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Department of Interior  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
**Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit Application Form**

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Division of Management Authority  
Branch of Permits, MS: IA  
5275 Leesburg Pike  
Falls Church, VA 22041-3803  
1-800-358-2104 or 703-358-2104

Type of Activity

**IMPORT OF SPORT-HUNTED TROPHIES under Appendix I of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) and/or U.S. Endangered Species Act (ESA)**

Complete Sections A or B, and C, D, and E of this application. U.S. address may be required in Section C, see instructions for details.  
**Instructions on how to make your application complete and help avoid unnecessary delays are attached.**

**Section A: Complete if applying as an individual**

1.a. Last Name <i>Rahy</i>	1.b. First Name <i>Aaron</i>	(b) (6)	1.d. Suffix
2. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) (b) (6)	3. Telephone Number	3.a. Alternate Telephone Number	4. E-mail address

**Section B: Complete if applying on behalf of a business, corporation, public agency, Tribe, or institution**

1.a. Name of business, agency, Tribe, or institution		1.b. Doing business as (DBA)	
2. Tax identification no.		3. Description of business, agency, Tribe, or institution	
4.a. Principal officer Last name	4.b. Principal officer First Name	4.c. Principal officer Middle name/initial	4.d. Suffix
5. Principal officer title		6. Primary contact name	
7.a. Business telephone number	7.b. Alternate telephone number	7.c. Business fax number	7.d. Business e-mail address

**Section C: All applicants complete address information**

1.a. (b) (6) P.O. Boxes					
1.b. City <i>Bellflower</i>	1.c. State <i>CA</i>	1.d. Zip code/Postal code <i>90706</i>	1.e. County/Province <i>Los Angeles</i>	1.f. Country <i>U.S.A.</i>	
2.a. Mailing address (include if different than physical address; include name of contact person if applicable)					
2.b. City	2.c. State	2.d. Zip code/Postal code	2.e. County/Province	2.f. Country	

**Section D: All applicants MUST complete**

<p>1. Attach the nonrefundable application processing fee in the form of a check or money order payable to the U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE in the amount of \$100. Federal, Tribal, State, and local government agencies, and those acting on behalf of such agencies, are exempt from the processing fee-- attach documentation of fee exempt status as outlined in instructions [50 CFR 13.11(d)].</p>	
<p>2. Certification: I hereby certify that I have read and am familiar with the regulations contained in <i>Title 50 Part 13 of the Code of Federal Regulations</i> and the other applicable parts in subchapter B of Chapter I of Title 50, and I certify that the information submitted in this application for a permit is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any false statement herein may subject me to the criminal penalties of 18 U.S.C. 1001.</p>	
<p>(b) (6) _____ Signature of applicant/Principal Officer for permit (No photocopied or stamped signatures)      Date of signature (mm/dd/yyyy) <i>03/16/2020</i></p>	
<p>Please continue to next page</p>	

**E. IMPORT OF SPORT-HUNTED TROPHIES (Appendix I of CITES and/or ESA)**

**Note 1:** This form should be used to request authorization to import trophies of species listed on Appendix I of CITES and/or as threatened or endangered under the ESA (examples include elephants, lions, cheetahs, wood bison, and markhor).

PLEASE USE FORM 3-200-19 FOR SOUTHERN AFRICAN LEOPARD TROPHIES AND SOUTHERN WHITE RHINOCEROS TROPHIES TAKEN IN NAMIBIA.

**Note 2:** If you hold an import permit for a trophy that you did not use, please **return the unused original permit**. If you are requesting reissuance of a permit because you have taken a trophy, but were unable to import it prior to the expiration of the permit, please use the renewal form (3-200-52) and return your original permit with that form.

**Note 3:** Applications for species listed as endangered under the U.S. Endangered Species Act are published in the Federal Register for a 30-day public comment period. Please allow at least **90 days** for the application to be processed.

**Note 4:** *Sport-hunted trophy* is defined at 50 CFR 23.74 as follows: *Sport-hunted trophy* means a whole dead animal or a readily recognizable part or derivative of an animal specifically identified on the accompanying CITES document that meets the following criteria:

- Is raw, processed, or manufactured;
- Was legally obtained by the hunter through hunting for his or her personal use;
- Is being imported, exported, or re-exported by or on behalf of the hunter as part of the transfer from its country of origin ultimately to the hunter's country of usual residence; and
- Includes worked, manufactured, or handicraft items made from the sport-hunted animal only when:
  - i. Such items are contained in the same shipment as raw or tanned parts of the sport-hunted animal and are for the personal use of the hunter;
  - ii. The quantity of such items is no more than could reasonably be expected given the number of animals taken by the hunter as shown on the license or other documentation of the authorized hunt accompanying the shipment; and
  - iii. The accompanying CITES documents (export document and, if appropriate, import permit) contain a complete itemization and description of all items included in the shipment.

**Note 5:** Certain hunting trophies, including elephants, are subject to restrictions on their use after import into the United States. Please see 50 CFR 23.55 for more information or contact the Division of Management Authority.

Please provide the following information. Complete all questions on the application. Mark questions that are not applicable with "N/A". If needed, use a separate sheet of paper. On all attachments or separate sheets you are submitting; please indicate the application question number you are addressing. If applying for more than one trophy, be sure to answer questions 4-6 for each trophy addressed in this application. If importing trophies from more than one country, you must submit a separate application for each shipment in order to obtain separate import permits.

1. Name and address where you wish the permit to be mailed, if different from page 1. If you would like expedited shipping, please enclose a self-addressed, pre-paid, computer-generated, courier service airway bill. If unspecified, all documents will be mailed via the U.S. Postal Service.

2. Who should we contact if we have questions about the application (name, phone number, and e-mail)?

Aaron Raby  
cell (b) (6)

Email - (b) (6)

3. Disqualification factor. A conviction, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, for a felony violation of the Lacey Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, or the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act disqualifies any such person from receiving or exercising the privileges of a permit, unless such disqualification has been expressly waived by the Service Director in response to a written petition. (50 CFR 13.21(c)) Have you or any of the owners of the business, if applying as a business, been convicted, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, forfeited collateral, or are currently under charges for any violations of the laws mentioned above?

No  Yes

If you answered "Yes" to Question 3, provide: a) the individual's name; b) date of charge; c) charge(s); d) location of incident; e) court; and f) action taken for each violation. Please be aware that a "Yes" response does not automatically disqualify you from getting a permit.

4. For each trophy to be imported, provide:

a. Scientific name (genus, species, and, if applicable, subspecies) and common name.

*Loxodonta Africana. Loxodonta, L. Africana, African*

b. Sex (if known). *Male*

*Bush elephant*

5. IF ANIMAL IS CURRENTLY LIVING IN THE WILD, please enter the following information:

a. Country and place (area, region, GIS coordinates, ranch, conservancy, management area, or hunting block, AND nearest city) where wildlife is to be taken from the wild:

b. Date wildlife is to be hunted:

c. Name of hunting outfitter, safari company, or professional hunter you will be hunting with:

6. IF THE TROPHY HAS ALREADY BEEN TAKEN, please enter the following information:

a. Country and place (area, region, GIS coordinates, ranch, conservancy, management area, or hunting block, AND nearest city) where wildlife was removed from the wild:

*South Africa, Hoedsbuit Area, Bulule Reserve.*

*GPS coordinates - 29.246635° South - 30.938629° East.*

*Nearest city - Phalaborwa.*

b. Date wildlife was hunted: *December 5, 2019*

c. Name of hunting outfitter, safari company, or professional hunter you hunted with:

outfitter - Wayne Wagner Safaris. Park Ranger - Jacques Louw +27 72 337 6154

Professional hunters on the hunt - Ian Brown, Evan Couzens.  
I will include numbers for All on hunt on attached page

d. The current location of the trophy (address and country) [the U.S. import permit will identify this country as the country of export/re-export and must match with the foreign export/re-export document]:

Estelle Nel Taxidermy Email - info@eneltaxidermy.co.za  
Roodeport plot 122 tel - 079 876 2287  
Bela Bela, 0480 Limpopo RSA Fax - 086 617 0883

7. Please provide a copy of any applicable foreign government permits or licenses that were required to remove this animal from the wild (if you have not hunted yet and do not currently hold any such permits or licenses, please indicate so). See attached.

8. Complete name and address of overseas person or business shipping the trophy to you. If you are applying to import a trophy directly from Namibia, you must provide the name and address of the professional hunter listed on your Namibian hunting permit [this name will appear on the face of the export permit].

Name:

Business Name: AAG Shipping

Address: Unit 33, Foreign Airlines Cargo Center, OR Tambo Intl Airport

City: Kempton Park

State/Province: Gauteng

Country, Postal Code: 1627, South Africa

9. For species listed under the U.S. Endangered Species Act, please be aware that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) must make a finding that your activities will enhance or benefit wild populations of the species involved. While we will communicate with the range country for the species you will hunt or hunted when making the required findings, if you have any information that could support this finding, it would be helpful for our review if you could provide it. Please submit such information on a separate page with your application.

a. Do you have any information regarding the population status or trend data on the species hunted?

Population is Estimated at 20,000 elephants. The Reserve is part of the Association of private Nature Reserves that is open to the Kruger National Park. See attached.

b. In order to hunt, you likely paid for licenses or trophy fees. What were those fees and do you have any information on how those funds were used by either the landowner, local community, or government?

The hunt cost me \$30,000. All funds go directly into protecting and maintaining the reserve, Employing local people and maintaining Anti-poaching units to protect All game, especially Rhino.

c. Do you have information on other funding activities that are being carried out, or were carried out, by the safari outfitter, professional hunter, concession holder, or landowner that provide a conservation benefit to the species being hunted/species hunted?

33% of the funds will go directly to balole Reserve and the rest to the region. The 33% will be used to fund any Anti-poaching in the sense of daily patrols and follow up also any conservation work like dehorning of Rhino.

See attached for more info.

**CERTIFICATION STATEMENT** (original signature must be provided for either 10 or 11 below)

- 10. If you are a broker or taxidermist applying on behalf of a U.S. hunter or foreign national, provide documentation to show you have a Power of Attorney to act on your client's behalf and sign the following statement:

I acknowledge that the sport-hunted trophy/trophies to be imported has been/will be personally hunted by my client and is being imported only for my client's personal use (i.e., not for sale, transfer, donation, or exchange that is reasonably likely to result in economic use, gain, or benefit). If applying for the import of an elephant trophy, I understand that my client may import no more than two elephant trophies in one calendar year.

Taxidermist/Broker's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- 11. If you are the hunter applying to import your own trophy, please read and sign the following statement:

I acknowledge that the sport-hunted trophy/trophies to be imported has been/will be personally hunted by me and is being imported only for my personal use (i.e., not for sale, transfer, donation, or exchange that is reasonably likely to result in economic use, gain, or benefit). If applying to import an elephant trophy, I understand that I may import no more than (b) (6) \_\_\_\_\_ calendar year.

Applicant's signature: [REDACTED] \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 3/16/2020

*Be aware that there may be additional permitting or approval requirements by your local or state governments, as well as required by other Federal agencies or foreign governments to conduct your propose activity. While the Service will attempt to assist where possible, it is your responsibility to obtain such approval.*

- 12. All international shipments must be through a designated port. A list of designated ports (where an inspector is posted) is available from [the list of designated ports](#). If you wish to use a port not listed, please contact the Office of Law Enforcement for a Designated Port Exemption Permit (form 3-200-2).

Further information regarding questions 9a and 9c.

33% of the funds will go directly to the Balule nature reserve and the rest to the region. The 33% will be used to fund any anti-poaching operation in the sense of daily patrol and follow up and to fund any conservation work such as dehorning of rhinos, where animal/human conflict is (animals breaking out of the reserve) and treating of animals with snares or any injuries caused by man. The money that goes to the region will be used in a similar way meaning going back into conservation in the region. The last estimate was around 20,000 elephants in Kruger and seeing that the reserve is part of the APNR (Association of Private Nature Reserves) that is open to Kruger national park, the population will be the same as Kruger. The meat of the elephant was collected by local people working with the park. It will go to some local families and a big cat rehabilitation center.

The management program was set by the park system for a bull elephant between 40- 50 years old with tusk weight of 30-40 pounds. We looked over many elephants with the proper tusk weight but were determined that they were not within the age range of the permitted conditions. We even tracked one bull of a good-sized track a long way to find out it had a collar! It was a bull within the age and tusk weight but shooting of collared elephants was not permitted.

When we would spot other elephants, we would look at and take pictures of them as well as any rhino encounters, we had. Everything was logged and noted! It was additional data collected by Jacques for the park and once my elephant was down, and before everything got started as far as skinning and deboning of the meat, i aided Jacques in taking measurement of the feet, tusks, shoulder height and multiple other measurements as well as taking pictures of everything for data collection.

My understanding when speaking with the park ranger, whom was with us every second of the hunt, is that this hunt is part of a management program to keep superior genes for big tuskers, for the Kruger park.

Contacts regarding the hunt conducted in Balule reserve in South Africa.

PH - Ian Browne of Wayne Wagner Safaris

Cell number - +27 82 825 1007

PH - Evan Couzen of Umziki hunting safaris.

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Ewan Cousins of Umziki hunting safaris.  
Cell number - +27 61 522 1007

Park ranger of Balule Private Nature Reserve where the elephant hunt was conducted:

Jacques Louw

Cell number - +27 72 337 6154

Applicant information:

Aaron Richard Raby

(b) (6)

Bellflower, CA 90706

Email - (b) (6)

Cell - (b) (6)



# ORDINARY PERMIT

PERMIT NUMBER: O No. 12083

(Issued in terms of the provisions of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act 2004, Act 10 of 2004)

NAME	KLASERIE SERVICE CENTRE
ADDRESS	ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
	LIMPOPO PROVINCE
PROVINCE	

DETAILS OF PERMIT HOLDER	
NAME	(b) (6)
SURNAME	(b) (6)
POSTAL ADDRESS	(b) (6)
ADDRESS	(b) (6)
ADDRESS	(b) (6)
ADDRESS	(b) (6)
TOWN	Balfour
POSTAL CODE	CA 90706
PROVINCE	USA

PROPERTY WHERE RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES WILL BE CARRIED OUT	
NAME AND SURNAME OF APPLICANT	J. Strydom
NAME AND SURNAME: RESPONSIBLE PERSON	"
NAME AND SURNAME OF AGENT	-
PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF FACILITY	Yank, Bumbulo, Kanyai
PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF FACILITY	Balule
DISTRICT	Mpani
PROVINCE	Limpopo
REGISTERED NAME AND NUMBER (in the case of game farm)	

DETAILS OF SPECIES INVOLVED				
SPECIES		SEX (if known)	QUANTITY	MARKING (if applicable)
COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME			
elephant	L. africana	male	one	

DETAILS OF RESTRICTED ACTIVITIES INVOLVED	
Hunt one elephant	

NAME AND SURNAME OF PURCHASER/SELLER	
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS OF PURCHASER/SELLER	

IN THE CASE OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORT/EXPORT:	
NAME AND SURNAME OF CONSIGNEE/CONSIGNOR	
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE/CONSIGNOR	

IN THE CASE OF A HUNT:	
NAME AND SURNAME OF HUNTING CLIENT (if applicable)	A Baby
NAME AND SURNAME OF PROFESSIONAL HUNTER (if applicable)	J. Brown
NAME AND SURNAME OF HUNTING OUTFITTER (if applicable)	L. Looze
WEAPON AND METHOD OF HUNTING	rifle / walk stalk

IN THE CASE OF POSSESSION OF ELEPHANT IVORY OR RHINOCEROS HORN:	
WEIGHT OF EACH PIECE APPLIED FOR	
LENGTH OF THE ELEPHANT IVORY	
BASE CIRCUMFERENCE OF ELEPHANT IVORY OR RHINOCEROS HORN	
REGISTRATION NUMBER	
MICROCHIP NUMBER	

PERMIT VALIDATION	
PERIOD OF VALIDITY	FROM: 15/11/2019 TO: 15/12/2019
RECEIPT NUMBER	12083
ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS KLASERIE SERVICE CENTRE	
SIGNATURE OF ISSUING OFFICER	SIGNATURE OF PERMIT HOLDER
DATE STAMP:	15 NOV 2019



## HUNTING SPECIAL CONDITIONS- APNR

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1. This permit does not absolve the holder thereof in obtaining any other permit, licence, certificate or document as may be required by any other relevant legislation from any province or country.
2. This permit must be signed by the permit holder and must be in his/her possession for the duration of the hunt.
3. This permit does not allow the hunting with a bow and arrow or any other prohibited method unless specified on the permit.
4. This permit does not authorise the hunting during the night, unless specified on the permit
5. This permit does not allow the hunting of listed species which is under the influence of a tranquilising, narcotic, immobilising or similar agent,
6. If a wounded animal crosses into a neighbouring country, province or property the Department as well as the country where the animal entered into must be notified within 24 hours
7. No driving of listed species for the purpose of hunting is authorised.
8. The Department reserves the right to nominate an official to be present during any or all hunts conducted in accordance with this permit.
9. The outcome of the hunt in the case of TOPS threatened species must be reported within two working days after the listed species was hunted, the hunt terminated or in the case where the hunt was not successful. This office reserves the right to inspect the hunting sight or any relevant product of such hunt.
10. In the case where trophies will not be exported from RSA the permit holder must immediately apply for a TOPS Possession Permit in the case of TOPS species
11. Elephant tusks must be marked by an Environmental officer
12. A TOPS Ordinary permit is required to convey any part of any TOPS specie hunted to any facility within the country, except a taxidermy
13. The Department may require scientific information or material from the animal hunted.
14. The non-compliance with the permit details as well as these special conditions will result in criminal charges and may influence the granting of similar permits to the permit holder.
15. Issued in terms of the Limpopo Environmental Management Act 2003, Act no. 7 of 2003.
16. An elephant/ crocodile may not be hunted next to the waters edge of an international border
17. In the case of dangerous game the minimum calibre requirement is a 375.
18. This permit does not absolve the applicant from conforming to the norms and standards for hunting
19. No put and take system of hunting is allowed
20. No animal may be hunted in a controlled environment
21. The use of dogs may only be used to flush birds or track wounded animals
22. All international clients must be accompanied by a PH
23. In the case of RSA clients , trophies or derivatives may not be sold, donated or exported from the borders of RSA
24. The hunt must take place within the requirements as set out in the hunting protocols for the APNR
25. The Department reserves the right to monitor or attend any hunt within the APNR
26. Trophies may only be exported for elephant once the quota is approved by DEA

**RHINO**

- 27. The Department must be informed 48 hours before the hunt takes place and a representative of the Department must be present during the hunt.
- 28. The horns may not be separated from the rest of the trophy.
- 29. The horns must be microchipped on the property where the hunt took place, unless already microchipped.
- 30. The PH register must be completed and signed immediately after the hunt.
- 31. The hunting permit and the copy of the PH register must accompany the trophy when being transported between destinations

**LARGE PREDATORS**

- 32. No large predator may be hunted if released in an area adjacent to a holding facility for large predators
- 33. May not be hunted by means of bait except in the case of leopard and hyena where dead bait may be used
- 34. May not be lured by sound or any other induced luring method to be hunted
- 35. May not be hunted in an enclosure and in the case of lion of 1000 ha and release at least 24 hours before the hunt
- 36. The use of a spot light may only be used in the case of hunting leopard and hyena.

  
Permit Officer

15/11/2019  
Date

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