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Festive Season Newsletter 2021

Dear friends

With soaring temperatures into the 50°C - 2021 comes to an end. Even with the incredible temperatures, CMS cannot be anything other than grateful for a magnificent season.

2020 as we all know was a total write off with the dreaded Covid restrictions and CMS like all other operators had a torrid time keeping the ship afloat with expenses to council, communities and anti-poaching cost having been paid. Thankfully nearly all our clients that could not hunt in 2020 kindly postponed to this year rather than cancel. As a result, CMS has had an incredibly busy and hugely successful season for which we are thrilled.

The hunting started off quite hard - we had a 20 year high with regards to rainfall which made the bush super thick. It did however boost game numbers as the game had a great breeding season as well. As the season went on, the hunting became easier and ended up being excellent with incredible plains game - which as we all know the Valley is not famous for.

All in all - we were 100% successful on all our buffalo hunts. With that in mind we are super proud that every year we see our trophies getting older and older – a sure sign that our voluntary reduction of quotes several years ago are paying off.



















Leopard and lions were also excellent. Our Leopard hunts have always been above 90% successful and that is the way it remained this year, with only one failure in 12 hunts. On another bright note we shot our first leopard in the East - after 8 years of building up their numbers, we decided we would take one, which we were successful in doing.

Lion - we shot 3 excellent lions between Dande and Nyakasanga. One of which was tracked for several hours, which in my eyes is the ultimate hunt! We did have a failure on one hunt, and this was because the lions on bait were deemed too young.











Elephant - We had an excellent season hunting these wonderful animals. The Valley hunts are sold more for the experience than the trophy. We average 35 lbs a side in the Valley and it truly is a spectacular hunt, true tracking hunt - the way it should be! Many clients decided to look for older bulls rather than bigger ivory, which in light of the continued ban on importing tusks into the States, makes a lot of sense and really shows hunters for what they are - true conservationists







I did my late season elephant bull hunts in Kazuma as I always do, and the hunt did not disappoint and we looked at over 60 big ele bulls, before taking 2 beautiful bulls 55 and 65lbs. A highlight for me was taking these wonderful trophies with a new 500 rising bite Rigby and the other with an old 500 Gibbs hammer gun! We also got two old dugga boys with the same stunning guns!







Plains game as mentioned started off hard with the thick bush, however overall it was an excellent season, with some nice trophies been shot. The kudu in the Valley remain probably our best Trophy Book species with several Kudu over 55 and one over 60!







Despite being a hectically busy season, we did manage to finish a lot of social projects, like a new school block in our Dande east. A massive thanks to Jack & Marjorie Schillinger Trust – David Katzenstein, for funding this amazing project.



We also spent a lot of time and money on new water projects - some of which have been completed and others are still in the process. Our thanks also goes to Dallas safari club for their unwavering support financially in helping us achieve our goals in both our social and anti-poaching programs.

DAPU has continued to grow and develop into a real force to be recon with. Numerous arrests were made - however on a frustrating note, very few convictions materialised as most the poachers were let off by the judicial process - the excuse being that the jails were full and there were Covid fears! Apart from that, DAPU did very well removing snares and keeping the PAC to a manageable level. Apart from Dallas safari club we would like to acknowledge and thank the many very generous sponsors, without who's help, we would not be able to continue. For more info on DAPU – drop us an email if you would like to receive the newsletter.

2022 season is looking like it will be an amazing year and we look forward to seeing old and new friends at Dallas 6 - 9 Jan **booth 2216** and SCi 19 – 22 Jan **booth 1142**.

CMS would like to thank you all for your continued support and friendship over the year and we hope you have a wonderful Christmas!

Cheers Buzz and the CMS team.

