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Dear Members,

Jackal Hunting/Night Shooting of Problem Animals by Dedicated Hunters.

Following queries on dedicated hunters for night shooting of problem animals and/or Jackal Hunting with call-and-shoot from our members, Agri EC directed a letter to DEDEAT for clarity on night shooting of problem animals and/or Jackal Hunting with call-and-shoot. Herewith below the response received by DEDEAT on this matter for the different scenarios. Agri EC decided that correspondence with members and Agricultural Associations should be distributed to provide clarity on the requirements for such activities and the responsibilities of Agricultural Associations (hereafter referred to as "AA's") concerning such activities.

In accordance with the Hunting Proclamation, and specifically paragraph 3 of the Hunting Proclamation; Hunting at night (using either a thermal scope or a spotlight, with or without a calling device) is managed as follows:

1. Hunting by the Landowner (on open farms - no CAE):

Where a landowner wants to hunt Jackal and Caracal/Lynx using any of the hunting methods mentioned above, the landowner completes the attached application form (Annexure A) and submits that together with some form of validation that he/she is the landowner (this could be in the form of a letter from the Farmers Association), to his nearest DEDEAT permit issuing office (*see below contact details of the permitting offices, per District for the Eastern Cape*).

He/she does not require any form of night shooting/calling certification (however it would be in his own interest to where possible attend such a course).

The permit is then under normal circumstances issued for him to use the specified hunting methods as mentioned above on his farm only, for a period of a year. The renewal of this permit is subject to the applicant providing a spreadsheet of animals hunted during the validity period of the previous permit.

2. Hunting by the Landowner (CAE farms):

The same procedure as paragraph 1 would apply unless the Jackal & Caracal are actually listed on his/her CAE, as the exemption provisions that are granted in terms of a CAE are only applicable to animals actually listed on the CAE. In essence, the use of hunting methods mentioned above on a CAE property only applies to the species listed on the CAE. Where such an application is received the permit would normally be valid for a year.

3. Hunting by a Person Nominated by the Agricultural Association:

Where an Agricultural Association has nominated a specific person/s to hunt Jackal & Caracal in the area covered by that Agricultural Association, that person/s would have to complete the application form (Annexure A) and additionally attach the following documentation to his application:

- Copy of his ID
- Copy of the letter from the Agricultural Association nominating him*.
- Letter indicating his equipment and method (thermal scope vs spotlight, use of caller, calibre of firearm etc.)
- Certificates from the accepted trainers indicating that he is competent to hunt using the methods applied for.

A permit would then be issued to that person covering the area of the Farmers Association and be valid for a period of a year.

*It is important that Agricultural Associations note that they do not have the mandate to give permission, therefore the letter referred to above would be a letter of nomination and recommendation, endorsed by their members, not a permission letter. The final decision to approve a permit would rest with the DEDEAT. The nominated and approved person/s for such hunting would also require permission from the individual landowner to hunt on private property. The letter from the AA must also state that hunting can only occur within the AA boundaries. It is also advisable to include some form of disclaimer that should the recommended person not follow the correct procedure in applying for the necessary permit, the AA will not be responsible for the penalties/fines imposed should he/she be caught operating illegally.

It is up to the recommended candidates to follow the correct procedure.

4. Ad hoc applications by non-landowners:

DEDEAT sometimes receives applications from persons who are not landowners who indicate that a specific farmer has requested them to come and hunt Jackal and Caracal on their property due to stock losses (these are very often PH's who are conducting business during the off-season), and in such cases, they would have to provide the information referred to in paragraph 3 above, with the exception that the letter from the Agricultural Association would be replaced by a letter from the landowner. The permit would then be issued to the applicant for the specific farm and normally be a short-term permit.

5. Permit covering the entire EC Province:

If a person wants to do commercial hunting of Jackal & Caracal as a form of business, then he would follow the procedure listed in paragraph 3, but there would be no requirement for a letter from the Agricultural Association, this would be replaced with a letter of motivation by the hunter. In his/her letter of motivation, he/she would have to detail his/her experience in the specific method applied for. This permit would also be valid for a year and cover the entire Province.

6. Issuing of Permits Timeframe:

Under normal circumstances, and assuming that the applicant has provided all the required information, DEDEAT has advised that it should not take longer than about a week to issue a permit, however, this time frame may vary depending on the circumstances at a given permit issuing office.

Any further queries on this matter may be directed to environment@agriec.co.za or to your local DEDEAT Permitting Office (with Agri EC included into the correspondence).

Sincerely,



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Permitting Office Contact Details - Eastern Cape:



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These contact details may also be found in the Hunting Proclamation.