



# Professional Hunters' Association of South Africa

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## **PHASA STATEMENT**

### **“Expropriation of Land in South Africa”**

Concerns have been raised by our members and the broader international hunting community regarding the issue of “land expropriation without compensation” in South Africa. The Professional Hunters’ Association of South Africa (PHASA) wishes to clarify this issue. PHASA would like to assure the public that although talks of “expropriation without compensation” is a concern, there are numerous constitutional procedures and implementation requirements that first need to be addressed prior to this policy coming to fruition.

South Africa has one of the best constitutions in the world and the bill that was passed in parliament, will first have to be investigated and go through a constitutional review committee process. The committee will have to hold public hearings, where South Africans can give suggestions and inputs. Once completed the committee will report back to the National Assembly where their findings will then, once more be voted for in parliament. A two-thirds majority vote is required for the committee's recommendations to be accepted.

The President, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa has urged people not to panic and outlined the critical importance for South Africans to engage to come up with meaningful proposals and recommendations concerning the land issue. It is paramount for the broader community to realise that specific constraint were put in place that this process may not undermine the:

1. Economy,
2. Agricultural production and
3. Food security.

PHASA will heed the Presidents request and be involved in finding amicable solutions for the wildlife and hunting industries by highlighting the invaluable contribution hunting makes to the green economy. Members of the PHASA Executive Committee were in Parliament on the same day as the land decision was made. PHASA was involved in finding ways of **unlocking the socio-economic potential of South Africa’s biodiversity assets through sustainable use of wildlife resources.**

According to the President of South Africa, land expropriation would not be a “smash

and grab” attempt, and much consultation would take place to ensure the process would not harm food production, jobs and the economy as a whole.

South Africa remains one of the best destinations of choice for international tourists and as an Association we would like to assure the general public that South Africa remains a safe and preferred destination for hunters.

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## **PHASA PARLIAMENT REPORT**

~Tuesday 27th February 2018

Richard and Barry York attended the Parliamentary Colloquium in Cape Town on 27 February entitled '**UNLOCKING THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC POTENTIAL OF SOUTH AFRICA'S BIODIVERSITY ASSETS THROUGH SUSTAINABLE USE OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES**' on behalf of PHASA.

We were unfortunately not afforded the opportunity to make a presentation but participated in the discussions. The presentation made by Wildlife Ranching was good and included the huge conservation success story of South Africa, that has been created by the economic value of our hunting and game reaching sector. Information from PHASA concerning our views on sustainable economic development was included in this presentation. The SA Hunters report was ok except for the fact that they continued to harp on their claim that fences, and captive bred animals are causing harm to South Africa's reputation.

A great deal of time was spent on so called "ethical" issues, with regard to the consumptive use of wildlife as this was considered by the animal rights movements to be totally immoral, unethical and equivalent to the slave trade? According to the animal rightists, game viewing was the only acceptable way to develop the wildlife economy and all forms of hunting should be banned.

It was fantastic to see the animal rightists put in their place as the Minister of Environmental Affairs and most of the other delegates fully supported responsible, legal hunting and the sustainable use of wildlife model, as represented by the SA Constitution. PHASA fully supported the Minister in this regard and emphasized the importance of professional hunting to our biodiversity economy.

The most important concern for the majority of delegates present, was the lack of transformation within the wildlife industry. This needs to be addressed but offers opportunities for our members to become involved in the management of wildlife areas that have been transferred to communities who currently require strategic partnerships. PHASA will be attending the Biodiversity Economy Lab to be held in East London later this week and will endeavor to find ways in creating win/win opportunities for our members.

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## **PHASA'S ACTIVITIES IN THE EASTERN CAPE FOR 2018 TO DATE**

### **Bontebok Protocol Meeting:**

On Friday 2nd February, Eardley Rudman attended a bontebok protocol meeting in Port Elizabeth. He is happy to report that there is encouraging collaboration with industry stakeholders and department officials and the understanding that trophy hunting is vital for the sustainability of the majority of bontebok on private property in the Eastern Cape which is by far the largest contributor to the bontebok meta population in the country.

### **CHASA Board Meeting:**

On Saturday 24th February Eardley attended a CHASA board meeting at Premier Mpongo Park near East London and PHASA gave some feedback to the board regarding recent developments at PHASA relating to the change of our constitution to be more in line with the new national constitution of 1996. Mr Martin Hood was also present and gave important feedback too. The support for PHASA at this meeting was heartening and the message he can convey is that an inclusive rather than exclusive path will benefit the hunting industry in the long run. Differences with regard to subjective ethics should not get in the way of the law.

### **WRSA / ECGMA / PHASA Meeting:**

On Thursday 1st March we had our annual combined Wildlife Ranching, East Cape Game Management and PHASA meeting at Bedford Country Club sponsored by the breeders from Signature Wildlife.

PHASA had its customary get together in the morning before the main meeting and

various issues were discussed. In the presence of Mr Tim De Jongh from the Department, the leopard permit situation was discussed at length as outfitters throughout the country are currently unable to utilise this resource that has always been available to them. PHASA is working hard trying to get this situation rectified. Leopards in the Eastern Cape were also mentioned. Tim van Heerden the Chairman of SECSICOM (Stakeholders Eastern Cape Safari Industry Committee) gave a detailed report on current matters relating to general permits etc.

Arthur Rudman, a long standing life member, delivered a from-the-heart speech under member concerns and explained how sad the sudden split in the association has been, especially when issues relating to subjective ethics have always been discussed and debated in a constructive way at meetings. He explained that he believed the issue wasn't as much about ethics anymore as an entrepreneurial agenda by some outfitters.

Eardley can report that he has received encouraging support after the meeting too. Everyone agreed that there will be another PHASA meeting in November, two weeks before the Convention and AGM.

- **PHASA is here to address member concerns and physical meet-ups is a great way to discuss important issues especially in the age of social media that can cause confusion and emotional polarization on many fronts.**



**PHASA SUBSCRIPTION FEES ARE NOW DUE**

## **SUBSCRIPTION CUT-OFF DATE: 31 MARCH 2018**

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### **ALDAM WILDSKOOL SESSION FOR MEMBERS**

#### **Aldam Game School**

**Theme: The South African Wildlife Industry – a Future Perspective**

**14 – 15 March 2018**

The following sessions are part of the program of the Aldam Game School – visit [www.wildskool.co.za](http://www.wildskool.co.za) for the detailed program:

- Trophy hunting: The USA perspective and laws by Mr. David L. Bergman, State Director at USDA APHIS Wildlife Services
- Game animals: USA requirements by Mr. Michael Bodenchuk: Hunting guide and Editor-at-Large of The Hunting Report, USA

Once the program for the 14th March has been completed different discussion groups will meet on the buffalo, lions and the bontebok.

The organisers have extended an invitation to PHASA members - if there is a need to meet with the 2 USA guests:

Mr. David L. Bergman, State Director at USDA APHIS Wildlife Services and Mr. Michael Bodenchuk: Hunting guide and Editor-at-Large of The Hunting Report, USA, a separate discussion group will be arranged.

Please contact Marianna Louwrens – [info@phasa.co.za](mailto:info@phasa.co.za) for further information

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### **PHASA OFFERS TO ASSIST MEMBERS WITH PROVINCIAL PERMIT/LICENCE PROBLEMS**

The **PROFESSIONAL HUNTERS' ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA** would like to assist members who experience problems with hunting permits and professional hunter/outfitter licenses at their provincial Nature Conservation Departments.

Please make sure that you have submitted your applications to the Nature Conservation office in the prescribed format, paid your fees and provided proof of payment plus all relevant supporting documentation.

If you still do not get a positive and timeous response from the department, please escalate the matter to PHASA by using [THIS FORM](#) and send it to [info@phasa.co.za](mailto:info@phasa.co.za).

**PHASA will also keep record of complaints and compliments.**

**PHASA IS THERE TO ASSIST!**

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# MEETING NOTICE!

## PHASA PROVINCIAL MEETINGS

We'd like to take this opportunity to invite you and any interested guests to the Gauteng Provincial meeting.

**Gauteng:**

WHEN: Friday, 27 April 2018

WHERE: Huntex2018, Midrand, Gauteng

STARTING: 11:00 am

RSVP: Marianna Louwrens at [info@phasa.co.za](mailto:info@phasa.co.za)

- Dates for other provinces will be advertised when confirmed.
- **The success of these meetings depends on your participation and involvement.**



**HUNTEX2018**

**HELP PHASA WIN R30,000!**

**Show dates and times:**

Thursday, 26 April (VIP Day) 10:00 - 17:00

Friday, 27 April: 09:00 - 17:00 - **(PHASA Members Meeting at 11h00!)**

Saturday, 28 April: 08:00 - 17:00

Sunday, 29 April: 09:00 - 15:00

- **Buy your HuntEx2018 tickets between now and April 2018!**

PHASA will be an exhibitor at Huntex2018.

**Please access the unique link below to book your tickets.**

You are welcome to share this link to all your friends and colleagues interested in attending the show.

**PHASA's unique link:**

<https://goo.gl/MqzoBn>

<https://itickets.co.za/register/new/386904&referrer=PHASA>

**How it works:**

- Purchase tickets for Huntex2018 by accessing the link.
  - You may send this link to your contacts and databases. Advertise, sms, email or add it to your social media pages. You choose your medium.
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#### **Prices:**

PH Register (PHASA Members) – R250

PH Registers (Non-Members) - R300

Taxidermy Register – R120

Remuneration Register – R120

Courier costs will be for your account.

### Logbook - **R40.00**

This is a very useful tool, especially for PH's, apprentices and trackers to keep record of hunts they participate in.

- Contact Nonkie Kunene: [reception@phasa.co.za](mailto:reception@phasa.co.za) or 012 – 667 2048 / 082 887 940



### **- JOBS WANTED:**

#### **PHASA PH'S AVAILABLE:**

Access this link: <https://www.phasa.co.za/membership/employ-a-phasa-ph.html> to view PHASA registered PH's available for the 2018 hunting season

### **- JOBS OFFERED:**

#### **Qualified, Skilled Taxidermist needed:**

Bullseye Taxidermy in Vaalwater, Limpopo, seeks qualified and skilled taxidermist to join the team. Experience essential, no chancers please! Email CV with photos of work quality to [craig@bullseyetaxidermy.co.za](mailto:craig@bullseyetaxidermy.co.za)

### **- ADVERTISE:**

Advertise your 2018 positions for PH's, farm managers, lodge managers, etc. **FREE of charge** in this PHASA newsletter!

**PHASA urges all outfitters to convince their Professional Hunters to become  
PHASA members!**

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