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**(For written reply)**

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**Ms A M M Weber (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

Whether, with respect to the hunting offtakes in the Associated Private Nature Reserves (APNR) in the 2021-22 financial year and acknowledging that the Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency and Limpopo Economic Development, Environment and Tourism are responsible for the final approvals, she will furnish Ms A M M Weber with the (a) details of the offtakes recommended, commented on and/or supported by SA National Parks (SANParks) and/or Kruger National Park (KNP) within the APNR reserves of Timbavati, Klaserie, Umbabat and Balule in terms of annexure B of the Greater Limpopo Trans-Frontier Conservation Area (GLTFCA) and the Greater Kruger Hunting Protocol for the 2021 and 2022 hunting seasons or calendar years, (b) details of all SANParks/ KNP's oversight and evaluation criteria and resultant comments made in recommending, supporting and/or commenting on the offtakes, (c) Post Offtake reports for the specified years' hunting seasons or calendar years, which are required in terms of The Greater Kruger Hunting Protocol For Reserves where hunting takes place and (d) copy of the latest Greater Kruger Hunting Protocol for Reserves where hunting takes place and the effective date on which this was implemented; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, on what date?

**2095. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:**

SANParks does not allow hunting in National Parks, although the legal framework does provide for it (NEMPAA 57 of 2003). The South African National Parks supports ethical and sustainable wildlife economy initiatives in conservation areas adjacent and open to National Parks. Whilst SANParks is not the issuing authority for hunting in systems open to KNP, SANParks will not condone any practices outside the legal framework, or outside Protocols supportive of ethical and sustainable resource use.

Provincial conservation agencies are responsible for regulating hunting activities, based on the agreed joint protocols between parties in the open system. The neighbouring private and community owned entities submit annual scientific monitoring reports, specialist studies and/or any requested information to SANParks, MTPA and LDEDT for comment. Entities open to KNP are also requested to sign protocols that govern animal off-takes.

- (a) Details of the recommended 2021/22 APNR offtakes on which SANParks commented are attached as (Annexure 1). SANParks comments on the offtake requests are attached as Annexure 2. Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency (MTPA) and Limpopo Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET) as provincial conservation authorities are responsible for the final approvals and issuing of permits and should be approached in terms of the quotas approved.
- (b) The criteria used in the evaluation of animal off-takes by the APNR is attached as Annexure 3. The APNR submissions are reviewed against these criteria.
- (c) The Post Offtake report should be obtained directly from the APNR or the provincial authorities such as MTPA and LEDET. SANParks does not have this information in its possession.
- (d) The Greater Kruger Hunting Protocol for 2021-2022 is attached as Annexure 4.

**Regards**



**MS B D CREECY, MP**

**MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

**DATE: 10/6/2022**