

The African Professional Hunters Association Executive Committee issued this statement today regarding PHASA's decision to condone captive bred/canned lion hunting.

**The African Professional Hunters' Association is appalled by the decision made at the PHASA AGM on November 22, 2017 to condone the reprehensible practice of captive bred lion hunting. As per the resolution unanimously passed on Feb 4, 2014, the APHA strongly condemns, and vigorously opposes any form of captive bred/canned lion hunting. Any member of the APHA found partaking in this practice, in any capacity, shall resign his/her membership immediately. The activities of a few have severely tarnished the reputation of the entire African hunting industry. The consequences of PHASA's decision will inevitably bring African hunting into disrepute and jeopardize the conservation efforts and livelihoods of those who practice responsible, and ethical hunting throughout the continent.**

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