

**MEETING BETWEEN WILDLIFE DIVISION REPRESENTATIVES AND SIMANJIRO AND
LOLKISALE STAKEHOLDERS**

21st May, 2008
TNRf Office, Arusha

PRELIMINARY MINUTES

Participants:

Mr. Manase L. Mbesere – Luke Samaras Safaris Ltd.
Mr. Roger Corfield – Roger Corfield Ltd. / Foxtrot Charlie Ltd.
Mr. Elias B. Muzee – TH & CITES, Wildlife Division
Mr. Pratik Patel – Kikoti Safari Camp
Mr. Glen Dennis – Treetops, Elewana
Mr. Kieran Day – Treetops, Elewana
Mr. Deo Simon – Wildlife Explorer
Mr. Hartley King – Boundary Hill Lodge
Mr. Thad Peterson – Dorobo
Mr. Daudi Peterson – Dorobo
Mr. Enock Chengullah – TNRf
Ms. Caroline Chumo – TNRf
Mr. Vijay Aggarwal - TNRf

All stakeholders attended with the exception of representatives from Bundu Safaris and Tandala Hunting Safaris.

With regards to the proposals from the last meeting, the group concluded during this meeting to make workable resolutions only of proposals one through six and seven and eight with proposal two adding no-hunting buffer loops around Naitolia and Treetops campsites and eight to specify a 1km no-hunting radius around mobile camp sites with operators notifying hunting companies in advance of their mobile camp schedules. Finally, there was a consensus for a new tenth proposal to include certain prohibitions on resident hunting.

Following below is the dialogue amongst the group addressing the proposals.

Opening remarks:

Mr. Daudi Peterson opened the meeting at around 3:00 afternoon by welcoming all participants and appreciated their timely coming. However, he said the Bundu Safari representative has not arrived; something which will affect the meeting results because we expected to get some opinions from their side.

Mr. Daudi Peterson:

Mentions revisiting the 9 proposals from last meeting with the mandate this meeting to turn them into workable resolutions – but unfortunately Bundu representative is not here yet.

Then, we must proceed because we were mandated by W.D to resolve this issue as interested stakeholders. The responsibility rests on us all, but as the majority members have attended the quorum is fulfilled for us to carry on.

Mr. Muze:

Efforts were made to contact Bundu and the management agreed to be sending someone to the meeting, however, as a follow up we had consecutive attempts that has not been successful in a couple of days.

Perhaps there is lack of or poor internal communication with manager in U.S who seems not to have been delegated enough to the acting officers in Moshi Dar offices.

Mr. Daudi Peterson:

Bundu has been consecutively invited but not attending, this needs to be minuted for our records and future reference.

We need to proceed and then will accommodate Bundu when he arrives and will update him accordingly.

Mr. King:

What we have proposed to stop the conflicts - need to take it up with Wildlife Division.

Mr. Daudi Peterson:

We were told to by the Wildlife Division to resolve it.

Mr. Daudi Peterson:

Goes over the draft proposals reading one after the other and asking member's opinions.

With Regards to the Draft Minute Proposals:

Proposal 1:

Group:

Proposal is law and need not be discussed upon.

Proposal 2:

A 2km extension to the mandatory 2km buffer zone already in place from the park boundary as agreed upon with an added inclusion of 2km radius buffer loops around the campsites of Naitolia and Treetops for there to be no hunting.

Mr. King:

The Buffer Zone was agreed in principle with Monduli District Council and increased it to 5km, but not in law; its implementation has not been successful because partly he mentions the council has no jurisdiction to affect that unless the WD approves it.

The 2 km boundary is already there, most camps operate up to 3 or 4km except Treetops. In conclusion, the members suggested that a 4km buffer zone with a loop to include Treetops and Naitolia to be declared a non-hunting zone; with loops drawn around Treetops and Naitolia.

The suggestion of a 2km loop means it is a 2km radius around each tourist camp mentioned above. Basically a 2km radius loop extending from a 4km buffer zone. However, Naitolia and Treetops take away a big part of Bundu's Block B .

Mr. Daudi Peterson:

Radius to loop around two lodge boundaries which are Treetops and Naitolia but not the third as per the current situation.

Mr. Daudi Peterson asks Mr. Mbesere:

Would you be ok with the loops as suggested by members?

Mr. Mbesere: I have no problem with that. It is a proposal to be forward to the relevant authorities for consideration and action.

Mr. Thad Peterson:

How far do we propose this 4km buffer zone?

Mr. King:

The 4km buffer zone should go all around the border of the national park and all sides.

Mr. Day:

Who's going to enforce it?

This something to create harmony between us in the interim period, but not necessarily going to legislate it before current contracts expire.

Mr. King:

Photographic and Hunting operators have a conflict no doubt.

Present new buffer zone to W.D for long term solution and better natural resources conservation.

Mr. Day:

Questions practicality of enforcing it. But members insist that the operational modalities will follow after the approval.

Mr. King:

Are we still going to report to Bundu while operating if we are within the 4km buffer zone?

Mr. Day:

No, it will not be valid.

Mr. Patel:

From discussions with members of the Wildlife Division, they are looking for an amicable solution.

But in 2009/10, they will mandate some zoning consideration to formalize it with Hunters and Photographic coming together to make a compromise.

Mr. Corfield:

The proposals and agreements we are making today here will be the law for two years. This will take us until other contracts are made. So these are immediate and short term solutions while we wait for longer term solutions.

Mr. Patel:

Once we make the recommendations to the Wildlife Division, they will come back with compromised solutions.

Mr. Day:

We need justifications to these proposals; not just saying what we want and claiming Bundu wasn't here to listen and contribute.

Mr. Corfield:

In response to Mr. Day, says Mr. Tarimo will finally tick what we suggest. This is because it is a consensus-based solution decided by the majority of the members and not by few individuals. It is a democratically made decision and the Director will consider and respect it.

Mr. Patel:

We just need to make recommendations.

Mr. Daudi Peterson:

In relation to Mr. Day's comment of having no statutory backing; we need political support and backing.

Mr. Corfield:

The Director might be able to make temporary provisions for the meantime.

Mr. Thad Peterson:

What do we need to get through the next two years? Do we really need a 4km boundary zone all around? Maybe more appropriate in the future, but for now 2km is adequate.

Mr. King:

It might be better to have 4km for security.

Mr. Thad Peterson:

The 2km boundary zone can be monitored because Dorobo is there.

Mr. King:

Meaningful conservation should focus all the land available by villages for health of ecosystem and money for communities.

Mr. Patel:

Everybody should contribute to anti-poaching activities. KDU should be represented. I wonder why Bundu is objecting? I would like to see KDU being represented. KDU represents all operators including hunting and photographic and also government and so is a more neutral body. KDU can also act as enforcement to the boundaries by saying photographic and hunters should stick to their areas.

Mr. Muzee:

In response to Prateek, comments that before anti-poaching is to be emphasized, land-use planning needs to take place and then can incorporate necessary anti-poaching activities. Mentions the need for different utilization issues of land to be resolved first.

Mr. Daudi Peterson:

Wildlife Division and Bundu need to call the next meeting so as to assure their presence and commitment to talking.

Secondly, mentions having a mandate for following the proposals once they become resolutions.

Mr. Corfield:

The 4km buffer zone should be pulled down to 3km.

Mr. Daudi Peterson:

Proposes a vote to have the buffer zone either increased from two to four kilometers.

Mr. Thad Peterson:

Suggests having the 4km park boundary up to Naitolia where a loop will be and then up to Treetops where another loop should be.

Mr. Patel:

The 4km distance makes sense for the buffer zone.

Mr. Daudi Peterson:

The 4km is appropriate and the group concurs.

Mr. Daudi Peterson:

However, is 4km reasonable for the whole park? Because if we ask for too much, then the WD might just think this is not practical and might reject the whole thing

Mr. Patel:

Emphasizes we are not asking for 4km but in actuality just 2km because the 2km already exists by law.

Mr. Daudi Peterson:

Again to voting.

Group:

Agree on increasing it to 4km. (i.e. 2km are mandatory and now adding another 2km to allow for smooth photographic activities and as well as security reasons).

Mr. Thad Peterson:

Suggests keeping it at 2km where Bundu operates on the southern end because the actual hunting area is small there anyway.

Mr. Day:

Recommends in the future proposing for a 4km buffer zone all around the park for ecological purposes.

Mr. Daudi Peterson:

In response to Mr. Day suggests incorporating at a later time easement deals into this. Easements will help and provide conducive environment for both the hunters and communities.

Proposal 3:

Agreed that no need for altering this proposal.

Proposals 4 and 5:

Group:

Proposals are unmistakable and need not be altered.

Proposal 6:**Mr. Daudi Peterson:**

Sort of depends on if it's a main access road or service road. There was lengthy discussion here and at the end, the group resolved that this proposal should be omitted because if the buffer zone is approved, then one does not need notification of the movements. Concluded that there is no need to include this proposal.

Mr. Daudi Peterson:

Can be elaborated later on but for the time being can omit this proposal.

Proposal 7:

Everybody agrees on this proposal and that it should stay.

Proposal 8:**Mr. Daudi Peterson:**

Mentions this as explicitly applying to Dorobo.

Mr. Patel:

Mentions it applies to him as he plans to open some mobile campsites in the south of Tarangire as well.

Mr. Mbesere:

Suggests leaving proposal as it is until the Wildlife Director authorizes it.

Mr. Daudi Peterson:

Not a proposal but suggested as a resolution of the meeting.

Mr. Mbesere:

We have been abiding on this proposal through a verbal agreement.

But also upon the Director to show us the demarcations.

However, mentions having no problem in the past with a verbal agreement.

Mr. Thad Peterson:

Non-consumptive tour operators that have agreements with villages which include mobile camping and walking will inform hunting operators of their mobile camp schedules and presence in advance and while in the area, suggests for there to be no hunting within a 1km radius of the mobile camp sites.

Group:

No objection to the above and agreed to have it specified into the proposal.

Proposal 9:**Mr. Daudi Peterson:**

Suggesting compensation not required at this point.

Mr. Patel and Mr. Daudi Peterson:

Ongoing contracts with villages should agree but an added wildlife activity fee that is simple and clean. However, it was at the end agreed that this proposal concerning compensation should be omitted at this point in time.

Mr. Thad Peterson:

For issue of compensation, should not be a double payment but rather payments to villages and a flat fee to the Director which everybody agrees on.

Mr. Thad and Daudi Peterson:

Next meeting to be called by Bundu and tell us the meeting venue and date.

Mr. Dennis:

We should, as a tenth proposal include prohibition on resident hunting.

Non-consumptive concessions should be free of resident hunting.

Group:

Agrees.

Mr. Daudi Peterson:

Resident and citizen hunting rights both abused.

Complicated and needs to be discussed further.

Conclusion:

Mr. Muzee:

Next meeting for when?

Mr. Daudi Peterson:

Suggests end of May for Bundu Safaris in collaboration with the Wildlife Division (Arusha -Office) to call the meeting at their convenient venue.