

# Can trophy hunting help conserve wildlife?

#### Lead-in

- 1. What is trophy hunting? Which animals are commonly hunted for trophies?
- 2. Do you know anyone who hunts for trophies? What is your opinion about this sport?
- 3. Are trophy imports and exports allowed in your country?

#### Video

Watch a video about trophy hunting in Africa and answer the questions.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9y7YFjisSTq

- 1. What is Dan's mission in Namibia?
- 2. Which country imports the most mammal trophies?
- 3. What's the problem with conservation in Africa?
- 4. How much money must a person pay to go trophy hunting for a lion?
- 5. What does Dan enjoy about trophy hunting?
- 6. What's the biggest threat to survival of wild animals in Africa today?
- 7. What does trophy hunting enable governments and landowners to do?
- 8. What do we learn about Marina Lanprecht's farm? How does she support the farm? How does the local community near Marina's farm benefit from trophy hunting?
- 9. What happens if local communities don't benefit from the wildlife?
- 10. What's the Western view on African wildlife?
- 11. According to international data, the only African countries with increasing populations of wild lions (Zimbabwe and Namibia) use trophy hunting as part of their wildlife management. True or false?
- 12. What condition must be met for trophy hunting to yield good results?
- 13. Why can't photo-tourism replace trophy hunting in most places?
- 14. What are Western countries doing to curb trophy hunting?
- 15. Who should get more involved in conservation efforts in Africa and why?

## Over to you

- 1. Did you find any of the facts presented in the video surprising? If so, which ones?
- 2. How do you feel about people like Dan who pay money to go trophy hunting? Do you find trophy hunting morally acceptable?
- 3. Do you agree that people in the Western world idealise African wildlife?
- 4. Do you agree with Dan that trophy hunting can be done tastefully in a way that 'honours the animal'?
- 5. What do you think about Marina Lanprecht's farm model? Do you think it benefits all





the parties involved equally?

- 6. Do you agree with the statement that there are no immediate alternatives to trophy hunting in Africa?
- 7. Critics say that trophy hunting only benefits the privileged in the country. What do you think that means?
- 8. A lot of celebrities criticise trophy hunting openly and a lot of countries have introduced bans on trophy exports. Do you think they have the right to do so?
- 9. Do you agree with the statement made in the video that photo tourism is not a viable alternative to trophy hunting?
- 10. Write down all the arguments for and against trophy hunting as mentioned in the video.

Arguments for	Arguments against

Decide whether you are in favour or against trophy hunting. Share your viewpoint with a partner/the rest of the group.

## Vocabulary

Match the words on the left with words on the right to make useful verb + noun collocations.

to make	something morally unacceptable
to drive	an economic asset
to raise	species to extinction
to become	a humane kill
to find	valuable revenue for conservation

Match the words on the left with words on the right to make useful adjective + noun collocations.

an emotive and controversial	swathes of land
a major	lifeline
large	sport
a viable	threat
a financial	alternative



Complete the sentences with the following words:

### rife, underfunded, panacea, vilified, plummeted

1.	Conservation is very in Africa, which means not enough money is spent on it.
2.	Elephant numbers have, which means they have decreased a lot.
3.	Trophy hunting is not a, which means it is not a solution to all the problems.
4.	Corruption in Africa is, which means it is commonplace.
5.	Local communities and conservationists should not be, meaning they should not be spoken ill of or given a bad opinion.

### Challenge

The final conclusion made in the video is that 'We need a new model of conservation and one where the international community plays a more active role in funding the costs of conservation. We cannot expect the poorest people in the world to maintain something that is largely valued by the richest people in the world.'

Your task is to come up with ideas on alternatives to trophy hunting that would help raise funds for conservation of wildlife in Africa.

Step 1 - brainstorm ideas within your group.

Step 2 - do some research online (virtual animal adoption, photo tourism for those who don't mind roughing it, etc.)

Step 3 - create an infographic about your idea while trying to incorporate the target vocabulary from the previous exercises.

Step 4 - present your infographic to the class.

