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2025 Hunting Season – End of year Newsletter

Dear friends

As the last hunt draws to a close it is that time that I write our end of season newsletter.

It has been an incredible year for CMS. The late rains last year and thick bush made our early hunts challenging yet incredibly rewarding!

As it dried the hunting became a little easier and we hunted successfully over 1200 dangerous game hunting days spread between all our beautiful free-range wilderness areas!!

We had a 100% success rate on our buff hunts. More importantly for CMS nearly all were old dugga boys with very few buff taken from the herds. As we push forward with our policy of focusing on old dugga boys we expect in the not to distant future of implementing a no herd hunting policy throughout our areas.

CMS is known for focusing on age rather than spread. Having said that the quality of the buff were outstanding and ranged from a “scrumcap to a 49” dugga boy!!!! Other notable bulls were a 47” dugga boy plus many over the 40 and the rest great old dugga boys”.





















The cat hunting was very good between our two Valley areas. We took some nice leopards and lion and most in day light hours.

Thankfully all our PHs have excellent trackers and every year we do take a lion or two tracking. This year Keith and Myles shot excellent lions after tracking them for several hours - the ultimate way to take a free-range lion!







We have two types of elephant hunts. The Zambezi Valley bulls which is a fantastic tracking hunt and in my eyes one of the most rewarding elephant hunts you can do.

Trophy sizes are in the mid 30 lbs. but the ivory is long and very attractive. Most of our clients that came for ele in the Valley were successful on beautiful looking bulls.





The second type of ele hunt is our big bulls in the North Western region where we hope to shoot bulls in or around the 60 lbs mark! We were also very successful with these hunts despite having a lot of rain which can adversely affect the hunt! The biggest we got here was 73 lbs and several around the 60/65 lbs mark!









Unfortunately for 2026 we will have limited hunting in the beautiful Nyakasanga which we have loved and hunted for many many years. We are hoping that in 2027 we will continue much as we have in the past. The restriction in quota in Nyakasanga in 2026

forced us to look else where for quality hunting and we have spread our wings in what we believe will offer our clients amazing opportunities.

South West Lowveld – Zimbabwe

We have bought quota in South West Lowveld in Zimbabwe. This area is 9500000 Acers and has unbelievable buff numbers not to mention plains game and cats. We have however focused on buffalo and we have two options. One standard trophy buffalo plains game and secondly non-trophy buff and plains game.



The non-trophy are old bulls that have been kicked out the herds and measure 37" or below. These are old dugga boys and in my eye very much a trophy but are coming in more affordable than the trophies. These are exportable and one will see dozens of dugga boys on your hunt and the camp etc is outstanding! It is an all round wonderful experience and one has the very real chance of seeing the big 5 during your hunt!

Magoë – Mozambique - <http://www.cmsafaris.com/mozambique.htm>

Our other expansion has taken us into Mozambique. We have bought quota in Magoë area just across the border from Dande. We have bought several bags here for buff plains game and buff croc plains game.



The buffalo hunting is excellent and plains game is more plentiful than Dande. The croc hunting is possibly the best in Africa, as we will have over 100 km of Cahora Bassa shoreline to hunt on. Camp and facilities are excellent! It also means that our European clients will be able to bring in their own guns unlike Zimbabwe where they have had to borrow guns!

Myself, Myles and Keith will be at both DSC and SCI and we will be excited to chat to those wanting a safari with us:

DSC Atlanta - 6 to 8 Feb - Booth 1232.

SCI Nashville - 18 to 21 Feb - Booth 647.

As we stand, we do not have a lot to sell in 2026. Below is what is left if anyone wants to beat the rush at the shows.

1 x TROPHY ELE BULL HUNT IN MAITENGWE

1 x TROPHY ELE BULL HUNT IN KAZUMA

1 x LION BUFFALO IN DANDE

1 x LEOP BUFF IN DANDE

4 x NON-TROPHIES AND 1 TROPHY BUFF IN SOUTH WEST LOWVELD

2 x TROPHY BUFF IN MAGOE IN MOZAMBIQUE

DAPU Year-in-Review: Progress and Positive Results!

As we reflect on a remarkable year of progress, we're excited to share the key updates from the **Dande Anti-Poaching Unit (DAPU)** in 2025, a year marked by important strides in wildlife protection, and infrastructure development. Thanks to the unwavering support of our donors, partners, and local communities, DAPU has continued to make significant strides in safeguarding the biodiversity of our incredible Dande North and East concession areas!!!

Key Highlights from 2025:

- Meet Echo, Our New K9 asset: Thanks to the Take Action Trust <https://takeactiontrust.org> DAPU now has an extraordinary new team member—a Belgian Malinois attack dog named *Echo*. Already a proven asset, Echo has assisted in five high-profile arrests and continues to play a vital role in our anti-poaching efforts.
- Kanyemba Secondary School Teacher's House: We're thrilled to report that construction of the teachers' house at Kanyemba Secondary School is moving forward rapidly. Fully funded, the project is set to be completed by February 2026, ensuring a better quality of life for the educators who play such a vital role in the community.
- Water Access Expansion: In a major development for wildlife, the 25 km water pipeline project into the heart of Dande East is now 50% complete bringing perennial water into the core area for the first time!
- We're proud to announce that the Charlton McCallum Conservation Trust is now an active 501(c)(3) nonprofit, bringing added financial transparency and enabling us to expand our fundraising reach. We're also in the process of registering in all 50 states and establishing the capacity for international transactions.
- A Fresh Digital Look: We're excited to launch a newly redesigned DAPU website, coming your way in mid-December 2025. It will feature easier navigation, more interactive content, and improved resources for our supporters around the world.

A Heartfelt Thank You

Unfortunately despite a few very generous donations myself and Myles still cover 50% of the running costs and as these increase it is becoming unsustainable. Any small donation will be acknowledged and hugely appreciated. None of this would be possible without the amazingly generous support of **our hunters, donors, and partners**. DAPU's operations are almost entirely funded through levies, donations, and CM Safaris. We are deeply committed to **community-based conservation**, ensuring that the local scouts and residents are at the forefront of our conservation efforts. Their dedication, combined with your support, is making a real, lasting difference in preserving Dande!

We are going to continue this year with our very popular CMS dugga Boy and Ele compo! We have some amazing prizes to win - [please look at this link and best of luck!](#)

All the best Buzz Myles and the CMS team!

