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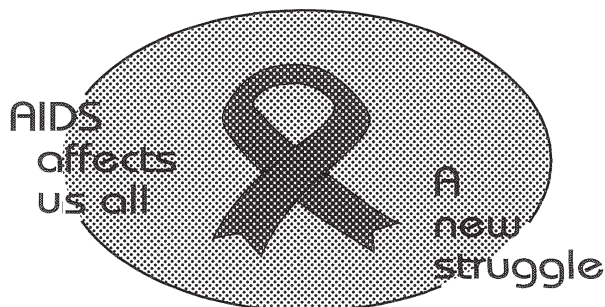
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PROCLAMATION

by the MEC for Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism

1. I, Nonkqubela Pieters, Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (hereinafter referred to as the department), acting in terms of Sections 78 and 79 of the Nature and Environmental Conservation Ordinance, 1974 (Ordinance No. 19 of 1974), and Section 18 of the Problem Animal Control Ordinance, 1957 (Ordinance 26 of 1957) hereby determine the hunting season and the daily bag limits, as set out in the second and third columns, respectively, of Schedule 1, hereto in the Magisterial Districts of the Province of the Eastern Cape of the former Province of the Cape of Good Hope and in respect of wild animals mentioned in the first column of the said Schedule 1, and I hereby suspend and set conditions pertaining to the enforcement of Sections 29 and 33 of the said Ordinance to the extent specified in the fourth column of the said Schedule 1, in the district and in respect of the species of wild animals indicated opposite any such suspension and/or condition, of the said Schedule 1.
2. In terms of Section 29 (b) *[with the aid of artificial light]* and (e) *[during the period between one hour after sunset on any day and one hour before sunrise on the following day]*, subject to the provisions of this ordinance, I prohibit hunting at night under the following proviso, that anyone intending to hunt at night for management purposes by culling any of the **Alien and Invasive listed species [AIS] as listed in terms of sections 66(1), 67(1), 70(1)(a), 71(3) and 71A of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004) as well as Bushpig, Hares, Specified Species [Blesbuck, Blue wildebeest, Burchell's zebra, Gemsbok, Red hartebeest, Springbuck, Impala, Nyala, Waterbuck], Rodents, Porcupine and Springhare**, must apply to the department for a provincial permit. Proof of membership or ownership of a registered culling team is a requirement for an annual permit. In the absence of such proof of membership or ownership, applications will be dealt with per hunt.
3. In terms of Section 29 (b) *[with the aid of artificial light]* and (e) *[during the period between one hour after sunset on any day and one hour before sunrise on the following day]*, subject to the provisions of this ordinance, I prohibit hunting at night under the following proviso, that anyone intending to hunt at night for management purposes, by using the call-and-shoot method, of **Black-backed jackal and Caracal**, must apply to the department for a provincial permit. Proof of being a certified Call-and-Shoot Operator is a requirement for a permit. Please note that landowners require a provincial permit to call-and-shoot on their own property but are exempted from providing proof of certification.
4. In terms of Section 29 (i), *[by means of a bow-and-arrow]*, subject to the provisions of this ordinance, I prohibit any natural person from hunting with a bow and arrow under the following proviso, that anyone intending to hunt with a bow and arrow on land not covered by a valid Certificate of Adequate Enclosure (CAE), must be in possession of a bow hunting certificate of competency, obtained from a recognized training institution, or must be authorized in writing by a recognized hunting association, and must apply to the department for a permit. Any other hunter, who is escorted by a professional hunter, may hunt without proof of a bow hunting certificate of competency or written authorization by a recognized hunting association.
5. In terms of Section 33 (1), no person shall without a provincial permit, use any motor vehicle or aircraft (includes a drone) to hunt any wild animal or to hunt, disturb, drive or stampede any wild animal or animals for the purpose of filming or photographing such hunt, disturbance, drive or stampede or for any other purpose whatsoever. This also applies to a property with a CAE.
6. In terms of Section 79 (f), subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, I restrict the live transport of any wild animal/s, excluding birds and reptiles, to the period 01 March to 31 October.
7. In terms of Section 82 (1) (b), subject to the provisions of this proclamation, I suspend by proclamation under Section 79 (b), the operation of Section 29 (l) *[by the use of a dog]* only for properties larger than 300 hectares. For properties smaller than 300 hectares a provincial permit must be obtained from the relevant departmental office. The use of dogs is limited to the flushing of animals and for the tracking of wounded animals. Dogs are not to be used to attack or kill. Dogs used in the hunting of birds are excluded from this clause.
8. Should any person, for any reason whatsoever, hunt any wild animal/s in contravention to the provisions of this proclamation, such person must notify the relevant departmental office, in the form of a sworn affidavit, within 24 hours of such contravention having taken place.
9. Protected species NOT listed in this proclamation, may only be hunted by means of a provincial permit or, if it is a **Threatened or Protected Species [TOPS]**, by means of a TOPS Game Farm Hunting Permit OR a Ordinary Permit. An EC Provincial hunting licence is mandatory.

10. Please note further that a permit is NOT required to hunt, during the day, any of the species listed in the **Alien and Invasive Species Regulations [AIS]**, as promulgated in terms of **sections 66(1), 67(1), 70(1)(a), 71(3) and 71A** of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004). An AIS permit is, however, required by the landowner to possess live specimens.
11. PLEASE NOTE that a **provincial hunting licence** IS NOT A PERMIT and does not authorize any hunting, by the holder thereof, UNLESS all permit requirements contained in legislation and in this proclamation have been adhered to.
12. Applications to hunt on **state land** – Any permit applications made to hunt on any state land, for example, Department: Rural Development and Land Reform [DRLAR], Land Affairs and Public Works properties must be channelled to the relevant official at the relevant offices of DRLAR, Land Affairs and Public Works who will then forward the authorization to the relevant departmental District Office. Once this authorization has been given, the department must forward the application and the authorization to the relevant Agricultural Association for comment before any permits may be issued. The Agricultural Association's comment must be provided within 72 hours, failing which it will be regarded by the department that there are no objections or comments.
13. Hunting on land or property where the ownership is vested in the regional or local authority - No person may hunt on land or property belonging to the regional or local authority if he / she is not physically in possession of the written permission of the landowner as contemplated in section 39.(1) of Ord 19 / 1974. The written permission does not authorize any hunting, by the holder thereof, UNLESS all permit requirements contained in legislation and in this proclamation have been adhered to.
14. This Proclamation remains effective until a new Proclamation has been gazetted. In the absence of a new Proclamation, the year shall be deemed to be the present year.


Nonkqubela Pieters
MEC for Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism
Date: 20/02/2026

SCHEDULE 1

SPECIES, MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT	HUNTING SEASON	DAILY BAG LIMIT (PER PERSON PER DAY)	CONDITIONS AND SUSPENSION OF LISTED SECTIONS
THE HUNTING OF KUDU IS PROHIBITED ON LANDS SUCH AS, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LUCERNE, MAIZE, OATS AND WHEAT. THE USE OF BAIT, SUCH AS FRUIT, VEGETABLES, AND SO ON, TO CREATE FEEDING SITES FOR KUDU IS PROHIBITED. SHOULD ANY PROPERTY FALL WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF MORE THAN ONE PROVINCE, THE RELEVANT HUNTING SEASON, AS DETERMINED BY THAT PROVINCE FOR THAT SPECIFIC PORTION, WILL BE APPLICABLE.			
Kudu (<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>)			
ABERDEEN	01 June – 31 July	1	CONDITION - may only hunt kudu bulls in June; may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July
ADELAIDE Post Retief	01 June – 31 August	1	CONDITION – may only hunt kudu bulls in June, may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July and August
GRAHAMSTOWN / MAKHANDA Carlisle Bridge Koonap Central Albany Belton Salem Lower Albany Bathurst Border	01 June – 31 August	1	CONDITION – may only hunt kudu bulls in June, may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July and August
BURGERSDORP Burgersdorp Knapdaar	01 June – 31 August	1	CONDITION – may only hunt kudu bulls in June, may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July and August
ALEXANDRIA Paterson	01 June – 31 August	1	CONDITION – may only hunt kudu bulls in June, may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July and August
ALIWAL NORTH Floukraal	01 June – 31 August	1	CONDITION – may only hunt kudu bulls in June, may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July and August
BARKLY EAST New England Voorspoed Cullenswood Rhodes	01 June – 31 August	1	CONDITION – may only hunt kudu bulls in June, may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July and August
BATHURST Coombs Eastern Border Bathurst West	01 June – 31 August	1	CONDITION – may only hunt kudu bulls in June, may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July and August
BEDFORD	01 June – 31 August	1	CONDITION – may only hunt kudu bulls in June, may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July and August
BERLIN	01 June – 31 July	See condition	CONDITION – total of 2 kudu bulls <u>per season</u> , for farms larger than 1000 hectares; 1 kudu bull <u>per season</u> , for farms smaller than 1000 hectares; NO kudu cows may be hunted.
CATHCART Upper-Cathcart Thomas-River Henderson	01 June – 31 August	1	CONDITION – may only hunt kudu bulls in June, may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July and August
CRADOCK Fish River Bo-Vlekpoort Tarka-Wyk Agter-Sneeuberg Samekomst Bo-Swaershoek	01 June – 31 August	1	CONDITION – may only hunt kudu bulls in June, may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July and August
DORDRECHT	01 July – 31 July	1	CONDITION - may only hunt kudu bulls

EAST LONDON	CLOSED	NIL	NIL
ELLIOT Ryno Ida	01 June – 31 August	1	CONDITION – may only hunt kudu bulls in June, may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July and August
FORT BEAUFORT	01 June – 31 August	1	CONDITION – may only hunt kudu bulls in June, may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July and August
GRAAFF-REINET Sneeuberg Camdeboo Graaff-Reinet Woolgrowers	01 June – 31 August	1	CONDITION – may only hunt kudu bulls in June, may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July and August
HANKEY Gamtoos Thornhill Van Stadens River	01 June – 31 August	1	CONDITION – may only hunt kudu bulls in June, may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July and August
HOFMEYR	01 June – 31 August	1	CONDITION – may only hunt kudu bulls in June, may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July and August
HUMANSDORP Zuuranys Agri Tsitsikamma-Oos	01 June – 31 August	1	CONDITION – may only hunt kudu bulls in June, may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July and August
JAMESTOWN Clanville Jamestown Swemport	01 June – 31 August	1	CONDITION – may only hunt kudu bulls in June; may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July and August
JANSENVILLE Klipplaat Waterford	01 June – 31 July	See condition	CONDITION – total of 3 kudu per 1000 hectares of land or 1 kudu per 333 hectares of land per season, daily bag limit of 1 per person per day. May only hunt kudu bulls in June, may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July
JOUBERTINA Langkloof-Boerevereniging	01 June – 31 August	1	CONDITION – may only hunt kudu bulls in June, may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July and August
KING WILLIAMS TOWN Kei Road	01 June – 31 August	1	CONDITION – may only hunt kudu bulls in June, may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July and August.
KIRKWOOD Agri Sondagsrivier	01 June – 31 August	1	CONDITION – may only hunt kudu bulls in June, may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July and August
KLIPLAAT	01 June – 31 July	See condition	CONDITION - total of 3 kudu per 1000 hectares of land or 1 kudu per 333 hectares; of land per season, daily bag limit of 1 per person per day. May only hunt kudu bulls in <u>June</u> ; may hunt kudu bulls & kudu cows in <u>July</u> .
KOMGA	01 June – 31 August	See condition	CONDITION - 4 kudu (bull or cow) per season per 1000 hectares of land (<i>for example 3000ha = 12 kudu</i>). Farms smaller than 1000 hectares 1 kudu (bull or cow) per 250 ha of land per season. Requests to hunt kudu must be submitted in writing to the Chairperson of the Komga Agricultural Association (KAA). The result of the kudu hunt must also be reported in writing to the said Chairperson.
LADY GREY Swemport	01 June – 31 August	1	CONDITION – may only hunt kudu bulls in June, may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July and August
MACLEANTOWN	01 June – 31 July	1	CONDITION - 1 kudu (bull or cow) per season. Requests to hunt kudu must be submitted in writing to the executive committee of the Macleantown Farmers

			Association. The result of the kudu hunt must also be reported in writing to the said committee.
MACLEAR Maclear Tentkop	01 June – 31 August	1	CONDITION – may only hunt kudu bulls in June, may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July and August
MIDDELBURG Nooitgedacht Bo-Suurberg Schoombee Rooihooigte The Willows	01 June – 31 August	See condition	CONDITION – 1 kudu per 500 hectares of land per month; daily bag limit of 1 per person per day. May only hunt kudu bulls in June, may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July and August
MOLTENO Loperberg Sandfontein	01 June – 31 August	1	CONDITION – may only hunt kudu bulls in June, may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July and August
PATERSON	01 June – 31 August	1	CONDITION - may only hunt kudu bulls in June; may hunt kudu bulls & kudu cows in July & August
PEARSTON Buffelshoek	01 June – 31 August	1	CONDITION – may only hunt kudu bulls in June, may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July and August
PORT ELIZABETH Van Stadens	01 June – 31 August	1	CONDITION - may only hunt kudu bulls in June; may hunt kudu bulls & kudu cows in July & August
QUEENSTOWN Tylden Klaassmits Queenstown and District	01 June – 31 August	See condition	CONDITION – 5 kudu per season per landowner per 1 000 hectares; 3 kudu per season per landowner LESS than 1 000 hectares - may only hunt kudu bulls in June, may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July and August
SOMERSET EAST Swaershoek Paddafontein Zuurberg	01 June – 31 August	1	CONDITION – may only hunt kudu bulls in June, may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July and August
STERKSTROOM Birds-River	01 June – 31 August	1	CONDITION – may only hunt kudu bulls in June, may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July and August
STEYNSBURG	01 June – 31 August	1	CONDITION – may only hunt kudu bulls in June, may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July and August
STEYTLERVILLE	01 June – 31 July	1	CONDITION – may only hunt kudu bulls in June, may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July. 1 kudu per season per 250 hectares of land (for example 1 000 ha = 4 kudu).
STUTTERHEIM Bolo	01 June – 31 August	See condition	CONDITION - 4 kudu (bull or cow) per season per 1000 hectares of land (<i>for example 3000 ha = 12 kudu</i>). Farms smaller than 1000 hectares 1 kudu (bull or cow) per 250 ha of land per season. Requests to hunt kudu must be submitted in writing to the Chairperson of the Bolo Agricultural Association (BAA). The result of the kudu hunt must also be reported in writing to the said Chairperson.
TARKASTAD Tarkastad Winterberg Swartkei	01 June – 31 August	1	CONDITION – may only hunt kudu bulls in June, may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July and August
UITENHAGE Cockscomb Glennonnor Agri Winterhoek Elandsrivier	01 June – 31 August	See condition	CONDITION – 1 kudu per 500 hectares of land, per season; daily bag limit of 1 per person per day. May only hunt kudu bulls in June, may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July and August

VENTERSTAD	01 June – 31 August	1	CONDITION – may only hunt kudu bulls in June; may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July and August
WILLOWMORE Traka Rietbron Fullarton-Miller Winterhoek Baviaanskloof	01 June – 31 August	1	CONDITION - may only hunt kudu bulls in June; may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in July and August

NOTE: 1. Where hunting applications have been forwarded to an Agricultural Association by the department for comment, such comment must be provided within 72 hours. Failing which it will be regarded by the department that there are no objections or comments.

SPECIES AND MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT	HUNTING SEASON	DAILY BAG LIMIT (PER PERSON PER DAY)	CONDITIONS AND SUSPENSION OF LISTED SECTIONS
Applicable to ALL DISTRICTS in the Eastern Cape portion of the former Cape of Good Hope.			
Bushbuck (<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>) ALL Magisterial Districts	01 June – 31 July	1	Restricted to the hunting of <u>rams only</u> in ALL Districts SUSPENSION - Section 29 (l) [<i>dogs - are not to be used to attack or kill</i>] only for properties larger than 300ha. CONDITION - for properties smaller than 300ha a permit must be obtained from the relevant departmental district office.
Common duiker (<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>) All Districts, except Hankey, which is closed. Restricted to <u>rams only</u> in Humansdorp Grey rhebuck (<i>Pelea capreolus</i>) Steenbok (<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>) All Districts, except Humansdorp and Joubertina, which is closed	01 June – 31 July	1	NIL
Common eland (<i>Tragelaphus oryx</i>) <u>specific to</u> Queenstown	01 June – 31 August	See condition	CONDITION – may only hunt 2 eland per season; may hunt eland bulls in June, July and August; may hunt eland cows in August
Common eland (<i>Tragelaphus oryx</i>) All Districts, except Queenstown Grysbok (<i>Raphicerus melanotis</i>) All Districts Klipspringer (<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>) All Districts	As per permit	As per permit	CONDITION - a permit is required to hunt Common eland, Grysbok and Klipspringer
Mountain reedbuck (<i>Redunca fulvorufula</i>) All Districts, except Kirkwood, which is <u>closed</u> and Cradock and Queenstown (different season)	01 June – 31 July	1	NIL
Mountain reedbuck (<i>Redunca fulvorufula</i>) Cradock	01 June – 31 August	1	NIL
Mountain reedbuck (<i>Redunca fulvorufula</i>) Queenstown	01 June – 31 August	See condition	CONDITION – A total of 3 mountain reedbuck per season per 1000 hectares. Daily bag limit of 1 per person per day
Blesbuck (<i>Damaliscus pygargus phillipsi</i>) Blue wildebeest (<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>) Burchell's zebra (<i>Equus burchellii</i>) Gemsbok (<i>Oryx gazella</i>) Red hartebeest (<i>Alcelaphus buselaphus caama</i>) Springbuck (<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>) Impala (<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>)	01 January to the 31 December	Unrestricted	SUSPENSION - Section 33(1) - use of a motor vehicle <u>only for culling</u> CONDITION - <u>aircraft</u> requires a permit Note Paragraph 2 on first page

SPECIES AND MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT	HUNTING SEASON	DAILY BAG LIMIT (PER PERSON PER DAY)	CONDITIONS AND SUSPENSION OF LISTED SECTIONS
SPECIFIED SPECIES - applicable to ALL DISTRICTS in the Eastern Cape portion of the former Cape of Good Hope.			
Nyala (<i>Tragelaphus angasii</i>) Waterbuck (<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>)	01 January to the 31 December	Unrestricted	SUSPENSION - Section 33(1) - use of a motor vehicle <u>only for culling</u> CONDITION - <u>aircraft</u> requires a permit Note Paragraph 2 on first page
Black-backed jackal (<i>Canis mesomelas</i>) Caracal (<i>Caracal caracal</i>)	01 January to the 31 December	Unrestricted	SUSPENSION - Section 29 (a) [<i>poison</i>] - only poison registered specifically for these species may be used, (d) [<i>trap</i>] - it excludes wire snares and any gin trap without an offset and a set screw, (g) [<i>calibre less than five comma six millimetres</i>], (h) [<i>automatic</i>] and (l) [<i>dog</i>] - dogs not to be used to attack or kill CONDITION - Section 33(1) - use of a motor vehicle only Note Paragraph 3 on first page
Bushpig (<i>Potamochoerus larvatus</i>)	01 January to the 31 December	Unrestricted	SUSPENSION - Section 29 (d) [<i>trap</i>] - confined only to the use of a cage and excludes any other illegal method such as wire snares and any gin trap; (h) [<i>automatic</i>]; (l) [<i>dog</i>] - dogs not to be used to attack or kill CONDITION - Section 33(1) - use of a motor vehicle only Note Paragraph 2 on first page
Chacma baboon (<i>Papio ursinus</i>)	01 January to the 31 December	Unrestricted	SUSPENSION - Section 29 (d) [<i>trap</i>] - confined only to the use of a <u>cage</u> and excludes any other illegal method such as wire snares and any gin trap
Cape hare (<i>Lepus capensis</i>) Scrub hare (<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>) Porcupine (<i>Hystrix africaeaustralis</i>) Rock hyrax (<i>Procapra capensis</i>) Springhare (<i>Pedetes capensis</i>)	01 January to the 31 December	Unrestricted	SUSPENSION - Section 29 (d) [<i>trap</i>] - confined only to the use of a cage and excludes any gin trap and any illegal method such as wire snares, (g) [<i>calibre less than five comma six millimetres</i>] and (l) [<i>dog</i>] - dogs not to be used to attack or kill Note Paragraph 2 on first page
Rodents (excluding Porcupines, Springhare and Cane rats)	01 January to the 31 December	Unrestricted	SUSPENSION - Section 29 (a) [<i>poison</i>] - ONLY poison registered as a <u>rodenticide</u> under Act No. 36 of 1947 and that has been approved by the <u>SA Pest Control Association</u> (SAPCA) may be used; (d) [<i>trap</i>] - confined only to the use of a cage and excludes any other illegal method such as wire snares and any gin trap and (g) [<i>calibre less than five comma six millimetres</i>].
Vervet monkey (<i>Chlorocebus pygerythrus</i>)	01 January to the 31 December	Unrestricted	SUSPENSION - Section 29 (d) [<i>trap</i>] - confined only to the use of a cage and excludes any other illegal method such as wire snares and any gin trap, and (g) [<i>calibre less than five comma six millimetres</i>].
Warthog (<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>)	01 January to the 31 December	Unrestricted	SUSPENSION - Section 29 (d) [<i>trap</i>] - it excludes wire snares and any gin trap without an offset and a set screw; (h) [<i>automatic</i>] and (l) [<i>dog</i>] - dogs <u>not</u> to be used to attack or kill. CONDITION - Section 33(1) - use of a motor vehicle only

SPECIES AND MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT	HUNTING SEASON	DAILY BAG LIMIT (PER PERSON PER DAY)	CONDITIONS AND SUSPENSION OF SECTION 29
Applicable to ALL DISTRICTS in the Eastern Cape portion of the former Cape of Good Hope.			
African olive-pigeon (<i>Columba arquatrix</i>)	01 June – 31 July	5	(g) [calibre less than five comma six millimetres]
Cape turtle dove (<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>) Laughing dove (<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>) Red-eyed dove (<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>) Speckled pigeon (<i>Columba guinea</i>)	01 January to the 31 December	Unrestricted	(g) [calibre less than five comma six millimetres]
Cape shoveller (<i>Anas smithii</i>) Cape teal (<i>Anas capensis</i>) Southern pochard (<i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>) White-faced duck (<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>)	01 May – 31 August	2	(g) [calibre less than five comma six millimetres]
Common quail (<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>)	01 Oct. – 30 Nov.	10	(g) [calibre less than five comma six millimetres].
Egyptian goose (<i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>)	01 Feb. – 30 Sept.	15	(g) [calibre less than five comma six millimetres]
Grey-wing francolin (<i>Scleroptila afra</i>) All Districts, except Queenstown (different hunting season and bag limit)	01 May – 31 July	4	(g) [calibre less than five comma six millimetres]
Grey-wing francolin (<i>Scleroptila afra</i>) Queenstown	01 May – 31 July	2	(g) [calibre less than five comma six millimetres]
Hadeda ibis (<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>)	01 Feb. – 30 Sept.	5	(g) [calibre less than five comma six millimetres]
Helmeted guineafowl (<i>Numida meleagris</i>)	01 May – 30 Sept.	5	(g) [calibre less than five comma six millimetres]
Redbilled teal (<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>) Yellowbilled duck (<i>Anas undulata</i>)	01 May – 31 August	3	(g) [calibre less than five comma six millimetres]
Red-wing francolin (<i>Scleroptila levaillantii</i>)	01 May – 31 July	2	(g) [calibre less than five comma six millimetres]
Red-necked spurfowl (<i>Pternistis afer</i>) Orange River francolin (<i>Scleroptila levaillantoides</i>)	01 May – 31 July	4	(g) [calibre less than five comma six millimetres]

SPECIES AND MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT	HUNTING SEASON	DAILY BAG LIMIT (per person per day)	CONDITIONS AND SUSPENSION OF SECTION 29
Applicable to ALL DISTRICTS in the Eastern Cape portion of the former Cape of Good Hope.			
South African shelduck (<i>Tadorna cana</i>)	01 Jan. - 31 Mar.	4	SUSPENSION - (g) [<i>calibre less than five comma six millimetres</i>] CONDITION - NON-BREEDING South African shelduck IN LARGE FLOCKS may also be utilised during the period 1 May - 31 August by applying for a permit based on the Departmental Operational Guideline for the Issuing of Permits to Hunt Wild Animals Causing Crop Damage.
Spur-winged goose (<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>)	01 Mar. - 30 Sept.	5	(g) [<i>calibre less than five comma six millimetres</i>]
Exotic Anseriformes (Ducks, geese, swans and screamers)	01 Jan. - 31 Dec.	Unrestricted	

HUNTING SEASON: FORMER CISKEI

Ciskei Nature Conservation Act (Act 10 of 1987)

It is hereby confirmed for general information that -

- the Member of the Executive Council responsible for Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism (hereinafter referred to as the department) has, in terms of Section 12 of the Nature Conservation Act, 1987 (Act 10 of 1987) (Ciskei), determined that the hunting season in the territory of the former Republic of Ciskei in respect of all species listed in Schedule 2 of the above Act shall be as listed below.
- in terms of Section 3(1)(d) of the Nature Conservation Act the Member of the Executive Council, subject to the provisions of the Act, restricts the live transport of any wild animal, excluding birds, to the period 01 March to 31 October.
- Please note that the N6 - Province of the Eastern Cape HUNTING LICENCE - is not valid in the territory of the Former Ciskei.
- In terms of the Ciskei Nature Conservation Act (Act 10 of 1987) Schedule 14, Part 1 the price of a licence to hunt birds is R5.00 and a licence to hunt any huntable wild animal is R10.00.
- Ciskei hunting licences are only available from the department's Amathole office in East London at the following contact details:

Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism
Amathole Regional Office
Alderwood House
Palm Square Business Park
Bonza Bay Road
Beacon Bay
East London

Tel: 083 382 9673 / 066 486 8293

E-mail: ricky.hannan@dedea.gov.za / tokoza.twalingqa@dedea.gov.za

DAILY BAG LIMITS IN FORMER CISKEI

It is hereby confirmed for general information that -

- in terms of Section 10, as set out in Schedule 2, of the Nature Conservation Act, 1987 (Act No. 10 of 1987) (Ciskei), the daily bag limits for huntable wild animals in the territory of the former Republic of Ciskei, are as set out in the under-mentioned Schedule hereto.


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DAILY BAG LIMITS IN FORMER CISKEI (*continued*)

SCHEDULE 2

MAMMALS	HUNTING SEASON	DAILY BAG LIMIT (PER PERSON PER DAY)
Cape hare (<i>Lepus capensis</i>) Scrub hare (<i>Lepus saxatilis</i>)	01 April – 30 September	1
Bushbuck (<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>) Common duiker (<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>) Steenbok (<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>)	01 June – 31 July	1
Kudu (<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>) Please note: may only hunt kudu bulls in <u>June</u> - may hunt kudu bulls and kudu cows in <u>July and August</u>	01 June – 31 August	1
Black-backed jackal (<i>Canis mesomelas</i>) Blesbuck (<i>Damaliscus pygargus phillipsi</i>) Bushpig (<i>Potamochoerus larvatus</i>) Caracal (<i>Caracal caracal</i>) Chacma Baboon (<i>Papio ursinus</i>) Springbuck (<i>Antidorcas marsupialis</i>) Vervet monkey (<i>Chlorocebus pygerythrus</i>) Warthog (<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>)	01 January – 31 December	Unrestricted
BIRDS	HUNTING SEASON	DAILY BAG LIMIT (PER PERSON PER DAY)
South African shelduck (<i>Tadorna cana</i>)	01 January – 31 March	4
Egyptian goose (<i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>)	01 February – 30 September	15
Hadedda ibis (<i>Bostrychia hagedash</i>)	01 February – 30 September	5
Spur-winged goose (<i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>)	01 March – 30 September	5
Cape shoveller (<i>Anas smithii</i>) Cape teal (<i>Anas capensis</i>) Southern pochard (<i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>) White-faced duck (<i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>)	01 May – 31 August	2
Redbilled teal (<i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>) Yellowbilled duck (<i>Anas undulata</i>)	01 May – 31 August	3
Red-wing francolin (<i>Scleroptila levillantii</i>)	01 May – 31 August	2
Grey-wing francolin (<i>Scleroptila afra</i>)	01 May – 31 July	2
Red-necked spurfowl (<i>Pternistis afer</i>) Orange River francolin (<i>Scleroptila levillantoides</i>)	01 May – 31 August	4
Helmeted guineafowl (<i>Numida meleagris</i>)	01 May – 30 September	5
African olive-pigeon (<i>Columba arquatrix</i>)	01 June – 31 August	5
Common quail (<i>Coturnix coturnix</i>)	15 September – 31 October	10
Cape turtle dove (<i>Streptopelia capicola</i>) Laughing dove (<i>Streptopelia senegalensis</i>) Red-eyed dove (<i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>) Speckled pigeon (<i>Columba guinea</i>)	01 January – 31 December	Unrestricted

HUNTING SEASON: FORMER TRANSKEI

Transkei Decree No. 9 (Environmental Conservation) of 1992

1. Ordinary Game as listed in Schedule 3 of the Transkei Decree No. 9 (Environmental Conservation) of 1992 may only be hunted during the period from the 1 June to the 31 July **with a [valid] hunting permit issued by the department.**
2. However, the Transkei Decree No. 9 (Environmental Conservation) of 1992 Section 14(1)(a) states that “**no person shall without a permit hunt any protected game**”.
3. There is **NO** hunting licence applicable in the territory of the former Republic of Transkei.


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ADDENDUM

HUNTING PROCLAMATION

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Definitions -

“**call-and-shoot**” in relation to Black-backed jackal and Caracal, means the use of specialized equipment to call these damage-causing predators during the night and to manage them

“**Call-and-Shoot Operator**” in relation to Black-backed jackal and Caracal, means a person who has attended a special training course/s and has been awarded a certificate of competency.

EXTRACTS FROM THE NATURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION ORDINANCE 19 OF 1974

PROHIBITED WAYS OF HUNTING

29. No person shall, unless he is the holder of a permit authorizing him or her to do so, hunt any wild animal -

- (a) by means of fire or poison;
- (b) with the aid of artificial light;
- (c) on or from a public road;
- (d) by means of any trap;
- (e) during the period between one hour after sunset on any day and one hour before sunrise on the following day;
- (f) by means of any weapon in a public place within the jurisdiction of a local authority;
- (g) by means of a firearm which discharges a rim-fire cartridge of a calibre less than five comma six millimetres;
- (h) by means of a firearm that discharges more than two shots without being manually reloaded;
- (i) by means of a bow-and-arrow;
- (j) by means of a set gun or any other similar contrivance;
- (k) by means of any device that injects an intoxicating or a narcotic agent or poison into such animal;
- (l) by the use of a dog, except for the hunting of birds or for the purpose of following or searching for any such animal which has been wounded;
- (m) in the case of birds in or upon inland waters, by the use of a boat for the purpose of chasing or killing such birds;

Provided that in respect of the hunting of -

- (i) rodents, the provision of paragraphs (a), (b), (d), (e) and (l) **[in terms of (b) of the Proclamation a permit is required]**;
- (ii) any bird or other wild animal which is not an endangered or a protected wild animal, the provisions of paragraph (g), or;
- (iii) any such wild animal by a registered veterinary surgeon in the practice of his profession, the provisions of paragraph (k), shall not apply.

33 (1) No person shall without a permit, use any motor vehicle or aircraft [drone] to HUNT any wild animal or to hunt, disturb, drive or stampede any wild animal or animals for the purpose of filming or photographing such hunt, disturbance, drive or stampede or for any other purpose whatsoever.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

1. Definitions -

“**hunt**” in relation to any wild animal means by any means whatsoever to hunt or search for, to kill, capture or attempt to kill or capture, or to pursue, follow or drive with intent to kill or capture, or to shoot at, poison, lie in wait for or wilfully disturb

“**relative**” in relation to the owner of any land means the spouse, parent, step parent, adoptive parent, son-in-law, child, step-child, adopted child, brother, sister, or grandchild of such owner provided that in relation to an owner of land which is an unincorporated association of persons, “relative” means the relative as hereinbefore defined of every member of such association

“**weapon**” means (a) a fire-arm having a barrel exceeding one hundred millimetres in length and includes ammunition for any such fire-arm, or (b) any other instrument which is capable of propelling a projectile (for example an air rifle) or which can itself be propelled or used in such a way that a wild animal may be killed, injured or immobilized thereby, and includes a spear, assegai, bow-and-arrow, axe, bush-knife, knife or similar object and any narcotic whatsoever

“**poison**” means any poison, preparation or chemical substance used to catch, immobilize, sterilize, kill or physically harm a wild animal

The South African Pest Control Association [SAPCA] is charged by the Government in terms of the Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act, 1947 (Act No. 36 of 1947) to serve and protect the safety and health of the public by establishing and maintaining minimum standards of practice, knowledge and skills of registered pest management applicators in the country as well as to establish and maintain standards of professional ethics among them. Telephone - 012 654 8038; 068 519 3039.

“**trap**” means any trap, springtrap, snare, gin, cage, net, pitfall or birdlime and any other device or method whatsoever which can be used or adapted for the capture of wild animals;

“**owner**” means, in relation to land, the person in whom is vested the legal title thereto; where the legal title thereto is vested in an Association of persons, whether corporate or unincorporated, the person designated in writing as the owner thereof by such Association;

2. No Threatened or Protected Species [TOPS], [**Black wildebeest, Bontebok, Mountain Zebra and so on**] as listed in Section 57 (1) of the regulations related to the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004), have been listed in this Hunting Proclamation, and may therefore only be hunted, captured or any other restricted activity may only be carried out, if you are in possession of a specific TOPS permit to perform such a restricted activity.
3. No Alien and Invasive Species (AIS), (**Barbary sheep, Fallow and Red deer, Kafue lechwe, Red lechwe, and so on**) as listed in the regulations related to the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (NEMBA), 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004), have been listed in this Hunting Proclamation. These species may be hunted without a permit BUT permits are required for any other restricted activity, as specified in Section 1 (b) of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (NEMBA), 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004). However, please note that the provincial hunting license remains mandatory.
4. It is illegal to use an aircraft (for example a helicopter or a drone) for any purpose whatsoever over public or private land, whether you have a Certificate of Adequate Enclosure [CAE] or not, for the purposes as listed in Regulation 33 (1) above without a permit.
 - (a) Please note that even if you own your own aircraft [helicopter and/or drone] and are flying over your own property and you are HUNTING as per the definition of “hunt” you require a permit.
5. No person may hunt on any land, of which he/she is not the owner, without the written permission of the owner - Section 39 (1) and (2). Such written permission must reflect, the following:
 - (a) the full names and address of the owner concerned and of the person to whom it is granted; and
 - (b) the number and the species of wild animal, the date or dates and the land in respect of which it is granted and is signed and dated by such owner.

(3) The provisions of Subsection (2) shall not apply in respect of permission granted in terms of Subsection (1) to any relative or full-time employee of any owner of land.
6. Section 40 - no person shall on land of which he is not the owner hunt any wild animal or remove any such animal or the carcass of such animal from such land without the permission of the owner of such land granted in terms of Section 39.
7. The department’s office hours are as follows: **Mondays-Thursdays 08:00 to 13:00; 13:45 to 16:30** and **Fridays 08:00 to 13:00; 13:30 to 16:00**.
8. **BIODIVERSITY OFFICIALS** contact details:

Sarah Baartman District - Gqeberha	066 430 3723	Amathole District - East London	083 382 9673 066 486 8293
Sarah Baartman District - Jeffreys Bay	066 430 3773	Joe Gqabi District - Aliwal North	071 735 5358
Sarah Baartman District - Graaff-Reinet	066 430 3803	OR Tambo District - Mthatha	078 206 7502
Sarah Baartman District - Makhanda	066 430 3864	Alfred Nzo District - Matatiele	060 532 4302
		Chris Hani District - Komani	066 302 9547 060 980 7082

9. **COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT MANAGERS** contact details to report contraventions:

Sarah Baartman District - Port Elizabeth Control Officer - Compliance	071 882 3925	Joe Gqabi District - Aliwal North Control Officer - Compliance	071 866 6058
Sarah Baartman District - Jeffreys Bay Control Officer - Compliance	071 882 3925	OR Tambo District - Mthatha Control Officer - Compliance	082 461 4128
Sarah Baartman District - Graaff-Reinet Control Officer - Compliance	071 882 3925	Alfred Nzo District - Matatiele Control Officer - Compliance	082 933 5882
Sarah Baartman District - Grahamstown Control Officer - Compliance	071 882 3925	Chris Hani District – Queenstown Control Officer - Compliance	071 865 3820
Amathole District - East London Control Officer - Compliance	081 041 2011	Senior Manager: Compliance Manager: Compliance	083 292 0930

10. **PLEASE NOTE:**

- 10.1. ALL permit applications for hunting, must be submitted on the prescribed **PROVINCIAL PERMIT APPLICATION** form and submitted to the relevant departmental office **PERMIT ADMINISTRATION**.
- 10.2. All other permit applications, for example CAE's, Captivity, Capture with a helicopter, Export, Import and Transport and Threatened or Protected Species [TOPS] must be done via the department's Electronic Permit System, namely the ePermit System, by logging into www.eservices.gov.za and registering.
- 10.3. A provincial hunting licence IS NOT A PERMIT and does not authorize any hunting, by the holder thereof, UNLESS all permit requirements contained in legislation and in this proclamation have been adhered to.
- 10.4. If this proclamation contradicts the applicable legislation, the applicable legislation applies.

11. **PERMIT ADMINISTRATION** contact details:

Sarah Baartman District - Port Elizabeth Permits-SarahBaartman@dedea.gov.za	066 485 0514 066 430 3773	Amathole District - East London ricky.hannan@dedea.gov.za	083 382 9673 066 486 8293
Sarah Baartman District - Jeffreys Bay Permits-Seekoei@dedea.gov.za	073 553 3466	Joe Gqabi District - Aliwal North Permits-JoeGqabi@dedea.gov.za	071 735 5358
Sarah Baartman District - Graaff-Reinet Permits-GraaffReinet@dedea.gov.za	066 430 3866	OR Tambo District - Mthatha Permits-ORTambo@dedea.gov.za	078 206 7502
Sarah Baartman District - Makhandha Permits-Grahamstown@dedea.gov.za	066 430 3864 083 393 7199	Alfred Nzo District - Matatiele Permits-AlfredNzo@dedea.gov.za	060 532 4302
		Chris Hani District - Queenstown Permits-ChrisHani@dedea.gov.za	066 302 9547 060 980 7082

COMMENTS:

This provincial gazette deals with the hunting of huntable wild animal species on land which does not have a Certificate of Adequate Enclosure [CAE]. It enables landowners to utilize these *res nullius* [literally means nobody's property or a thing which has no owner] huntable wild animal species which occur on their land. In ensuring that all landowners rights are entertained the department has an agreement to cooperate with organized agriculture and as such all landowner comments must be directed via your local Agricultural Association/Union to Agri Eastern Cape, Megan Maritz, via e-mail to - Environment@agriec.co.za

**WRITTEN PERMISSION GRANTED BY LANDOWNER TO OTHER PERSONS TO HUNT WILD ANIMALS ON HIS/HER PROPERTY *AND/OR
PERMISSION FOR REMOVAL OF CARCASS/ES**

In terms of articles 39 and 41 of the Nature and Environmental Conservation Ordinance 19 / 1974 (Ord. 19/1974) as amended.

1. I the undersigned *landowner / full time employee acting on the authority of the landowner of which my details are as follows:

Full Names and Surname: _____

Permanent Address (Physical): _____

Tel / Cell No: _____

I am *in possession / not in possession of a valid Certificate of Adequate Enclosure (CAE) regarding the wild animals listed in this document:

CAE No. _____ Expiry date: _____

Hereby grant permission to -

2. Full Names and Surname: _____

Address (Physical): _____

Tel / Cell No.: _____

Vehicle/s Registration: _____

Period for which Permission to Hunt is valid: From _____ to _____

To hunt the following wild animals on my property:

SPECIES	SEX	NUMBER	REMOVE *CARCASS/ES
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I (*landowner / full time employee acting on the authority of the landowner, name and surname) _____

hereby declare that I have *sold / donated the carcass/es as listed above or part thereof to the person whose details appear in point 2 on this form and that he/she may remove it from the said property.

Signed

Date

*delete whichever is not applicable

Note: This letter, your license and permit (if required) must always be in your possession during the hunt and when transporting carcass/es

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