

## HUNTING LICENCE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR KZN PROVINCE

Please note that hunting licences and permits are not transferable and need to be in the name of the person actually hunting - irrespective of the age of the hunter.

Hunting licences can be obtained from the Association Office.

- 1 Blesbuck and Springbuck are classified as **Open Game**. **No hunting licence is required** – however you will need the land owner’s permission and written authority to transport the meat/carcasses of the harvested animals. This document is available from the Association office.
- 2 An **Ordinary Game Licence** applies during the hunting season, which is **31 May – 31 August**. The species listed below will require a **Special Game Licence**, valid for 30 days, when hunted at any other time of the year.

Bushbuck Male	Grey Duiker	Impala	
African Quail	Coqui Francolin	Crested Francolin	Crowned Guineafowl
Egyptian Goose	Greywing Francolin	Natal Francolin	Rameron Pigeon
Red-bill Teal	Red Francolin	Red-necked Francolin	Swainson’s Francolin
Shelley’s Francolin	Spurwing Goose	White-faced whistling duck	Yellow-bill duck

**3 A Protected Game Licence** is required for the following species at any time of the year and are valid for 30 days from date of issue. A separate hunting licence is required per specie.

Blue Wildebeest	Buffalo	Bushbuck female	Eland
Grey Rhebuck	Hippopotamus	Kudu	Mountain Reedbuck
Nyala	Red Duiker	Red Hartebeest	Sable
Steenbuck	Waterbuck	Warthog	Zebra
African Pochard	African Shelduck	Black Duck	Bush baby
Cape Shoveler	Crested Guineafowl	Fulvous Whistling Duck	Hottentot Teal
Knob Bill Duck	Maccoa Duck	Pigmy Goose	White Back Duck

## 4 Threatened and/or Protected Species Regulations

The following species fall under the “Threatened and/or Protected Species Regulations” or **TOPS** regulations and are protected by national legislation:

Common Reedbuck  
Black Wildebeest  
Oribi  
Blue Duiker  
Suni  
Samango Monkey

**A TOPS Permit, together with a Protected Game Licence,** is required to hunt these animals. **Land owners are required to also be in possession of a TOPS permit if they offer these species for hunting.** It is very possible that game farm owners may not be registered for TOPS species and hunters must be aware of this before they apply for their TOPS permits.

Individual TOPS hunting permits are available on application to Ezemvelo. A fee is payable, which allows for the transporting of the meat/skull & skin/carcass and for being in possession of any products after the hunt.

**The Association office can offer further information and assistance regarding this regulation.**

## 5 SPECIALLY PROTECTED GAME

The following animals may not be hunted unless the hunter is in possession of a **Permit** issued by Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife:

Black Rhino  
White Rhino  
Elephant  
Lion  
Leopard  
Cheetah  
Wild Dog  
Sharp’s Grysback  
Klipspringer  
Giraffe  
Tsessebe  
Roan Antelope  
Crocodile  
Mountain Zebra  
Spotted Hyena

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## **6 WILDLIFE FOR WHICH A HUNTING LICENCE IS NOT REQUIRED**

The following wildlife, which could be of interest to a hunter, requires the written permission from the land owner to hunt the species and transport the carcass if removed from the property:

Rock Pidgeon, Cape Turtle Dove, Black Crow, Pied Crow, Hares, Rock Rabbit (Dassie), Chacma Baboon, Vervet Monkey, Porcupine, Black Backed Jackal and Bushpig.

## **7 GENERAL HUNTING LEGISLATION**

1 – Game may only be hunted during daylight hours and may not be hunted between the period identified as half an hour after official sunset on one day and half an hour before official sunrise on the following day.

2 – Game may not be hunted on any public road, or within the area of the road reserve. It is illegal to fire any weapon at game from within the road reserve at game that is outside the road reserve.

3 – Besides game birds, a shotgun may also be used to hunt the following game with the appropriate ammunition – Bushbuck, Common Reedbuck, Grey Duiker, Red Bush Duiker, Blue Duiker, Suni and Steenbuck. A semi-auto shotgun may be used – provided that no more than two cartridges are loaded in the firearm at any one time.

4- No person, other than a landowner or his bona fide nominated employees, may use a rimfire cartridge of .22 or smaller calibre to hunt game. However, in order for this to be legal, a Permit is required.

5 – For the hunting of Rhino, Hippo, Buffalo and Elephant (thick skinned game), as well as Lion and Leopard, the calibre used needs to be not less than .375 and must have the ballistics of at least a .375 H&H Magnum cartridge.

6 – Any firearm used for hunting must be legally licenced and the owner of the firearm needs to be present when a person, other than the firearm owner, is using the firearm with his/her permission.

7 – The following examples are not permitted when hunting game, unless the person is in possession of a valid Permit authorizing him/her to do so: from – or within 200 meters of any vehicle, from horseback, use of an artificial light, veld fires, archery - including crossbows, traps, snares, explosives and poisons.

8 – Beaters are permitted to be used to drive/flush game when hunting. However, unless the person performing the beating function has the necessary licences/permits he/she is not authorised to kill any animals during the hunt.

9 – Dogs are permitted to be used in the normal practice of hunting waterfowl and terrestrial game birds – as well as during game drives. However, they need to be under the control of the hunters and must not move from outside of the designated legal hunting area.

**NB** The above information is summarized from the KZN Nature Conservation Ordinance and NEMBA regulations and serves as a guideline only. Hunters are encouraged to make themselves familiar with the provisions of the above-mentioned documents - as well as those of the Firearm Control Act in order to be well informed of all the legal requirements relating to hunting in KZN.