



African Professional Hunters Association

APHA'S PARTICULARS OF THE PURSUIT -- Essential Hunt Details

1. Client name, address and contact information

2. Outfitter(s) name, address and contact information

Note: There may be two different outfitters involved in your hunt: a primary and a responsible. The primary one is the person or company whom you are directly booking with. The responsible outfitter is the person or company who is the concessionaire or land owner who handles all the documents and legal contracts for where you'll be hunting. These two roles may also be filled by one person or company in the case of an owner operator situation, for instance.

3. Professional Hunter name, address and contact information

Note: Your PH is the person who will guide you in the field. Although some PHs are also outfitters, many are not. Be sure they provide proof of a current, valid professional hunter's license for any country they will be guiding you in.

4. Professional Association Memberships

Ask the outfitters and PH involved in your hunt if they are current members in good standing in any such organizations, and, if not, why not? You may verify any membership claims they state by visiting relevant association websites.

5. Primary Outfitter Specific Questions

Ask for specifics of where you will be hunting (i.e. concession and unit names) and what quotas are available. Also ask if they are agents of the responsible outfitter, as proof that they have relevant marketing rights to do so is a legal requirement in certain African countries.

6. Remuneration agreement between primary outfitter and client

If the primary and responsible outfitter are different entities, you must have a written agreement that they are permitted to market hunts, sell quotas, etc. between themselves. Note: when using a primary outfitter, the cost of your hunt may differ from the price if you had booked directly through the responsible outfitter.

7. Legally huntable species available and whether they are importable into the hunter's country

8. Legality of preferred hunting method, any restrictions on equipment specifications, legal minimum age to hunt, and legality of firearm rentals

9. Taxidermy arrangements

All hunting trophy parts must minimally be dipped (chemically sterilized) and packed before being shipped, if you're not having the finished taxidermy done in Africa. Depending upon your preferences, you may, therefore, have several taxidermists or companies included here.

10. Hunting trophy shipping

Prior to embarking on your hunt, you should liase with import brokers and shippers who can expertly guide you through the sometimes confusing trophy transportation process.

SHOULD YOU IGNORE THESE QUESTIONS OFFERED TO ASSIST YOU IN BOOKING A LEGAL HUNT IN AFRICA, YOU RISK BEING IN BREACH OF LOCAL, IN-COUNTRY LAWS AS WELL AS POTENTIALLY VIOLATING THE LACEY ACT WITHIN THE USA.

YOUR HUNT IS AN IMPORTANT INVESTMENT OF NOT JUST YOUR OWN, BUT ALSO IN THE HUNTER-FUNDED CONSERVATION MODEL SO CRITICAL TO THE FUTURE OF AFRICA'S NATURE. PLEASE BOOK AND HUNT WISELY AND RESPONSIBLY.