

**Summary Minutes of a meeting between Director of Wildlife and
Consumptive and Non-consumptive Stakeholders operating in Simanjiro
District and Monduli District (Lolkisale)**

**May 2, 2008 1630-1800 hrs
Malihai Conference Centre, Njiro, Arusha**

Prepared by a TNRF Board Member

Participants:

Wildlife Division: Director of Wildlife; Deputy Director Wildlife Development; Officer of Malihai, Director Anti-poaching.

Company Representatives: Tanzania Bundu Safaris, Luke Samaras Safaris; Tandala; Tanzania Hunting Safaris; Leopard Rock (Royal African Safaris); Dorobo Safaris; Safari Legacy; Boundary Hill Lodge; Wildlife Explorer.

Meeting Summary

Meeting opening: The Director of Wildlife opened the meeting by introducing the main subject which was the need for harmony among operators in the Simanjiro/Lolkisale area. This was prompted by local village delegations going to the Ministry in the last year with complaints about conflict among hunting and photographic operators and between operators and communities. As a result, the Ministry had organized a meeting between the WD and communities in Makuyuni in 2007 and issued a letter instructing the conflicting parties to sit down and normalize operations.

Key issues: The Director of Wildlife and the Deputy Director outlined the complaints the Department has received:

1. *Hunting against photographic:* Hunting companies bear all the costs for infrastructure and anti poaching with no contribution by non consumptive operators.
2. *Photographic against hunting:* Harassment of their operations; shooting and baiting in proximity of tourist camps and the Tarangire Park boundary.
3. *Communities against hunting operators:* Lack of respect for local people/communities; road and dam construction without consultation of relevant village authorities; use of salt next to reservoirs to attract animals for hunting; Interference with community income generating tourist projects; placement of lion baits in close proximity to residential areas (bomas) leading to

greater predation of livestock and danger to people; harassment of local people while grazing their livestock; physical abuse of individuals resultant in one case in the loss of body parts – agreement to settle this case traditionally but fine not paid yet.

Against this background, the Director reiterated the need for harmony stating that the Department needed both consumptive and non consumptive operations in these areas.

The way forward: It was resolved by operators to ***create an operator forum*** with the aim of harmonizing operations and creating a climate of trust and cooperation. To this end, it was decided that operators would meet soon and that at least at the first meeting companies would be represented by Directors.

Meeting Closure

The Director closed the meeting with thanks to all who attended and reiterated the role of the WD as facilitator in a new way forward characterized by harmony and collaboration among all the stakeholders – hunting, non consumptive and villages.