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Importation of Hunting Trophies of CITES Listed Species

You asked whether 50 canned hunting African lion trophies were imported into Australia in the past three years and if not how many were actually imported. Were any other endangered species legally imported as hunting trophies and if so, how many?

You also asked:

- What are the customs laws that let this take place?
- What laws are required to prevent this practises from happening?

Michelle Brennan of the Law and Bills Digest is preparing a reply to these last two questions and will be sending it separately.

The following information was provided by the Department of the Environment.

Information on importation of hunting trophies 2010-2014

The information provided in Table 1 and 2 below has been taken from import permits issued by the Department of the Environment for hunting trophies or derivatives of hunting trophies of species listed under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) issued between January 2010 and March 2014.

Due to CITES reporting requirements, if a hunting trophy is separated into its component parts or derivatives these are documented as separate items on the relevant CITES export permits issued by the country of export. As wildlife

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imports to Australia are generally reported as component parts or derivatives it is not possible to quantify the total number of individual animals taken as hunting trophies.

African lion hunting trophy importation

As can be seen from Table 1 there is no way to determine whether there were 50 canned hunting trophies imported into Australia over the past three years because of the potential for double and triple counting of the data. Note that there were 12 hunting trophies imported over the 2010-2014 period there were nine body mounts along with one taxidermied animal imported in 2012, a year that there were no hunting trophies imported.

Table 1. Annual numbers of African lion (*Panthera leo*) hunting trophies imported into Australia each year since 2010

Trophy type	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total
Body mounts	1		9	2		10
Bones			6			6
Cape		1				1
Claws			54		18	72
Head mounts		2				2
Hunting trophy	1	4		6	1	12
Shoulder cape		3				3
Skins	1	2	3	5	1	12
Skulls	1	6	7	6	2	22
Taxidermied animal			1			1
Whole animal					1	1
Total	4	18	80	19	23	144

CITES species hunting trophy importation

Note that African lion imports are also included in Table 2.

Table 2. Annual numbers of hunting trophies from all CITES listed species imported into Australia between January 2010 and March 2014

Species name	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total
<i>Ammotragus lervia</i> (Barbary Sheep)	2	1		3		6
Body Mounts	1					1
Hunting Trophy		1		1		2
Skulls	1			1		2
Tanned Skins				1		1
<i>Antilope cervicapra</i> (Blackbuck)		3		2		5
Horns / antlers		1				1
Hunting Trophy				1		1
Skins		1				1
Skull		1		1		2
<i>Aonyx capensis</i> (Cape Clawless Otter)			1			1
Skulls			1			1
<i>Arctictis binturong</i> (Binturong)				1		1
Skull				1		1
<i>Bubo africanus</i> (Spotted Eagle Owl)				1		1
Whole				1		1
<i>Bubo bubo</i> (Eurasian Eagle Owl)		1				1
Taxidermied animal		1				1
<i>Callithrix jacchus</i> (Common Marmoset)			1			1
Taxidermied animal			1			1
<i>Callithrix penicillata</i> (Black Tufted Marmoset)				1		1
Taxidermied animal				1		1
<i>Canis lupus</i> (Grey Wolf)	6	2	10	13	3	34
Cape	1					1
Head mounts				1		1
Hunting Trophy				4		4
Skins	3		1	2	2	8
Skulls	1		3	2	1	7
Tanned Skins	1	2	6	4		13

Table 2. continued

Species name	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total
<i>Caracal caracal</i> (Caracal)	10	12	3	12		37
Body Mounts	2					2
Hunting Trophy				3		3
Skins	1	4	2	2		9
Skulls	6	8	1	7		22
Tanned Skins	1					1
<i>Ceratotherium simum simum</i> (Southern White Rhinoceros)			2	1		3
Skulls			2	1		3
<i>Chlorocebus pygerythrus</i> (Vervet Monkey)	6	5	1	44		56
Body Mounts	1	1				1
Hunting Trophy		1		1		2
Skins		1	1	1		3
Skulls	5	2		20		27
Taxidermied animal				22		22
<i>Civettictis civetta</i> (African Civet)	1		1			2
Hunting Trophy	1					1
Skull			1			1
<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i> (Nile Crocodile)	3			7		10
Hunting Trophy				2		2
Rug	1					1
Skulls	2			5		7
<i>Crocodylus porosus</i> (Estuarine Crocodile)	2		21			23
Skulls	2		1			3
Tooth			20			20
<i>Cuniculus paca</i> (Lowland Paca)			1			1
Skull			1			1
<i>Damaliscus pygargus pygargus</i> (Bontebok)	2	6	1			9
Body Mounts	1					1
Horns / antlers		2				2
Shoulder mounts		1				1
Skins		1				1
Skulls	1	1				2
Tanned Skins		1	1			2

Table 2. continued

Species name	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total
<i>Equus zebra hartmannae</i> (Hartmann's Mountain Zebra)	8	14	73	10	4	109
Assorted leather goods	2					2
Back Skins	1	2	3			6
Body Mounts			5			5
Cape		2	1			3
Chairs			3			3
Foot or Feet			6			6
Foot stools			9			9
Hooves		2	12			14
Hunting Trophy			2	3		5
Other			3			3
Rug	2					2
Shoulder cape	1					1
Shoulder mounts	1					1
Skins		6	16	7	4	33
Skulls		1				1
Tanned Skins	1	1	13			15
<i>Felis lynx</i> (Lynx)	2					2
Skulls	1					1
Tanned Skins	1					1
<i>Felis silvestris</i> (Wildcat)		2	3	1		6
Rug			2	1		3
Skins		1				1
Skulls		1	1			2
<i>Felis silvestris lybica</i> (Northern African Wild Cat)		1				1
Hunting Trophy		1				1
<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i> (Hippopotamus)	52	3	35	30	13	129
Assorted leather goods	9					9
Foot or Feet	4		2	1		7
Hunting Trophy	1			1	13	15
Shoulder mounts	1					1
Skin Piece				4		4
Skins		1				1
Skulls		2	2			4
Tooth	37		27	24		88

Table 2. continued

Species name	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total
<i>Kobus leche</i> (Lechwe)	12	9	4	1		26
Back Skins	1	1				2
Backstraps			1			1
Body Mounts			1			1
Cape	1	3				4
Horns / antlers	4	2				6
Hunting Trophy	2					2
Shoulder cape	1					1
Shoulder mounts	1		2			3
Skulls	2	3		1		6
<i>Leptailurus serval</i> (Serval)			3			3
Skins			1			1
Skulls			2			2
<i>Lontra canadensis</i> (North American River Otter)	1					1
Skins	1					1
<i>Lynx canadensis</i> (American Lynx, Canada Lynx)	1	2		1	1	5
Skins	1				1	2
Tanned Skins		2		1		3
<i>Lynx rufus</i> (Bobcat)					1	1
Skins					1	1
<i>Mellivora capensis</i> (Honey Badger)			1	1		2
Hunting Trophy				1		1
Skull			1			1
<i>Ovis ammon polii</i> (Marco Polo Sheep)	8	23	4	3		38
Hunting Trophy				3		3
Skins	4	11	2			17
Skulls	4	12	2			18
<i>Ovis canadensis</i> (Mexican Bighorn Sheep)		2				2
Horns / antlers		1				1
Skins		1				1
<i>Ovis vignei</i> (Urial)			2			2
Skins			1			1
Skulls			1			1

Table 2. continued

Species name	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total
<i>Panthera leo</i> (Lion)	4	18	80	19	23	144
Body Mounts	1		9	2		10
Bones			6			6
Cape		1				1
Claws			54		18	72
Head mounts		2				2
Hunting Trophy	1	4		6	1	12
Shoulder cape		3				3
Skins	1	2	3	5	1	12
Skulls	1	6	7	6	2	22
Taxidermied animal			1			1
Whole animal					1	1
<i>Papio cynocephalus</i> (Yellow Baboon)		2	1			3
Cape		1				1
Hunting Trophy			1			1
Skulls		1				1
<i>Papio ursinus</i> (Chacma Baboon)	16	26	11	34	3	90
Body Mounts	2	2	3			3
Cape		1				1
Hunting Trophy	2	2	2	1	1	8
Shoulder mounts	1					1
Skins	3	4	1	5		13
Skulls	8	17	4	24	2	55
Taxidermied animal			1			1
Tooth				4		4
<i>Philantomba monticola</i> (Blue Duiker)	6	1	2	4		13
Body Mounts	1					1
Hunting Trophy	1	1				2
Skins	1		1			2
Skulls	2			2		4
Skulls cap			1			1
Tanned Skins	1					1
Taxidermied animal				2		2
<i>Proteles cristatus</i> (Aardwolf)			1			1
Skull			1			1

Table 2. continued

Species name	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total
<i>Puma concolor</i> (Cougar, Mountain Lion)	5	8	3	2		18
Body Mounts			1			1
Hunting Trophy			2			2
Skins	2	1				3
Skulls	1	4		1		6
Tanned Skins	2	3		1		6
<i>Puma concolor cougar</i> (Puma, Cougar)		1		2	2	7
Hunting Trophy				1	1	2
Skins		2				2
Skulls				2	1	3
<i>Python sebae</i> (African Python)			1			1
Skins			1			1
<i>Saimiri sciureus</i> (Squirrel Monkey)			1			1
Taxidermied animal			1			1
<i>Strix aluco</i> (Tawny Owl)			1			1
Taxidermied animal			1			1
<i>Tyto alba</i> (Barn Owl)			1			1
Taxidermied animal			1			1
<i>Ursus americanus</i> (American Black Bear)	22	41	30	36	19	148
Accessory			1			1
Body Mounts	1	3	5			9
Bones			2	2		4
Head mounts				1		1
Hunting Trophy	4		2	6	3	15
Rug	2	8	4	2		16
Skins	7		3	11	7	28
Skulls	5	17	11	13	9	55
Tanned Skins	3	13	2	1		19
<i>Ursus arctos</i> (Brown Bear)	10	8	15	11	2	46
Body Mounts			1			1
Hunting Trophy	4		3	3		10
Rug		1	2			3
Skins	1	1	3	1	1	7
Skulls	3	3	5	5	1	17
Tanned Skins	2	3	1	2		8

Table 2. continued

Species name	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total
<i>Ursus arctos horribilis</i> (Grizzly Bear)				4		4
Hunting Trophy				1		1
Skins				1		1
Skulls				2		2
<i>Ursus maritimus</i> (Polar Bear)	1	1	2	3		7
Rug			1			1
Skins	1			1		2
Skulls			1	2		3
Tanned Skins		1				1
<i>Varanus indicus</i> (Mangrove Monitor)	4					4
Skins	4					4
Grand Total	184	192	316	247	71	1008