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

Type of Activity **African ELEPHANT - ZIMBABWE**

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

**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 <b>Smith</b>	1.b. First Name <b>Joseph</b>	1.c. Middle Name/Initial <b>A</b>	1.d. Suffix
2. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) <b>(b) (6)</b>	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. Physical address (Street address; Apartment #, Suite #, or Room #; no P.O. Boxes) <b>(b) (6)</b>				
1.b. City <b>Redmond</b>	1.c. State <b>Washington</b>	1.d. Zip code/Postal code <b>98053</b>	1.e. County/Province <b>King</b>	1.f. Country <b>USA</b>
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 Title 50 Part 13 of the Code of Federal Regulations and the <b>(b) (6)</b> certify that the information submitted in this application for a permit is complete and this statement herein may subject me to the criminal penalties of 18 U.S.C. 1001.</p>	<p><b>11/21/2019</b></p>
<p>Signature of applicant/Principal Officer for permit (No photocopied or stamped signatures)      Date of signature (mm/dd/yyyy)</p>	
<p><b>Please continue to next page</b></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)?

Joseph A. Smith  
(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, L. africana, elephant

- b. Sex (if known). Male

- 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:

N/A

- b. Date wildlife is to be hunted:

N/A

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

N/A

- 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:

Zimbabwe - Matetsi Safari Area - Unit 3 - Matabeleland North  
Grid Ref 8 31 411 S25 46691E  
Nearest city - Victoria Falls

- b. Date wildlife was hunted:

September 30, 2019

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

CHATTARONGA SAFARIS

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]:

MATABELELAND TAXIDERMIST  
16 BIRMINGHAM RD, BELMONT  
BULAWAYO, ZIMBABWE

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).

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: FREIGHT CONSULTANTS

Address: 3 TROJAN STREET

City: BELMONT

City: BULAWAYO

State/Province:

Country, Postal Code:

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?

No official statistics, but I personally saw thousands of elephants in my 14 days on safari in this area. As the predominate species in this region, they are wreaking havoc on the environment by destroying trees & brush in the hunting concession and the Hwange Nat'l Park. There appears to be an over-population.

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?

Paid \$50K+ in trophy fees (\$25K) & daily rates to safari operator. Fees are used to pay for staff & gov't game scouts who patrol to stop poaching. Local community not only received highly valued paying jobs, but also 90% of the meat from the elephant. The gov't game dept survives almost exclusively on hunting revenue in the Matetsi area as very few photographic tourists venture to this desolate park.

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?

The sustainable use conservation model is working well in Zimbabwe. It was apparent while hunting that hunters drive the local economy. The outfitter has a lease for 3-5 yrs on the concession which provides an incentive to care for the area so that it will continue to provide revenue thru hunting each yr. of the lease. W/O hunters providing revenue to the parks/people, poachers will decimate the elephant numbers.

**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 two elephant trophies in one calendar year.

Applicant's signature (b) (6) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 11/21/2019

*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).

## HUNTING RETURN FORM - TRAS2 APPLICATION FOR HUNTING NP/CITES

Issued in terms of Exchange Control Act (Chapter 22:05),  
The Parks and Wild Life Act (Chapter 20:14) and the Tourism Act (Chapter 14:20)

**0000082504**  
COMPLETED

### 1. DETAILS OF THE SAFARI OPERATOR

**Name of Operator** Vexford Investments (Pvt) Ltd

**ZTA (HOP) No.** HOP0305

**Address** Plot 1 Tarquinnia farm  
Karoi  
vexfordsafari@gmail.com

**Name of Professional Hunter** THOMAS CHIMEDZA

**Telephone**

**Number of Accompanying Guests**

**Are the trophies being exported after tanning and mounting?**

**Are the trophies being exported after primary treatment?**

**Name of Processing Agent** MATABELELAND TAXIDERMIST  
or Taxidermist

**Name of Shipping Agent** FREIGHT CONSULTANTS

**Name of Foreign Agent** CHATTARONGA SAFARIS

**Client's Full Name** Smith Joseph Alain

**Passport Number** (b) (6)

**Country of Issue** UNITED STATES

**Address** (b) (6)

Redmond  
USA

**Licence No.** 65

**Fax** 0775652873

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**Address** 16 BIRMINGHAM RD  
BELMONT  
BULAWAYO

**Address** 3 TROJAN STREET BELMONT, BULAWAYO

**Address** FARM CONCONDIA LIMPOPO  
R.A.P.O. BOX 32 ALLDAYS  
LIMPOPO  
R.S.A 0908

### 2. HUNTING AREAS

	Hunting Area Name	Province	Signature of Land Authority
1	Matetsi Safari Area - Unit 3	Matabeleland North	
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**Date of Safari From** 27-09-2019  
**Date of Safari To** 09-10-2019  
**Daily Rate Charged For Big Game USD** 350.00  
**Daily Rate Charged For Plains Game USD** 350.00  
**Daily Rate Charged for Non hunting guests USD** 200.00  
**Number of Accompanying Guests** 2

ZPWMA  
Date Stamp



I .....hereby certify that the information given in this return is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.

Signature of Foreign Client \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Professional Hunter \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Safari Operator \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_