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Dear Friends

Below is our delayed “half way through the season news letter”. It is a little late due to the fact that we have been manically busy in the Dande, Nyakasanga and the Save.

This year is certainly a year that will go down as a landmark year. It is the first year that we will be operating in a Zimbabwe without the controversial Mugabe at the helm. It is a year that under the new President Mnangagwa is full of hope and optimism. Zimbabweans have for as long as we can remember been forced to operate under less then ideal conditions and as we stand now the country myself and most Zimbabweans have renewed hope and with it we feel revitalized and energized for the future



Dande

As always has been very rewarding. Despite being regarded as one of the best areas in the Zambezi Valley one is under no illusions that you have to work hard to get the results. These results are a direct result of excellent tracking on foot, walking and exploring this huge 500 000 acre concession. In summary it is exactly how hunting should be. Fair chase on foot with no fences etc. It is the hunting that our PH and myself thrive on.



Myles has always been a statistics man and has taken records of every animal shot since we started in the Dande. I am pleased to say since our first year where we voluntarily reduced the buffalo quota from an unsustainable 120 a year to 45 a year the trophy quality has steadily improved. CMS has always encouraged shooting old bulls rather than wide young bulls and so far this year we have taken great trophies and have been 100% on buff. Below are some pictures of some of the buff we have taken.

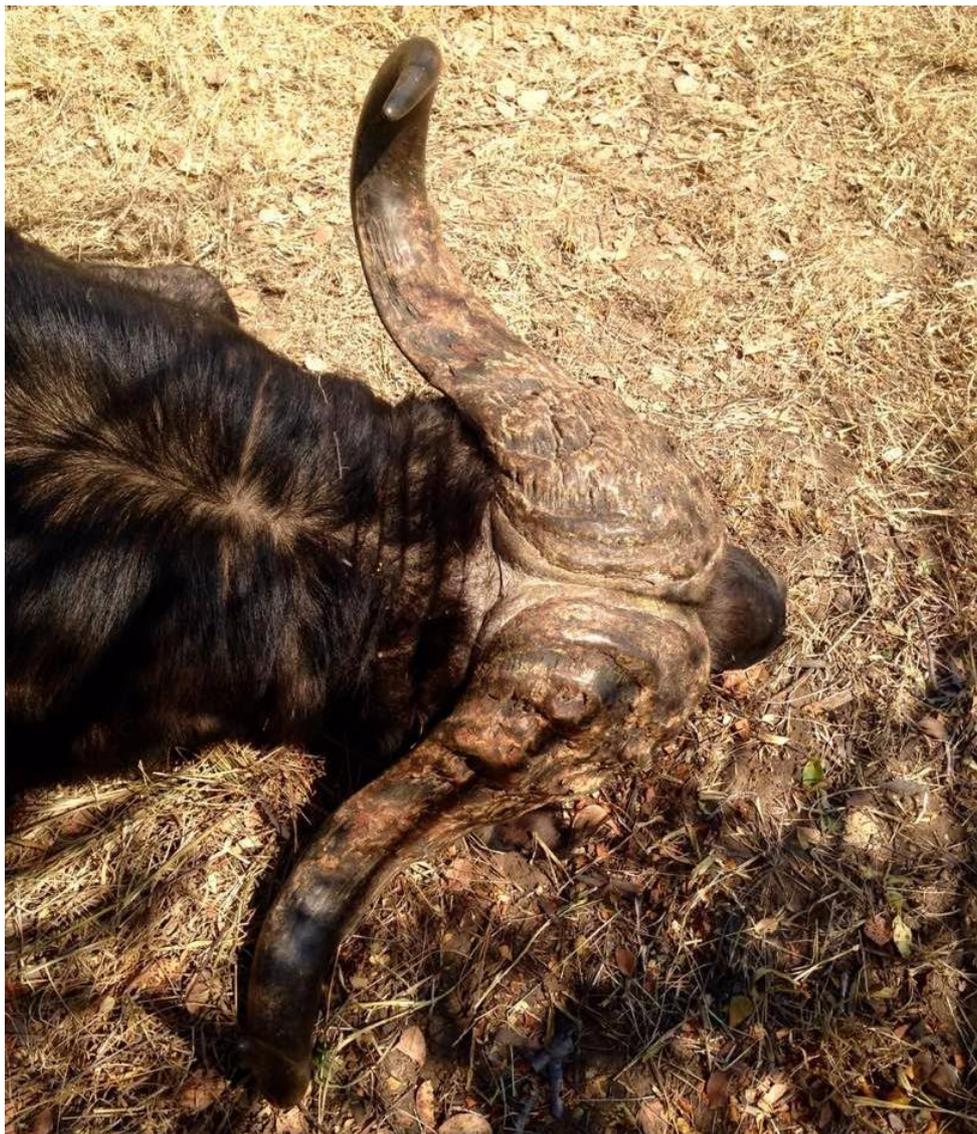














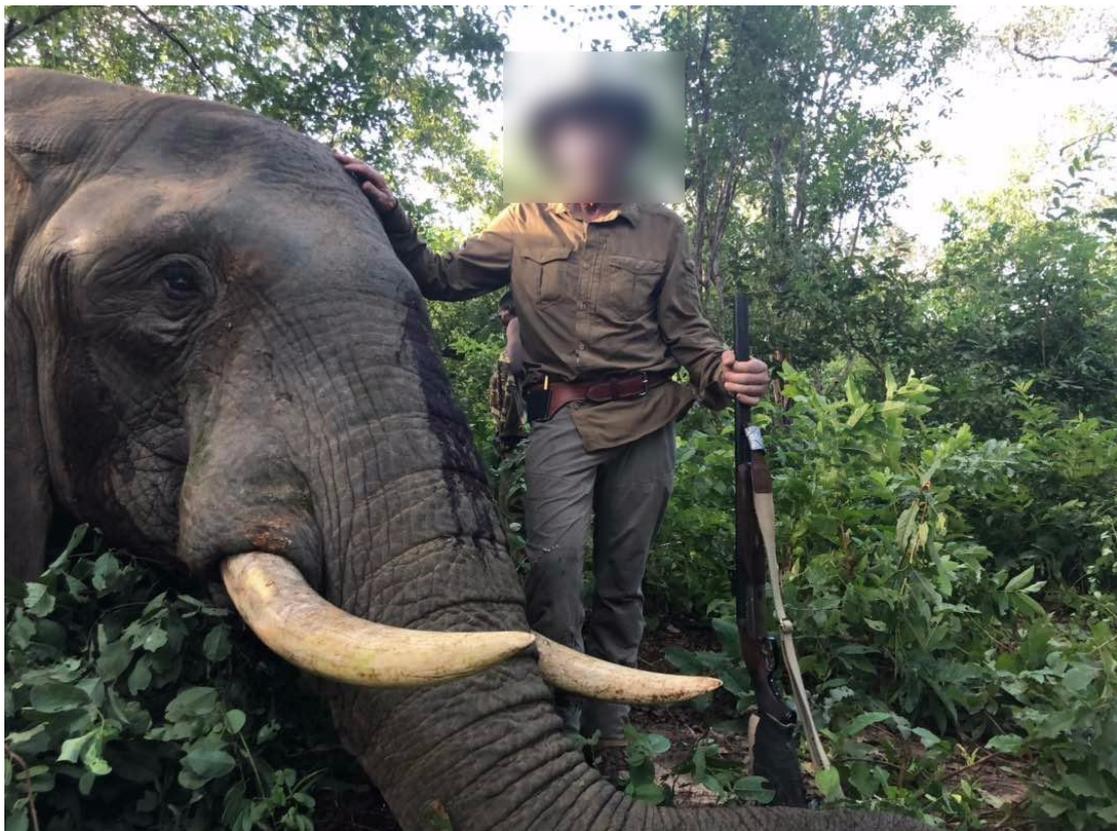






I had been optimistic that the elephant ban would have been uplifted but have unfortunately been severely dissappointed. As a direct result our trophy elephant bull hunts have declined from 15 a year to 4 a year in the Valley. Of the 4 in dande we have so far hunted and shot 2. Both these bulls were around the 35 lbs mark but like all our hunting they were both very rewarding with lots of tracking

and close encounters in thick Jesse. The one bull was actually tracked on foot directly from Mururu camp and caught 3 hours later in the hills!! I also hunted with my long time friend Joseph in the Save and shot a great old bull and I look forward to our next ele hunt at Sango next year. It goes with out saying that the tuskless hunts have all been great





LEOPARDS



The leopard hunting up to August was excellent with a 100% success rate 7 from 7. The wonderful thing about hunting leopard in the Dande is the high success rate in daylight hours. Out of the 7 leopard 6 were taken in daylight hours. August then came and we had a double failure. The winds were bad and cats were not moving. Despite this one hunter had two great cats on bait and sat several times. The cat was in the tree but did not present the perfect shot unfortunately. This month we have two lion hunts coming in and we hope to have some great trophy pics of lions as the 5-year-old rule continues to improve the quality of our lions.







General - We have taken several great crocs and hippos and some good plains game also so far. We also bought several hunts in Nyakasanga area, which borders Mana pools. We put up a beautiful tented fly camp on the banks of the Zambezi, my favorite type of camp and have had great hunts out of there so far this year! We also returned to Makuti where we operated for several years and did a leopard double buff hunt which was massively successful. Makuti has excellent cat numbers and plenty of dugga boys. Next year we will have limited quota in this great area also. Plains game in Dande has been as expected and the sable have been increasing nicely especially in the east!









CMS is very privileged to have 2 beautiful camps on the Zambezi which also offer great fishing below are a few pics of tiger fish caught this year. The tiger is considered the best fresh water fighting fish in the world.



DAPU

Dapu- continues to be a great success with numerous arrests. The results, which you can find on www.dapuzim.com The proof is in the statistics and the snare count is at an all-time low as is the elephant poaching and I am pleased to say we are yet to find a carcass in the Dande. All the elephant poaching incidents that DAPU have bought to book this year have been traders that are getting the ivory in Mozambique, smuggling it across the border where DAPU and National Parks, through informers that we pay have managed to pose as “buyers” and arrest these dealers. These are often dangerous exercises and I take my hat off to DAPU and National Parks for their dedication in saving our wildlife. Once again these results would not be possible without all your generous donations that keep DAPU afloat.

EXCITING NEWS



With the new government in Zim comes some exciting news for CMS, which are all close to coming to fruition. We are very optimistic that substantial funding is on the way to help water projects in the East as well as re-train all our Dapu scouts. The retraining of the scouts will take place in October and will be an intense 3-week course. Bongo who has run Dapu since its inception will be there as well as Owen our new learner hunter. Despite been hopeful on the funding for water projects we have not been idle while we wait and we have put in another solar borehole in the east which is doing very well. It is not in the core area but we are pleased to see elephant kudu warthogs etc have found it.

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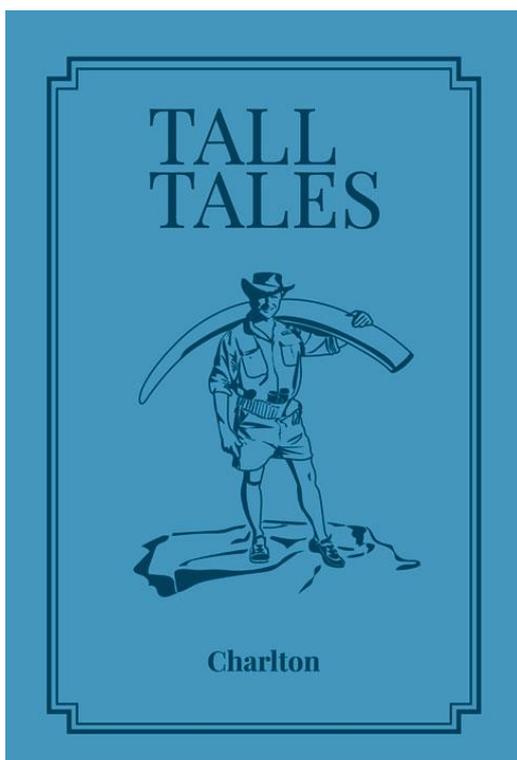
Dallas Safari Club FOUNDATION has also kindly donated a very generous \$26 500. This money has been allocated to a new vehicle to help with anti-poaching and general running. It also helps refurbish the Sango Sango national Parks camp

in Dande, which is in a sorry state of affairs. The camp will have a solar borehole equipped as well as 12 volt lighting, repainting, new doors windows etc. We are incredibly grateful to DSC for their continual support in our operation. This work is in the process as we talk.

DSC foundation in conjunction with Safari Classics came into Dande and made a very powerful DVD showing the benefits of hunting from a villagers perspective. This is a DVD that needs to be shared as it goes a long way towards negating the anti hunters drive to stop what we all love and believe in.

<https://www.facebook.com/thedscfoundation/videos/2064322450548752/>

CMS has also donated 90 tables and chairs for one of the schools in the area. In this donation we included school books for the grade 6 and 7 kids.



On a personal note as many of you know I have finally bought out my first and defiantly last book "Tall Tales" This book has been in the making for the last 17 years and I refer to it as my "mile high book' as it has been written on the numerous plane trips to the States and back over the years. It is a light and amusing read that also has several chapters dedicated to dangerous game. I have 150-signed copies of the limited edition of 1000 books. To date I have sold 120 so I do have a few left and if you are interested please email me.

SPECIALS THIS YEAR

We do have a few specials available in Dande as well as Nyakasanga. On these we have buffalo elephant bulls and a hippo. If this would be of interest please drop me an email.

I would like to thanks all past clients for their support in our little company and to tell our up and coming clients how much we look forward to sharing our areas and dreams with them! Cheers CMS

