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The Department of
Tourism, Environmental and Economic Affairs
FREE STATE PROVINCE

Implementation of Biodiversity Act 10 of 2004, Threatened and Protected Species Regulations by the Free State Department of Tourism, Environmental & Economic Affairs and other related matters.

The Free State Province is presently fully implementing the TOPS regulations as from the 1st February 2008.
The implementation process works as follows:

1. **Predator Breeders and Hunters.**

- All large predator breeders have to re register, after registration the owner will receive a registration certificate and a standing permit, this has to be done by the end of July 2008, if breeder is not registered no permits will be issuedunless the registration process has been completed.
- No predator breeder may breed and hunt on the same facility.
- All listed large predators have to be micro chipped.
- All predators to be hunted have to be chipped and released in the presence of an official from this Department.
- No predator may be hunted without a permit and an official in attendance.

2. **Rhino owners and hunting.**

- No rhino may be hunted without a permit issued by this Department.
- An official from this Department will be in attendance at all rhino hunts.
- No CITES permits will be issued unless a permit was issued for the hunt of the rhino and unless the rhino products to be exported were handed in at a registered taxidermist.
- All farmers in possession of rhino on their property have to register as game farmers.

3. **General.**

- The hunting of any TOS listed or ordinance listed species requires a permit.
- An in the case of a farmer wanting to hunt black wildebeest he applies for a one off permit for all animals he wants to hunt through the year, if he has a fencing certificate he can hunt throughout the year with mentioned permit if he has no certificate he must adhere to the hunting seasons.
- The above point is only applicable to black wildebeest. For the rest of the species he has to register as a game farm and receive a standing permit.
- All persons having rhino, elephant or any product of a TOPS species in his possession has to apply for a possession permit.

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