

# RECREATIONAL HUNTING POLICY



## PREAMBLE

This policy is concerned with recreational hunting of wild animals (predominantly mammals and birds). The policy relates to populations and areas used for hunting, safari enterprises and the provision of professional hunting guides. This policy does not apply to:

- i) the harvesting of wild animals for commercial products;
- ii) the control of game farms where production is the prime objective;
- iii) the control of feral animals; or
- iv) the exercising of traditional hunting rights by Aboriginal people under the provision of the *Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act*.

## POLICY

The Parks and Wildlife Commission recognises managed recreational hunting as a form of sustainable use and the Commission may provide opportunities for hunters to pursue this activity.

All hunting is subject to the policy on the sustainable utilisation of wildlife.

Hunting on lands managed by the Commission will be compatible with other uses of the land, and adjacent areas.

The taking, possession and disposal of wild animals will require permits appropriate to the particular species and adherence to any conditions related, among other considerations, to animal welfare, bag limits and types of shot.

Hunters will be encouraged to develop codes of hunting practice. Private enterprise may establish hunting reserves or safari parks based on managed wild animals subject to Commission requirements and approval.

Approval to maintain and manage wildlife populations for recreational hunting or safari purposes will be subject to conditions and reporting requirements.

Safari operations on Commission managed lands will be subject to provisions of the Policy on Concessionary Operations.

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<b>RELATED POLICIES:</b> Concessionary Operations; Entry, Movement and Keeping of Non-indigenous Vertebrates	

