

AS HUNTERS WE HAVE AN ETHICAL BOND & OBLIGATION TO TREAT AFRICA'S GAME SPECIES WITH RESPECT.

I am a hunter. I run an ethical concern and am totally against the use of barbaric gins traps (legal in the USA) and poisons. I was taught to respect Africa's game and be responsible - as many people are against hunting and if you give them the slightest opportunity to criticise your behaviour you are asking for trouble.

Africa's game is one thing most other places on the planet don't have, namely variety. So many overseas hunters want to hunt here, and this becomes a problem, as many so-called hunters think that because they have the \$\$\$\$ they can do as they please.

<http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/4191953/Donald-Trump's-sons-spark-fury-over-pictures-of-them-hunting-big-game-in-Africa.html>

I recently saw a disturbing item in a newspaper (see the link above) and decided to give comment here as many people go to my site and many will see this. This particular American asshole came to Africa to hunt our prize animals, and believe that, because he has the money, he can do as he pleases - and quite frankly, the photographer should know better too. Now a big stink has brewed and it's all over the net; no wonder, it's because assholes like this fellow give hunting a bad name - they are arrogant and show no respect; they should stay in the USA and kill a mountain goat or something and pose with a photo of its mutilated parts in their own country. I and many others here like me don't want their kind in Africa. They give hunters a bad name. Who cares what your bank balance is - stay at home and create conservation havoc in one of your own States. We don't want your kind here!



This kind of action is what gives hunting a bad name. It doesn't matter how much money people have or how powerful they are in their own little concrete jungle back in the great USA, when they venture into our country they ought to show respect for our animals, and even more so animals that are protected. Their money does not buy our respect and their behaviour shows their lack of ethics and lack of respect of our wildlife and, indeed, for African countries.

To kill an animal that is one of Africa's true symbols - of the big five – whether or not they have a permit to do so - and then mutilate it and pose with a part of its body as a trophy is a totally unacceptable practice. To pose for a public photo with a hacked-off tail of **an elephant** is the act of a barbaric poacher, not a hunter. And heaven alone knows how the hunt took place – one wonders whether or not the hunt was canned. I also shudder to think what you did to the leopard, buffalo, kudu, etc.

Please note I am not writing this in another African language so Americans don't see it and don't understand; I am not afraid of these assholes and what they stand for. Everything I write is in the open and my message is clear:

Africa does not need or want your kind here; you are not welcome at all and, trust me, thousands of other people will agree with me. So the next time you want to get the hell out of Dodge or whatever hole you come from, don't come here!

On professional hunter's courses we are taught to respect game animals, and with regards to photos of game, the animal must be properly prepared out of respect - all blood wiped away and the pose must be correct. Standing with your trophy must look like it meant something to you, not just a reflection of false pride and massive ego.

I speak of Africa's game animals and the Big Five, not vermin; but animals that South African people are proud to have. These animals mean a lot to Africa, but mean nothing to people who shoot them and then mutilate their carcasses. Their cowboy, don't-care attitude and I-paid-so-I-can-do-as-I-please arrogant behaviour because they think they are big shots in Africa with their dollars bills do not wash here! When a hunter chooses to stand next to his trophy elephant with body parts hacked off and holds them up with a knife, as if that makes him 'the man', this shows he has no decency at all! Heaven forbid when these people, with their sense of entitlement, start buying up the game farms in Africa!

South Africans that I speak to don't want your kind here, so stay in America and mutilate whatever animals you have in your own country. Maybe you think of yourselves as a triumphant hunter (or is it TRUMPant hunter), but **at the end of the day** all you show is your lack of character and integrity.

If you are such a man, why don't you start contributing to the Rhino problem in Africa? Hundreds are being slaughtered by savage poachers and you can do good in supporting a good cause and not putting good money into mutilating animals!

To the general public who asked me to say a thing or two about these *people*, this is what I can do for you. My voice may not be much, but I hope they get the message loud and clear that we have absolutely no respect for their lack of moral standards. **It is a shame we get to see our protected species and Big Five being hacked to pieces and then pictured with a gloating hunter!**