

Newsletter December 2023



Dear (hunting) friends and guests,

the year is winding down and up to now it has been very quiet from our side. It was a busy year for Otjiruze Safaris Namibia, and we are looking back to an incredible successful hunting season, possibly the best one in our history. We were very pleased to finally be able to welcome so many of you back to Namibia after two very quiet years.

Hunt:

As in previous years, we had numerous families with their children hunting with us this year. Otjiruze Hunting Safaris

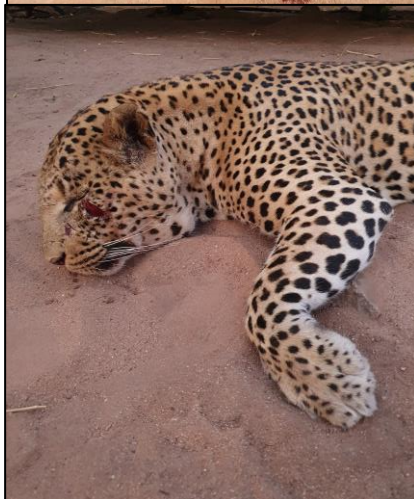


Namibia offers you a wide range of leisure activities to keep guests of all ages happy and active. Furthermore, we have children ourselves, so many new friendships are quickly formed between the children. Some of the

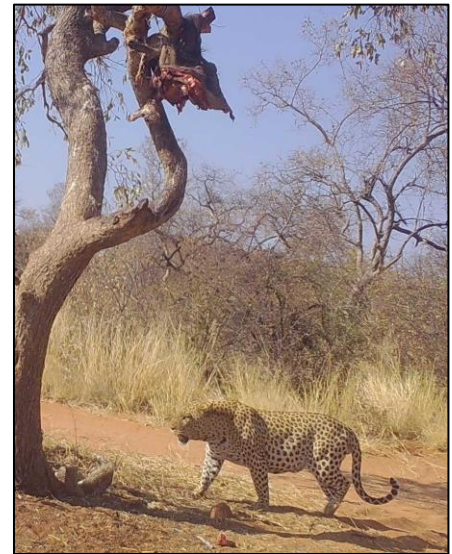
visiting boys were able to enjoy their first hunting experience with us this year together with their parents. 11-year-old Aiden hunted a huge impala ram, while his father Steffen hunted on zebra and a few very good warthogs. Once again Aiden's mother Nadine was also very successful and among some other species, she bagged this very old blue wildebeest bull on a walk and stalk hunt.



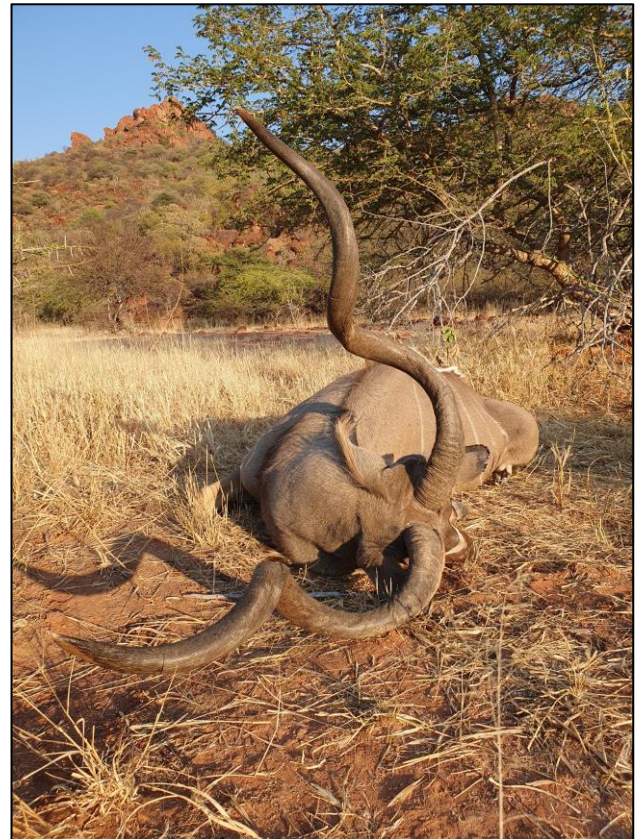
For many years in a row, our hunting area at the Little Waterberg has been known for massive leopards and big kudu bulls. The leopards have a real



hunting paradise here, with many caves to hide in and plenty of black-faced impala and rock hyrax to hunt successfully. Gerd from Austria and Markolf from Germany both had the dream of hunting a mature male leopard and both were lucky enough to bag a heavy Tom of around 150 lbs (70 kg) each on their first hunting day. An experience that both hunters will remember for the rest of their lives.



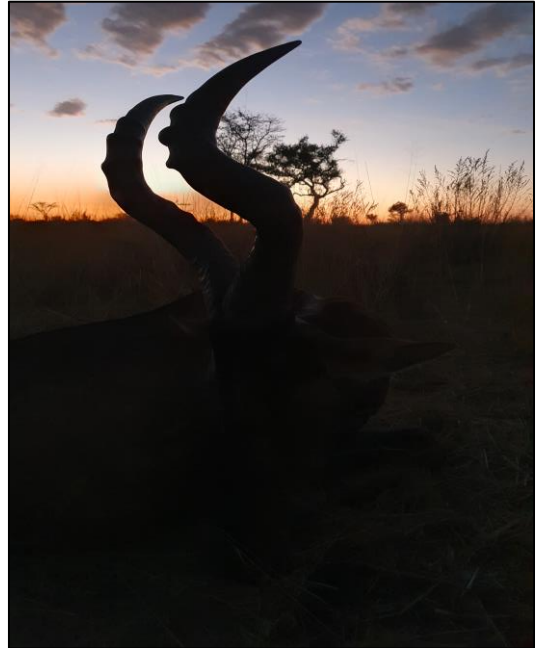
The number of old and mature kudu bulls with an age of 10 years or above was also truly remarkable in the 2023 hunting year. Congratulation "Waidmannsheil" to all our hunters who have successfully hunted on a big bull. For many reasons the majestic kudu is also known as the "grey ghost of Africa". A truly impressive game species.



Every year Otjiruze Safaris welcomes a great number of regular clients who, despite the long journey to Namibia, come back to visit us again and again on one of our 3 hunting lodges to enjoy exciting hunting experiences. For us,



this is always something special and one of the greatest



compliments when guests become friends. Franz F. from Graz was no exception. He hunted with us now already for the 5th time in a row. This year and shot an impressive eland and hartebeest bull in the gold medal class in the very last light of the day. And as it is so often the case, our regular hunting clients tell other



hunting enthusiasts at home about their African experiences. This arouses the curiosity of hunters who have of course never been to Namibia before. So did Manfred P., who accompanied Franz F. this time. Manfred had enormous hunting luck and shot a huge Kudu bull in the afternoon of his arrival day. The „African dream“ started for him already on

the first evening of his trip and in the following days he shot a good oryx

bull, a great impala and many more. No wonder people say... **"Everything in Africa bites, but the Safaris bug is worst of all"**. Stefan S. was at the Little Waterberg in May 2023 and experienced an incredibly intense 6 days of hunting. On the very first day of the hunt, Stefan and Werner were lucky enough to find this old Sable bull, which



had been hiding for the last 12-14 years. An old



warrior with broken horn tips. On further stalks we were rewarded with a beautiful kudu, oryx and an old wildebeest bull. In addition, we also harvested this massive Eland bull with a live body-weight of over 900 kg on the plateau of the mountain.

Rewards:

This year Otjiruze Safaris was awarded 2nd place for the most trophies in the medal class at the NAPHA Annual General Meeting in December.



The committee "Hunters Support Education", which is led by Barbara and 3 other women, was chosen as the most active NAPHA member. This committee supports Namibian school projects and enables some school children to get to know nature better by organizing farm visits and other interesting things.

General information:

We were very fortunate and bought Friedrichswald, the neighboring



farm of Schenckswerder, at the beginning of the year. With this new territory we can expand our hunting area Otjiruze & Schenckswerder with further 6,000 ha and now have the opportunity to hunt



here on a huge area of approx. 26,000 ha (65.000 acres). In Friedrichswald you can look forward to breathtaking mountain landscapes as well as some exceptional warthogs, big majestic kudu bulls and a good population of oryx and mountain zebra.

We have already been able to clear some large areas of thornbushes through charcoal production in our



Otjiruze and Schenckswerder hunting areas. Now we are waiting for good rain (the first small rainfalls have already occurred) so that the grass can grow properly. These grasslands naturally offer new grazing areas for large herds of wildebeest, zebra, oryx and many more. Hunting on foot in these large areas requires the highest hunting skills as cover is little and of course offers unforgettable hunting experiences.

On Schenckswerder we have built a new sundowner spot. A dinner on the mountain followed by a gin and tonic by the fireplace is the perfect



way to round off a successful day of hunting. Furthermore, we are currently building a long-range shooting range on Schenckswerder, which will be ready for the start of the 2024 hunting season.

Private:

Rene and Bastian started school in January and both are in the same class. All 5 of our school children are doing great. Nevertheless,



in their free time, everyone still prefers to spend time on the farm and especially in nature.

Otherwise, Louisa can usually be found at her piano or doing gymnastics, Bastian on the football pitch, Rene also playing football or inline hockey and Gunther plays beach volleyball.

Leon will only start school in January in Otjiwarongo. Luca still has two years left before he goes to school as well. Nora has been back in Namibia since August and she also attends the

same german school in Windhoek. She has already settled in really well there and has made many friends.

Trade fairs:

At the **"Jagd & Hund" from 30.01.-04.02.2024** you will find us in Hall 7 with new booth location!!! **Booth 7A34**. Here you will meet Werner, Nadine & Markus Rogl as well as Michael von Treuenfels.

You will also meet Nadine, Markus and Michael von Treuenfels at the **"Hohe Jagd & Fischerei" trade fair in Salzburg from 22-25.02.2024**. Here also with a new booth location in **hall 9 booth 0322**.

In addition, we will be back in Denmark next year with a booth in **Odense - Jagt & Outdoor - April 05-07, 2024, Hall A booth 1847**. Maybe this fair is also interesting for our northern german guests.

Last but not least, we wish you all a merry christmas and all the best of luck, health and success for the new year. We would like to thank you for the trust you have placed in us to plan your most beautiful days of

the year and for allowing us to share these unforgettable experiences with you. We look forward to seeing you again in 2024!



Best regards from

Barbara

Alexander and Maike with Nora, Gunther, Rene & Mila

Markus and Nadine with Louisa & Bastian

Werner and Sandra with Leon & Luca

