHIES	2007: 484 2017: 267
MOST ENDANGERED	Leopard, scimitar horned oryx, cheetah
EXAMPLES OF OTHER TROPHIES	Baboons, crocodile, elephant, zebra, lion (including captive), hippopotamus, bears including polar bear, vervet monkey, white rhinoceros



Ostrich shot by Norwegian trophy hunter Thomas Helmersen (credit: Umlilo Safaris)

COUNTRY	BELGIUM
NO. OF TROPHIES	2007: 169 2017: 263
MOST ENDANGERED	Scimitar horned oryx, crocodile, Cameroon elephant, cheetah, leopard
EXAMPLES OF OTHER TROPHIES	Lion (including captive), white rhinoceros, hippopotamus, polar bear, alligator, elephant, guereza and grivet monkeys, various species of baboon, zebras, wild cat



Zebra shot by Belgian trophy hunter Roland De Vos (credit: Umlilo Safaris)

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