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RE: Emergency African COVID Conservation Fund (Earth Day, April 22, 2020)

Never before have African conservation interests and the safari way-of-life been threatened with such absolute failure. We must act fast to survive the crisis. Areas must remain occupied, poaching must be controlled and the stewardship of local communities must be maintained.

After consultation with leading African operator associations and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Conservation Force has establish an emergency fund to protect hunting concessions during the COVID-19 interruption. It is imperative that the concessions remain occupied and that poaching be controlled during the pandemic. Conservation Force, a 501(c)(3) public charity, will accept and distribute tax deductible contributions earmarked for particular operators and areas in Southern and Eastern African Countries which are the stronghold of most lion, leopard, elephant and other game.

Hunting operators are the custodians of the largest remaining wild areas in Africa. They hold more than half of all wild habitats in all of Africa and as much as six times more than national park protected areas. The operators not only hold the most habitat, they do the most anti-poaching on that habitat. Likewise, the habitat holds the largest remaining populations of key species like lion and lion prey.

This is how the Emergency Fund will work: Operators solicit their clientele to make earmarked, tax deductible contributions to Conservation Force (hereafter the Force). The Force acknowledges the contribution, notifies the intended operator and transfers the funds for immediate dedicated emergency use. The Operator continues to occupy the area, documents its recent anti-poaching/ community incentives practices, and provides full accounting of the use of all funds received. The Force will maintain the documentation for its proof of enhancement program and as a complement to its Operator Conservation Enhancement Questionnaire that has proven so essential to import permitting.

Conservation Force is accustomed to partnering with hunting operators to raise operator specific enhancement funding. For example, Robin Hurt Safaris in Tanzania built more than fifty (50) community schools and operated twelve (12) medical facilities, and four (4) full time anti-poaching patrols with contributions from its hunting clientele funneled through Conservation Force. Another is Charlton McCallum Safaris (CMS) of Dande Safaris Area in Zimbabwe which operates its Dande Anti-Poaching Unit (DAPU) in a CAMPFIRE area of Zimbabwe through clientele donations passed through Conservation Force. It is a shoe that fits the Force.

A specific donation form is being developed. Operators are already completing descriptions of their anti-poaching programs and concession occupancy on Conservation Force's Operator Conservation Enhancement Questionnaire when their clients apply for trophy imports. A few, short forms are being reassembled to keep this simple for donor and operators alike and for Conservation Force administration. A file will be established and maintained for each operator as donations are received.

Do not delay: get a letter out to your clientele to donate today to you the designated operator and area.

Most urgently,



John J. Jackson III, Chairman

Conservation Force

EMERGENCY AFRICAN COVID CONSERVATION FUND

Support is urgently needed to secure the Africa that big game hunters have saved. Your contribution will go to the operator and area you designated. We will also use it as proof of enhancement of survival and propagation of lion, leopard, elephant and other key species in the import permitting process in the area designated. We must keep the areas occupied, patrolled and the local communities as compliant stewards. We must save what we can.

Hunting operators are the custodians of the largest remaining wildlife areas and wildlife in Africa. They not only secure the most habitats (far more than national parks), they do the most anti-poaching on that habitat and incentivize the local people there as well. That habitat holds the largest remaining populations of key species like lion and lion prey. There is too much to lose so we must act fast.

DESIGNATED RECIPIENT:

OPERATOR NAME: _____ OPERATOR EMAIL: _____

CONCESSION OR HUNTING AREA: _____

DONOR INFORMATION:

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

CARD NUMBER: _____ CONTRIBUTION AMOUNT: _____

EXP: _____ CVC: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

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OPERATOR PLEDGE AGREEMENT

Whereas Conservation Force has established the Emergency African COVID Conservation Fund and the below area operator wishes to receive dedicated donations through that Fund;

Whereas the FWS requires documentation of proof of enhancement for import permitting;

Whereas, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requires a level of control and reporting for donations to be tax deductible, the below area operator agrees to the following:

The funds are to be used exclusively to continue the (1) occupancy of the identified area, (2) to control poaching and to (3) continue community stewardship incentives during the 2020 COVID crisis. The operator agrees to provide a written report and detailed accounting of all expenditures of the funds for the three enhancement purposes before 1 February, 2021. (Conservation Force's OPERATOR ENHANCEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE is a good guide to what constitutes those 3 enhancement activities).

Conservation Force reserves the right to make on-sight inspections.

Conservation Force has sole discretion to require a written plan and budget from the operator before transfer of the funds should the amount of the donation or circumstances warrant.

The operator is to return any unused funds on or before February 1, 2021, though the period may be extended if circumstances warrant.

The operator agrees to keep a permanent record of the donations and all expenses for the three activities as proof of enhancement during the crisis for future import permitting purposes.

OPERATOR AND AREA IDENTIFICATION:

OPERATOR: _____ EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

AREA(S): _____ (ATTACH MAP)

POSTAL ADDRESS: _____

OPERATOR WIRE TRANSFER INFORMATION:

BANK NAME: _____

FULL BANK ADDRESS: _____

BIC/SWIFT Code _____ IBAN / ROUTING NO: _____ ACCOUNT NO: _____

OPERATOR SIGNATURE AND DATE: _____ PRINTED NAME AND EMAIL: _____

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