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- Zambezi Hunters maintains record for big leopard on Save Conservancy.
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David Risher takes our first trophy Elephant at Mahenye

David Risher has been passionate about hunting since he was a young boy and a relative bought him a subscription to a hunting magazine. Since then he has been privileged to have hunted all over the world and taken some fantastic trophies. He keeps coming back to Africa and getting a really big elephant is one of his aims.

David met up with Jonny in Chumene Camp to start their 15 day elephant hunt. On day 3 they walked up to an elephant bull that was sound asleep at 10 in the morning. Jonny estimated the tusks to be 50lb. They passed it up as it was early in the

hunt and David was after something bigger.



David Risher and Jonny with his Mahenye bull

On the morning of day 12 they got a message that 5 bulls had been seen up in the Chipote area.

The hunters had to take a long walk around a herd of female elephant and eventually caught up with the bulls on a rocky outcrop. To get a better look at them they climbed

higher onto the rocks and, by chance, the bulls slowly walked by below them. The biggest bull had beautiful ivory that they estimated to be about 55lb. David liked the bull and so had the unique task of shooting down onto the bull. His first shot was good and the bull crumpled to the ground. There was much back slapping—David had got himself an excellent bull.

The next day they decided to try for a crocodile in the Save River and David shot a massive 14.5 ft beast. It was a great end to the hunt and we shall forever remember David Risher as the hunter who shot the first trophy bull with us at Mahenye.

More great leopards from Save Conservancy

The Save Conservancy has got a well earned reputation for producing big leopards. They are not easy hunting as the big ones are notoriously clever. Ask any PH and they will tell you long stories of how they have tried to out smart them with the type of bait, placement



of the bait, type and location of blind etc. Zambezi Hunters have maintained their good record of getting big leopards this year with some really good trophies from their Save Conservancy concessions.

Danny Rowe with his magnificent Save Conservancy leopard

Sango Tented Camp

Sango Tented Camp evokes the spirit of the classic safari. Set under colossal riverine trees on the banks of the Msaize River, it is grand yet retains an elegant simplicity.

The large tents are luxuriously furnished with furniture made from local mahogany. Each tent consists of a four poster bed with mosquito netting, a writing desk and chair and a spacious wardrobe. The ensuite bathroom is wood panelled and consists of a shower, basin and toilet.

Each tent is erected on a raised wooden platform and has carpeting inside. A wood boiler provides hot water whenever it is required.

The elephant move up and down the Msaize River system and it is a common sight to see a group of bulls feeding in the shade of one of the



The ensuite bathrooms are wood panelled.

riverine trees. A sudden crack of a branch being snapped off a tree at night will let you know that these grey ghosts are passing near by.

While in camp you are also likely to see a bushbuck gingerly making its way through the undergrowth, a herd of beautiful kudu or the odd buffalo bull keeping to the shade.

The dining room is on a raised wooden platform under a large canvas canopy. You will enjoy excellent cuisine from the camp

chefs without losing the feeling of being in the middle of the African wilderness.

While on safari with Zambezi Hunters you will probably not spend much time in camp—we will keep you hunting hard. Despite this the Sango Tented Camp is guaranteed to leave an indelible mark on your memory of the safari.

Life cannot get much better than sitting around the camp fire under the African night sky, satiated after a fine dinner and recounting the adventures of the day. You will understand this when you stay at Sango Tented Camp.



The dining room



One of the luxurious tents at Sango Tented Camp

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Keep coming back.....Please!

Nevin Nell and Wanda Witter on their second safari with Zambezi Hunters



Zambezi Hunters prides itself on the number of hunters who return to hunt again with us. In 2007 54% of all the safaris conducted were with hunters who had been with Zambezi Hunters before. In 2008 the figure will be close to 50% again and we have done 30% more

hunts than in 2007. These figures are extremely encouraging to us. We care enormously about each hunter that comes out and want to make sure he has the trip of a life time. When you book again it tells us that we are doing something right.

Gerry Reese leaves us wounded!

Gerry Reese came out in August to do a buffalo and leopard hunt with us at Hammond. He got a fantastic 42" buffalo but unfortunately the leopard proved elusive.

A few days before the end of his hunt he got a thorn in his foot. It was not much of a problem to start with but when he left Hammond to return

to Harare it was getting quite painful. In Harare we removed the thorn.

The wound became infected and on his return to the states Gerry had to spend 5 days in hospital and is still having anti-



otic injections. The above picture shows his brother's sense of humour.

Fall of the Zimbabwe Dollar

In the last newsletter there was an article in this space on the hyper inflationary situation in Zimbabwe. There was the comment "we do wonder how much longer before the economy just cannot function any more."

Well we are still here and functioning. The rate of

inflation has climbed to anything from 100 to 200 million percent year on year. The Reserve Bank removed 10 zeros and introduced new notes at the end of July. At the time the black market rate had just reached 1 trillion to the US\$. There was a period of two weeks when the

rate did not move much—largely due to everyone adjusting to the new denominations. A month later and we have got two of the zeros back. It is interesting to note that if no zeros had been taken off this time or the time before the rate would be 50 quadrillion to the USD.

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IMAGES FROM THE BUSH



1. Bo Carter with his Save Buffalo Bull 2. Around the fire at Chumene Camp, 3. Ammo in the belt—ready to go!



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'Experience the Thrill of Big Game Hunting'

Zambezi Hunters prides itself on a reputation for providing high quality, big game hunting safaris. We only hunt in areas that provide a superior standard of hunting and will employ only well reputed professional hunters. Our emphasis is on sport hunting that embraces the spirit and ethics of the traditional African Safari.

We strive to ensure that the areas we operate, and the wildlife populations within them, are better off and improve under our custodianship. All this goes a long way to ensuring that when you book a hunt with Zambezi Hunters, you can rest assured that you will have an unforgettable safari experience.

For more information on Zambezi Hunters or to book a safari, please contact us with the information given opposite.

Profile—Rex Hoets

Rex was born in 1971 in Zimbabwe. His parents were farmers in the Tengwe area of Zimbabwe and it was on the farm that Rex developed his love of the outdoors.

He went to St Georges School in Harare and left at the age of 16 to pursue a career in farming. He proved to be an excellent farmer but in 1993 decided that hunting was what he really wanted to do. He joined Western Safaris as an apprentice and got his full PH license a few years later.

Rex continued to work for Western Safaris in their Che-



were South concession after getting his Professional Hunters license. In 2003 he moved to Brooklands Safaris to get experience in other areas and spent three years hunting on the Save Valley Conservancy

and in the other concessions under Brooklands. Rex has been a freelance Professional Hunter since 2006 and as of 2008 will hopefully be doing more and more hunts with Zambezi Hunters.

Rex has had a great season with Zambezi Hunters. Most notably he took the 47.5" buffalo featured in the previous newsletter.

He has an excellent sense of humour and perhaps the most distinctive style of dancing I have ever seen—if you are lucky enough you will one day see this unique sight.