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NORTH WEST PROVINCE HUNTING REGULATIONS, 2006

DRAFT REGULATIONS

Regulations pertaining to the hunting of identified non-exempted game species on private, government and community owned land and the hunting of identified bird species in the North West Province and procedures for the granting of licenses and fees payable in respect thereof, in terms of —

Section 102 (1)(i) of the *Nature Conservation Ordinance*, No. 12 of 1983 (Transvaal Province);

Sections 10, 29 (1)(b) and 29(1)(k) of the *Bophuthatswana Nature Conservation Act*, 1973 and

Sections 78(a), 79(a)(i), 79(c) and 82(1)(o) of the *Nature and Environmental Conservation Ordinance*, No. 19 of 1974 (Cape Province),

National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act, Act 10 of 2004: Threatened or Protected Species Regulations, 2007.

I, Jan Serfontein, in my capacity as the Member of the Executive Council for the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Environment in the North West Province, in terms of the above-mentioned provisions, and in respect of areas within the boundaries of the North West Province which are still subject to the provisions of the above-mentioned legislation, hereby direct that licenses to hunt on all land, not exempted in terms of the above legislation, will be processed as specified herein.

1. Definitions

In these Regulations, any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the principal legislation referred to above, will bear that meaning and, unless the context indicates otherwise—

“**applicant**” means a landowner, his designated representative or a hunter who applies for a license to hunt in terms of these regulations;

“**bird**” means any feathered wild animal;

“**Department**” means the Department of Agriculture, Conservation, Environment and Tourism in the North West Province;

“**game**” means huntable species, excluding birds as indicated in Schedule 1;

“**hunt**” means to shoot at, to kill, to pursue, to search for or to lie in wait with the intent to kill or shoot game or birds;

“**hunter**” means any person who engages in the activity to hunt;

“**hunting season**” means the specified time within which legal hunting is allowed, subject to authorisation in terms of these regulations;

“**landowner**” means any person, legal entity, tribal authority or organ of state that is the authorised management authority, private owner, lessee or trustee of land which is situated within the boundaries of the North West Province;

“**license**” means a legally obtained authorisation to hunt game or birds in the North West Province;

2. Scope of application

These regulations:

(a) apply to any landowner and/or any hunter within the boundaries of the North West Province, and replace any previous declaration of a hunting season within the boundaries of the North West Province.

(b) must be read in conjunction with the following legislation:

(i) *Nature Conservation Ordinance*, No. 12 of 1983 (Transvaal Province);

(ii) *Bophuthatswana Nature Conservation Act*, 1973, (Act No. 3 of 1973);

(iii) *Nature and Environmental Conservation Ordinance*, No. 19 of 1974 (Cape Province).

3. Responsibilities

- 3.1 The relevant programme manager in the Department is hereby authorised to administer these regulations under the supervision of the Head of Department.
- 3.2 The relevant programme manager may delegate the power to investigate, assess and issue licenses in terms of these regulations to designated officials employed by the department.
- 3.3 Designated officials must ensure that:

- (a) landowners and hunters comply with these regulations and any other applicable legislation;
- (b) a breach of the regulations are dealt with immediately and effectively as contemplated in the principal legislation;
- (c) report on how many licenses issued, for what and to whom, level of compliance by applicants, hunting reports submitted, revenue generated for the province, compliance monitoring and enforcement interventions, etc. Due end October 2008 - hunting reports due earlier.

A. HUNTABLE GAME SPECIES

4. Hunting season of huntable game and restrictions

- 4.1 Applications to hunt identified game and bird species will only be considered during the period specified in regulation (4.2 & 4.3)
- 4.2 Applications for hunting of free roaming game, excluding birds, will be considered from 1 May 2008 to 31 July 2008.
- 4.3 Application for hunting game on farms that are game fenced will be considered throughout the year.
- 4.4 No hunting licenses application for hunting of free roaming game will be considered in the following areas

5. Application for licenses to hunt game

- 5.1 Any landowner who intends to hunt game on the land must apply for a license before hunting takes place.
- 5.2 A landowner must submit an application for a license to hunt to the departmental regional office within the municipal district where the hunting will take place, as reflected in Schedule 3.
- 5.3 Should the land/ the hunting area fall within two or more regions, the landowner may only apply for a license to one of the regional offices concerned.
- 5.4 A landowner must submit the following to a designated official at the appropriate regional office when an application for a license to hunt is made,
 - a. proof of ownership of the land, and
 - b. a certified copy of the landowner's identity document.
- 5.5 If the landowner is a lessee of the land, a certified copy of the written consent from the landowner giving consent to hunt for the current hunting season must be submitted.
- 5.6 If the landowner is a tribal authority, a certified copy of the written consent from the tribal chief giving consent to hunt for the current hunting season must be submitted.
- 5.7 Designated officials must evaluate the application with due consideration given to the following:
 - (a) Current information of the population density on the land;
 - (b) The landowner's track record of submitting annual hunting reports in terms of regulation 8 and general compliance with these regulations in the past.

6. Issuing of licenses to hunt game

- 6.1 Designated officials must process and communicate the outcome of the application to the landowner within 10 working days after receipt of the application form and supporting documents as indicated in regulation 5.

- 6.2 A landowner must collect the endorsed application form, specifying the fees payable, from the regional office where the application was made.
- 6.3 A license will only be issued after the specified fees are paid.
- 6.4 Landowners may sell the right to hunt game indicated on the license to hunters.
- 6.5 Landowners must furnish the hunter with a written declaration stating permission to hunt on the land.

7. Hunting and transportation of hunted game

- 7.1 Landowners and hunters must at all times adhere to the conditions stipulated in the license.
- 7.2 Hunted game must at all times, and during transportation or while processing the meat, be accompanied by the original license.

8. Hunting reports of hunted game

- 8.1 Landowners must submit a completed hunting report before 31 August 2008 to the regional office where the license was issued.
- 8.2 The hunting report must be completed in the format as indicated in Schedule 4.
- 8.3 Failure to submit a hunting report in the prescribed format within the prescribed period will result in non-compliance with the principal legislation.

B. HUNTABLE GAME BIRDS

9. Hunting season for game birds and restrictions

- 9.1 Any person who intends to hunt birds must apply for a license before hunting takes place.
- 9.2 An application for a license to hunt birds must be submitted to any departmental regional office.
- 9.3 Designated officials must evaluate the application with due consideration given to the following:
 - (a) Current information of the bird population density on the land;
 - (b) The hunter's track record of submitting annual hunting reports in terms of regulation 13 and general compliance with these regulations in the past.
 - (c) The principles set out in section 2 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998.
- 9.4 Hunting of any birds shall not be allowed on farms in the immediate vicinity of Barberspan and Leeupan namely Barberspan 309IO, Leeupan 279IO, Vergenoeg 303IO and Zandvlei 301IO and adjacent wetlands.

10. Application for licenses to hunt birds

- 10.1 Any person who intends to hunt birds must apply for a license before hunting takes place
- 10.2 An application for a license to hunt birds must be submitted to any departmental regional office
- 10.3 Designated officials must evaluate the application with due consideration given to the following
 - (a) Current information of the bird population density on the land;
 - (b) The hunter's track record of submitting annual hunting reports in terms of regulation 13 and general compliance with these regulations in the past

- (c) The principles set out in section 2 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998

11. Issuing of licenses to hunt birds

- 11.1 Designated officials must process and communicate the outcome of the application to the hunter within ten (10) working days after receipt of the application;
- 11.2 The hunter must collect the endorsed application form, specifying the fees payable, from the regional office where the application was lodged.
- 11.3 A license will only be issued after the specified fees are paid.
- 11.4 Hunters may not sell or transfer the right to hunt birds to other hunters.

12. Hunting and transportation of hunted birds

- 12.1 Hunters must at all times adhere to the conditions stipulated in the license.
- 12.2 Hunted birds must at all times, and during transportation, be accompanied by -
 - (a) the original license and
 - (b) the written consent of the landowner where the birds were hunted.

13. Hunting reports of hunted birds

- 13.1 Hunters must submit a completed hunting report to the regional office where the license was issued by 30 October 2008.
- 13.2 The hunting report must be completed in the format as indicated in Schedule 5.
- 13.3 Failure to submit a hunting report in the prescribed format within the prescribed period will result in non-compliance with the principal legislation.

14. Non-compliance

- 14.1 Failure to comply with the provisions of the regulations will be subject to the penalties outlined in the principal legislation.

SCHEDULE 1 - HUNTING OF BIRDS

SPECIES	SCIENTIFIC NAME	BAG LIMIT	SEASON
Waterfowl	Daily bag limit: 10 birds per day with a maximum of 20 in possession		
White-faced Duck	<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>	4	1 May - 31 Jul
Egyptian Goose*	<i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>	4	1 Jan - 31 Jul
Yellow-billed Duck	<i>Anas undulata</i>	4	1 May - 31 Jul
Cape Teal	<i>Anas capensis</i>	4	1 May - 31 Jul
Red-billed Teal	<i>Anas erythrorhynha</i>	4	1 May - 31 Jul
Cape Shoveler	<i>Anas smithii</i>	4	1 May - 31 Jul
Southern Pochard	<i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>	3	1 May - 31 Jul
Comb (Knob-billed) Duck	<i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>	4	1 May - 31 Jul
Spur-winged Goose*	<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>	4	1 May - 31 Jul
South African Shelduck	<i>Tadorna cana</i>	2	1 Jan - 31 Mar

*Allow special take off for damage control with special permit - max 5

Terrestrial gamebirds	Daily bag limit: 20 birds per day with a maximum of 40 in possession		
Coqui Francolin (Partridge)	<i>Peliperdix coqui</i>	5	1 May - 30 Sep
Crested Francolin (Partridge)	<i>Dendroperdix sephaena</i>	5	1 May - 30 Sep
Shelley's Francolin (Partridge)	<i>Scleroptila shelleyi</i>	5	1 May - 30 Aug
Redwing Francolin (Partridge)	<i>Scleroptila levallantii</i>	5	1 May - 30 Aug
Orange River Francolin (Partridge)	<i>Scleroptila levallantoides</i>	5	1 Apr - 31 Jul
Red-billed Spurfowl (Francolin)	<i>Pternistis adspersus</i>	3	1 May - 30 Sep
Natal Spurfowl (Francolin)	<i>Pternistis natalensis</i>	3	1 Jun - 30 Sep
Swainson's Spurfowl (Francolin)	<i>Pternistis swainsonii</i>	5	1 Jun - 30 Sep
Harlequin Quail	<i>Coturnix delegorguei</i>	5	1 May - 30 Aug
Common Quail	<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>	10	1 May - 30 Aug
Helmeted Guineafowl	<i>Numedia meleagris</i>	10	1 May - 30 Sep

Sandgrouse	Daily bag limit: 15 per day with a maximum of 45 in possession		
Namaqua Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles namaqua</i>	10	1 Apr - 15 Jul
Burchell's Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles burchelli</i>	5	1 Nov - 31 Apr
Double-banded Sandgrouse	<i>Pterocles bicinctus</i>	5	1 Nov - 31 Apr

Pigeons and doves	Daily bag limit: 20 per day with a maximum of 100 in possession (excluding Speckled Pigeon)		
Speckled (Rock) Pigeon	<i>Columba guinea</i>	No bag limit	All year
African Olive-Pigeon (Rameron)	<i>Columba arquatrix</i>	5	1 May - 30 Aug
Red-eyed Dove	<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>	20	All year
Cape Turtle-Dove	<i>Streptotelia capicola</i>	20	All year
Laughing dove	<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>	20	All year

SCHEDULE 2 – IDENTIFIED GAME AND FEES PAYABLE

SPECIES	SPESIES	SCIENTIFIC NAME	FEE
African Elephant	Afrika Olifant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	R500-00
Bat Eared Fox	Bakoor Jakkals	<i>Otocyon megalotis</i>	R500-00
Black Rhinoceros	Swart Renoster	<i>Diceros bicornis</i>	R500-00
Black Wildebeest	Swart Wildebees	<i>Connochaetes gnou</i>	R500-00
Blesbok	Blesbok	<i>Damaliscus dorcas phillipsi</i>	R50-00
Blue Duiker	Blou Duiker/ Bloubok	<i>Philantomba monticola (Cephalophus monticola)</i>	R500-00
Blue Wildebeest	Blouwildebees	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>	R50-00
Bontebok	Bontebok	<i>Damaliscus dorcas dorcas</i>	R500-00
Brown Hyaena	Bruin Hyaena	<i>Hyaena brunnea</i>	R500-00
Burchell's Zebra	Bontsebra	<i>Equus burchelli</i>	R50-00
Bushbuck	Bosbok	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>	R50-00
Cape Buffalo	Buffel	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>	R50-00
Cape Mountain Zebra	Bergkwagga	<i>Equus zebra zebra</i>	R500-00
Common/Grey Duiker	Gewone Duiker/Grysdruiker	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>	R50-00
Eland	Eland	<i>Taurotragus oryx</i>	R50-00
Gemsbok	Gemsbok	<i>Oryx gazella</i>	R50-00
Giraffe	Kameelperd	<i>Giraffa camelopardalis</i>	R50-00
Grey Rhebok	Vaalribbok	<i>Pelea capreolus</i>	R50-00
Hartmann's Zebra	Hartmann se Bergkwagga	<i>Equus zebra hartmannae</i>	R500-00
Hippopotamus	Seekoei	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	R50-00
Impala	Rooibok	<i>Aepyceros malampus</i>	R50-00
Klipspringer	Klipspringer	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>	R50-00
Kudu	Koedoe	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>	R50-00
Mountain Reedbuck	Rooiribbok	<i>Redunca fulvorufula</i>	R50-00
Nyala	Njala	<i>Tragelaphus angasii</i>	R50-00
Oribi	Oorbietjie	<i>Ourebia ourebi</i>	R500-00
Red Duiker	Rooi Duiker	<i>Cephalophus natalensis</i>	R50-00
Red Hartebeest	Rooi Hartbees	<i>Alcelaphus buselaphus</i>	R50-00
Reedbuck	Rietbok	<i>Redunca arundinum</i>	R500-00
Roan Antelope	Bastergemsbok	<i>Hippotragus equinus</i>	R500-00
Sable Antelope	Swartwitpens	<i>Hippotragus niger</i>	R50-00
Springbok	Springbok	<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>	R50-00
Tsessebe	Tsessebe	<i>Damaliscus lunatus</i>	R500-00
Lion	Leeu	<i>Panthera leo</i>	R500-00
Leopard	Luiperd	<i>Panthera pardus</i>	R500-00
Cheetah	Jagluiperd	<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>	R500.00
White Rhinoceros	Witrenoster	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>	R500-00
Crocodile	Krokodil	<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>	R500-00

SCHEDULE 3 - MUNICIPAL AREAS

DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY	DACET REGIONAL OFFICE
BOJANALA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY Moretele Local Municipality Madibeng Local Municipality Rustenburg Local Municipality Kgetleng River Local Municipality Moses Kotane Local Municipality	Rustenburg: Tel 014-592 7378 Fax 014-592 7249
SOUTHERN DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY Ventersdorp Local Municipality Potchefstroom Local Municipality Klerksdorp Local Municipality Maquassi Hills Local Municipality	Potchefstroom: Tel 018-299 6500 Fax 018-294 6008
CENTRAL DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY Mafikeng Local Municipality Zeerust Local Municipality Ratlou Local Municipality Tswaing Local Municipality Ditsobotla Local Municipality	Mafikeng: Tel 018-381 0222/4 Fax 018-381 0222
BOPHIRIMA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY Kagisano Local Municipality Naledi Local Municipality Mamusa Local Municipality Greater Taung Local Municipality Molopo Local Municipality Lekwa - Teemane Local Municipality Moshaweng Local Municipality Local Municipality Ga-Segonyane Local Municipality (Portion in the North West Province) As well as all portions of the Kgalagadi District Municipality falling within the North West Provincial Boundaries	Vryburg: Tel 053-927 2904 Fax 053-927 1236

SCHEDULE 4



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**DIRECTORATE: BIODIVERSITY
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**GAME HUNTING REPORT FORMAT FOR NON-EXEMPTED FARMS WITHIN
 THE NORTH WEST PROVINCE
 (MUST BE COMPILED PER FARM)**

Name of Landowner					
Tel:	()	Fax:	()		
Registered Farm Name and Number					
Local Municipal Area					
GPS Position of property (if available)					
Permit numbers	Species	Male	Female	Permit not utilized	
General Comments (e.g. pregnancies, general availability of animals, condition of veld, etc)					
The Department is in the process of compiling a social profile of hunters in the Province. The completion of the sections below is optional but will be appreciated.					
Total number of hunters	Total number of male hunters	Total number of Female hunters	Number of non-white male hunters	Number of non-white female hunters	Number of Non-South African Hunters*
Total number of game killed	How many by males?	How many by females?	How many by non-white males?	How many by non-white females?	How many by Non-South Africans?
*Please state country(ies) of origin					

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**DIRECTORATE: BIODIVERSITY
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**BIRD HUNTING REPORT FORMAT FOR THE NORTH WEST PROVINCE
 (MUST BE COMPILED PER FARM)**

Name of Landowner					
Tel:	()	Fax:	()		
Registered Farm Name and Number					
Local Municipal Area					
GPS Position of property (if available)					
Permit numbers	Species	Numbers per species	Permit not utilized		
General Comments (e.g. overall condition of birds, general availability of birds, condition of veld, etc)					
The Department is in the process of compiling a social profile of hunters in the Province. The completion of the sections below is optional but will be appreciated.					
Total number of hunters	Total number of male hunters	Total number of Female hunters	Number of non-white male hunters	Number of non-white female hunters	Number of Non-South African Hunters

Total number of game killed	How many by males?	How many by females?	How many by non-white males?	How many by non-white females?	How many by Non-South Africans?
*Please state country(ies) of origin					