

**To the attention of Mr. Shane Mahoney, President & CEO, Conservation Visions**

Dear sir,

Thank you for your letter to Foreign Minister Baerbock dated November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 on the topic of possible trophy hunting bans.

For a number of years, it has been the policy of the Federal Government of Germany to rely on stringent regulation instead of a ban on trophy hunting in keeping with CITES and the general criteria of sustainability.

Well-regulated and monitored trophy hunts play a major role in several countries' conservation efforts, creating incentives for public and private landowners to maintain wildlife protection areas and to combat poaching.

Considering a general trophy hunting ban as not technically justified, the Federal Government advocates better control mechanisms in the countries of origin in order to ensure the sustainability of the hunt. According to common practice, import bans are only imposed in cases where sustainable hunting management is in doubt.

Best regards

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