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## trophy wildlife From The Namibian: Trophy hunting for black rhinos on the cards

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ABSALOM SHIGWEDHA <?xml:namespace prefix = o ns = urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office / THE Ministry of Environment and Tourism is close to granting an annual black rhino trophy-hunting quota in protected areas. No such quota has been granted since Cites gave permission for it in 2004, because Government has been working on a policy on tourism and wildlife concessions on State land, Louisa Mupetami, a conservation scientist in the Ministry, said last week. Cabinet approved the policy last year, she said. The Ministry is now preparing for the allocation of concessions on State land, including for the trophy hunting of the five black rhinos, Mupetami told The Namibian. The 13th conference of the UN Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (Cites) held in Thailand in 2004 gave Namibia and South Africa permission to allow the hunting of five black rhinos a year. Mupetami said Namibia's black rhino population had recovered from 90 individuals in 1967 to an estimated 1 300 individuals today. The Namibian black rhino population is very healthy and the biggest of the sub-species Diceros bicornis, she added. She said only surplus animals will be considered for trophy hunting and preference will be given to post-reproductive males, but occasionally other males considered as problem animals would be targeted too. The Cites decision to allow rhino hunting in Namibia and South Africa drew huge opposition from animal rights groups. Cites lists the black rhino as a critically endangered species.

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As a hunter, and even if I had the money, somehow I would not be able to shoot something that turned so close to extinction. Regards Fanie - Hide quoted text -- Show quoted text -

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Maybe that will help to convince the locals that controlled hunting is better than poaching. That is, if the authorities plough back the money into the areas where these Rhinos are hunted. Very valid point, especially if they hunt the ones thats past breeding age. Regards Fanie

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