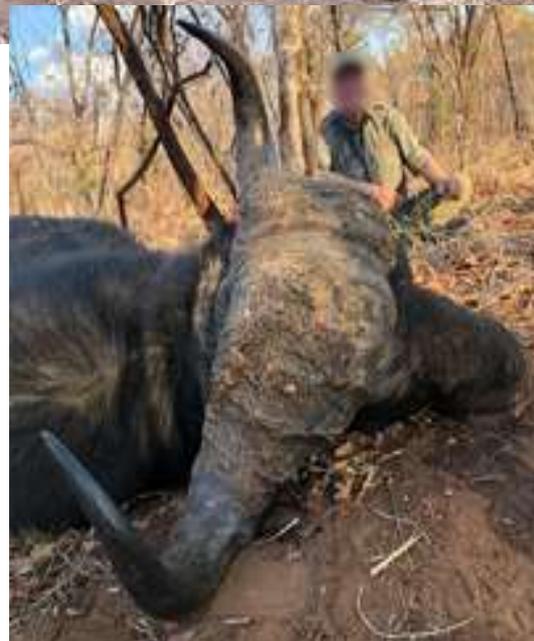




Dear friends,

2019 Season is half way through now. While Zimbabwe has been living in interesting times it certainly has not affected the hunting in anyway. Zim remains one of the easiest hunter friendly destinations in Africa as it always has been. The severe drought luckily has not affected Dande or Nyakasanga. Dande is blessed, as many of you know with hundreds of year round springs and Nyakasanga has 30 Km of life flowing Zambezi water for the abundant wildlife there!

The hunting has been excellent to date. The buffalo has been as always 100% with some really nice bulls been taken. Many of these trophies have been taken by return clients that have focused on open sights rather then scoped gun. This means passing up many opportunities that would be easy with a scoped gun waiting for a super close shot. Despite this the quality has been excellent.

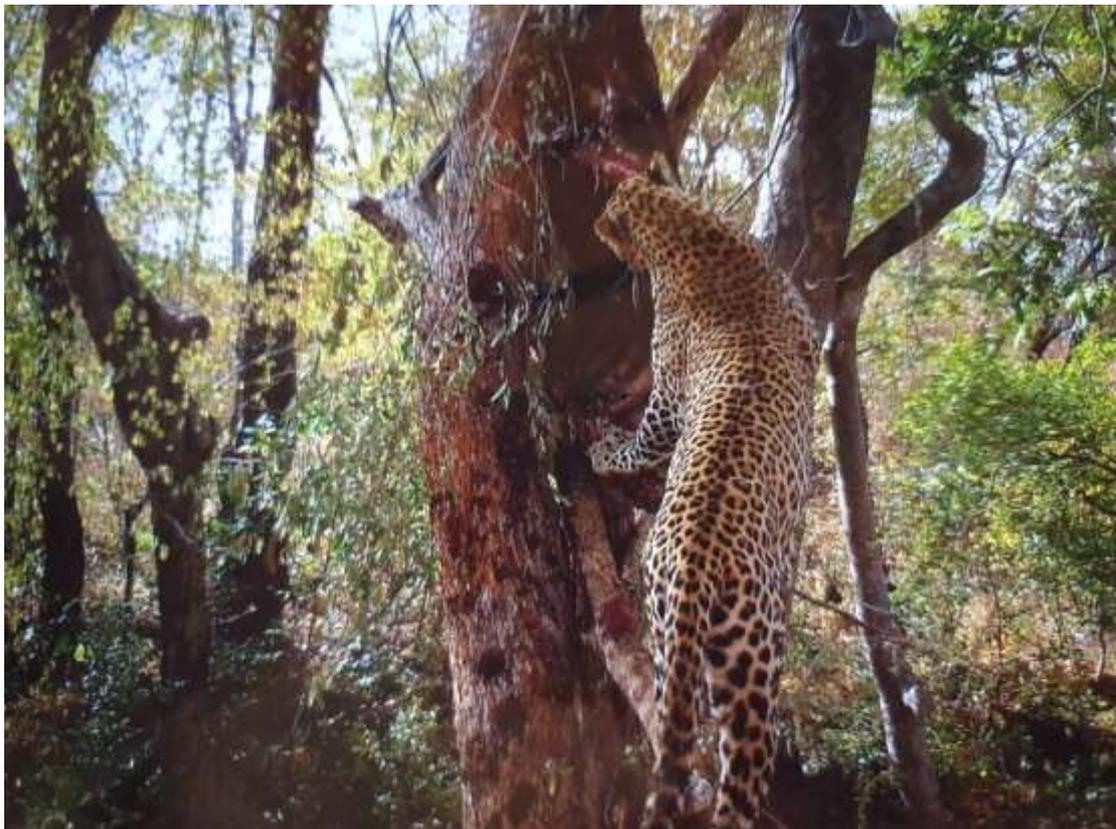


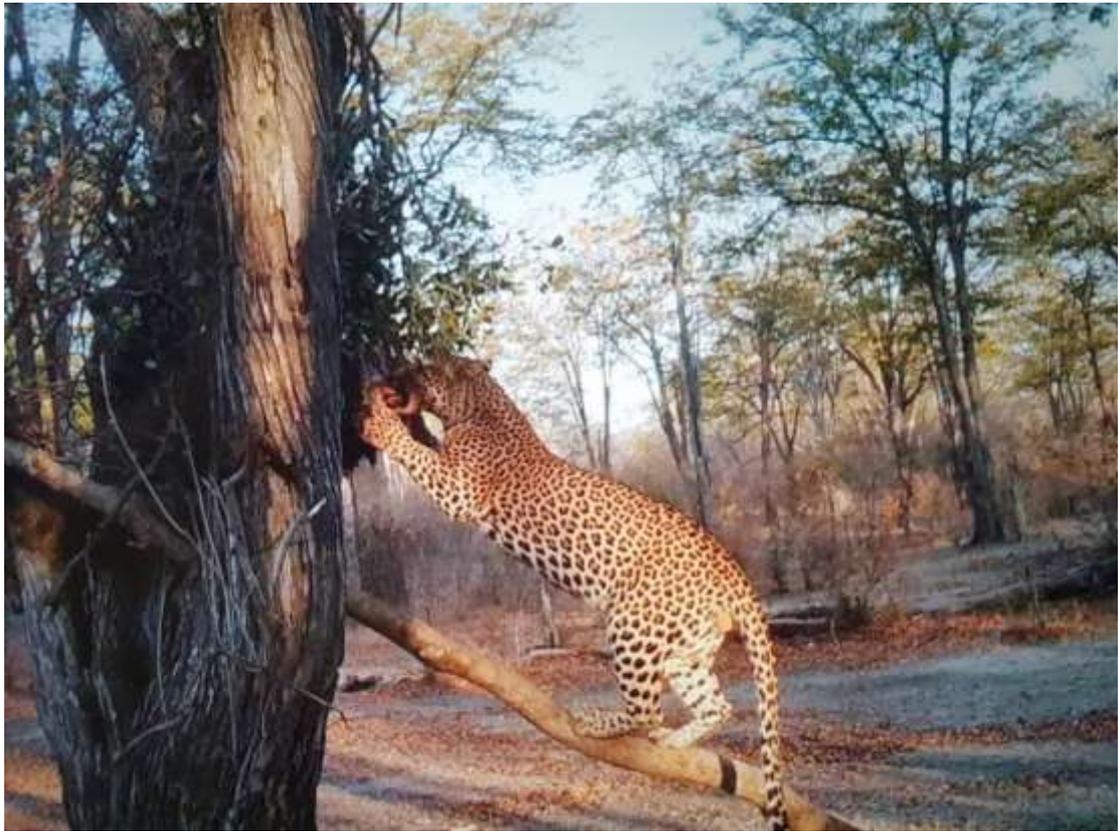






Leopard- Dande continues to deliver nice cats with most in day light hours which is awesome. Despite having 10 leopards on license we annual have a 90% success rate which for leopard is excellent anywhere in Africa. Our failure has come and gone and we were very disappointed for the client but he had only managed to come out for 10 days and despite having two nice male leopards feeding in day light the stars did not align.





Our other 5 leopards have gone without a hitch apart from one that nearly scratched me! All 4 cats were beautiful males and we look forward to the next up and coming leopard hunts.





Dande we get 5 male lions a year but we only hunt two as we feel that that is the correct number to sustainably take older lions. Len hunted both our lions this year and he got two beauties. One of them had a 26.5” SCI skull which rates it in the top 25

lions taken. More importantly both lions were over 6 years old. Both were taken during the day and the larger one charged Len and the client!



Elephants -The USFW decision not to allow imports of Ivory into the States continues to affect our ele bull sales drastically. Normally by now we have completed several ele bull hunts but as a result I have done a single Zambezi Valley ele bull hunt only. It was amazing and we got a beautiful 50 lbs. Certainly a tracking elephant bull hunt is as pure as it gets and we were dealt trumps on this hunt! We do have another 3 ele hunts coming up in Dande and my standard two Big ele bulls in Kazuma which we all very much look forward to!!! It also goes without saying that our tuskless hunts have been 100%



[Check out the video of this hunt!](#)

Plains game continues to improve in the Dande due to the robust work that DAPU do. Admittedly the drought has also made it a little easier with visibility been better than normal. Below are some of the better plains game we have shot including a few massive crocs!













This year CMS can boast that Derek one of our clients hunted and successfully took the very first legally hunted southern roan. This is the end of the long process to get a Roan tag for our Dande East area that boast very healthy numbers of Roan. On another note we are very grateful to Derek as all monies generated from this hunt will go towards another solar water point in this very dry area. As we talk the pipe line is going in and within the month there will be another life saving water hole.



Kay has really streamlined the camps which are running super efficiently and looking fantastic! We have turned Mkanga camp into a solar camp which is still having a few teething problems but hope to get it running perfectly without the generator in the next week! This will be a trail for the rest of our camps.



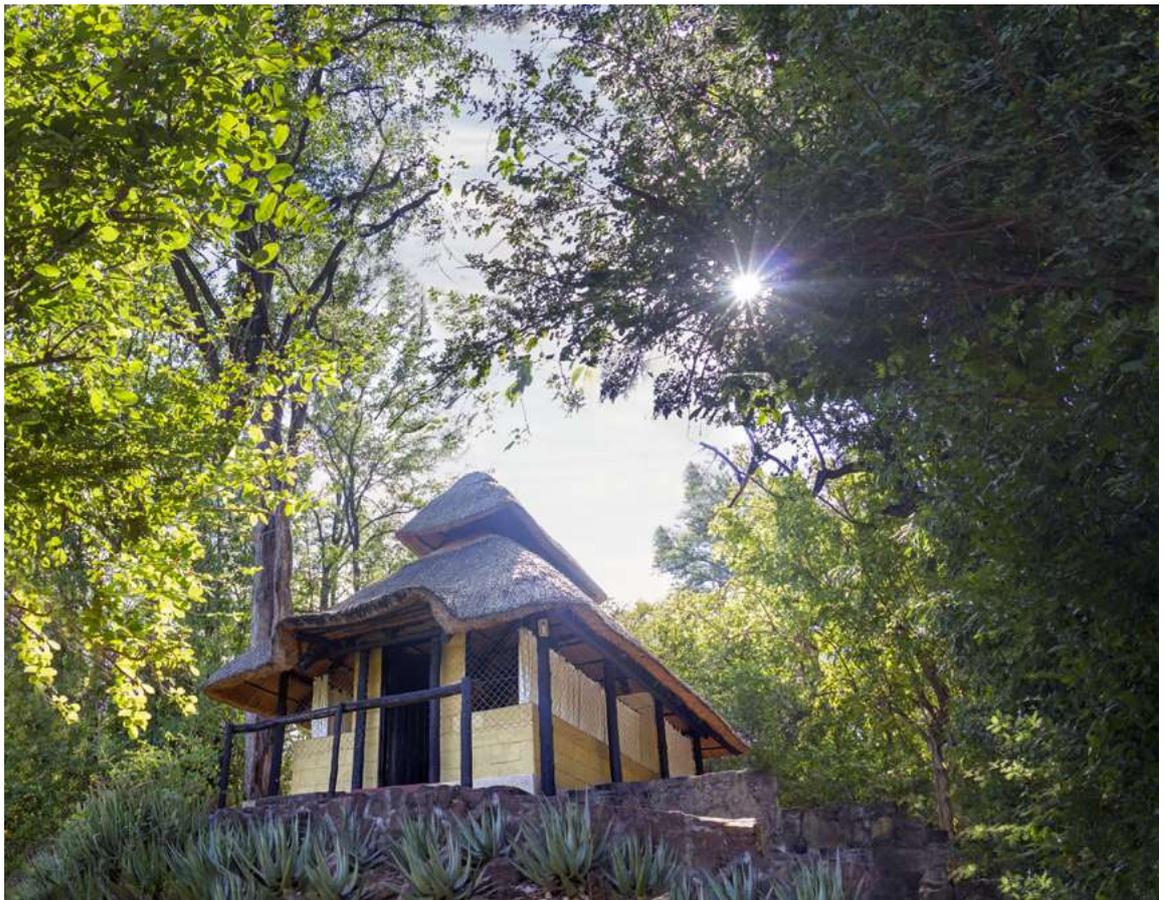
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DAPU – early season duties for DAPU are mostly consumed with PAC (problem animal control) this involves sleepless nights 7 days a week chasing elephants out of the locals fields. By doing this we have literally saved dozens of bulls getting shot as “problem animals”. This year like the last few we have managed not to have to shoot a single crop raiding elephant! Our patrols have also yielded some snares and several arrests to date! [For more info on DAPU please look at our website!](#)



I would like to thank all our friends who have joined us so far this year and welcome all our up and coming clients – all of which will have a great time with us! Thanks all

All the best, do keep in touch
– Buzz, Myles and the CMS team