

From: Emmanuel Koro
Subject: Re: [The True Green Alliance] Please moderate: "TGA Applauds the New Botswana President"
Date: 05 March 2019 at 10:02:08 SAST
To:

Hi Ron,

In Zimbabwe, Botswana and Namibia where there is community private business partnerships with hunters facilitated by government there are tangible infrastructural development investments made through hunting revenue.

They built schools, clinics, roads and bridges. They have bought grinding mills and ambulances. They have employed community rangers. Most importantly, these socioeconomic benefits have incentivized wildlife conservation unlike before when poaching was the norm without benefits.

In the case of Botswana it is not a accident that the same that former president Ian Khama disincentivised wildlife conservation particularly elephants through hunting ban, poaching started increasing from then own. This proves our argument that banning hunting disincentivises elephant and wildlife conservation in general.

Therefore, President Masisi is doing the right thing to make hunting serve as an incentive to stop poaching. As some who has interacted with Southern African Rural communities for the past 26 years I remember a Botswana Deputy Chief from Kavimba in Kachikau Village, Luckson Masule impressively telling that he was once a poacher but he stopped as soon as his community started benefiting from hunting revenue benefits.

These are the tangible benefits flowing from hunting that President Masisi is trying to courageously bring back to Botswana, despite ill-informed worldwide opposition from desktop conservationists and keypad commandos particularly from Western countries. African wildlife has never and will never be saved on computer keypad by people who have never set foot in an African village living side by side with wildlife next to national parks.

If the Western animal rights truly love African elephants they must with immediate effect come and airlift them and keep them in the backyards where even a goat cannot survive for 24 hours. Then we can start growing cash crops in the national parks and start making money for our rural communities.

I was impressed to read a statement by Botswana journalists, telling the Western animal rights to let Botswana manage its elephants in ways that work for elephants and its people. Well done! T

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On Tuesday, March 5, 2019, 9:22:10 AM GMT+2, Ron Thomson wrote:

Dear Nigel,

How about YOU being a little more supportive of what President Masisi is trying to do?

FIRST of all the most important wildlife management action that is needed in Botswana has nothing to do with "making money". Botswana is currently carrying between 10 and 20 times too many elephants - and has been so doing for the last 60 years - gradually building up to the present very high numbers. This has caused the absolute devastation of the habitats in all of Botswana's wildlife sanctuaries - which are now well advanced to becoming true deserts. Many plants and

animals have already been rendered locally extinct because their habitats and environments have been utterly destroyed (by too many elephants over far too many years). So the most important management action that needs to happen is for the elephants to be reduced in number to a level that the habitats have the chance to recover. THIS is a MAJOR undertaking.

It is my personal belief that tens of thousands of elephant will have to be permanently removed from the game reserve ecosystems in Botswana and it makes no sense not to recover and sell their products (meat; hide; and ivory) and to sell the hunting rights, too. And there are various ways this money can be distributed equitably to the local rural people.

I have spoken to Masisi and I can assure that this is his fervent desire. Have the grace to give him the benefit of the doubt. And, please, publish positive responses. Don't just mimic the diatribe that the animal rightist NGOs churn out. I am sure you have more sense and pride to "be your own person" in this discourse?

Let's see what Masisi does with the problem he is faced with. I have absolute faith in him. He WILL do the right thing.

The Safari Club International has NOTHING to do with Botswana's elephant management dilemma. And 'HUNTING' elephants is NOT 'the most important' wildlife management activity in this complex conundrum. Hunting is merely ONE "tool" of management. Elephant population reduction is the most important objective to achieve.

Kind regards,

Ron Thomson CEO-TGA

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Mokgweetsi Masisi. He is on the right track.

No_ he's another crooked African politician who is seduced by Safari Club \$\$\$\$ and is going to steal the money from hunting permits - like they all do. Can Big White Hunters point to any country where the communities have been ENRICHED by trophy hunting- not some meat - but real MONEY - life changing money - you all puke up the "economic benefits" so let's read DATA