

Hunting

As part of our commitment to advancing sustainable tourism, we encourage our tourism partners to improve their sustainability performance by providing them with the guidance below.

- ✓ Ensure applicable legal **permits & permission** to access the activity area are in place
- ✓ Ensure **insurance** is in place for participants and team
- ✓ Identify **health & safety** risks, implement management systems, and provide appropriate safety equipment
- ✓ Communicate with **other activity area users** to avoid overlap in usage and ensure safety for all
- ✓ Ensure **firearms** are properly maintained, and appropriate for species being hunted
- ✓ Ensure enough team members are available in case of **emergency**
- ✓ Monitor activity **area conditions** (including weather) in advance & during the activity
- ✓ Be familiar with activity area and ensure that **navigation and communication** tools are in good working order
- ✓ Maximise local **economic benefits** through employment and purchasing
- ✓ Avoid single use & disposable items, pack out what you take in (including shell casings), pick up any **rubbish** found along the way
- ✓ Use **eco-friendly products**, e.g., for cleaning purposes
- ✓ Be **waterwise** and take pro-active measures to use water sparingly
- ✓ Minimise **energy** used in the activity as part of a climate action strategy
- ✓ Provide **information in advance** about your sustainability actions, activity accessibility, what to expect, and what to bring with
- ✓ **Screen participants** ahead of time to make sure that the activity is well suited to their fitness & level of ability, hunting experience, knowledge, and proficient use of firearms
- ✓ Manage **group size** to minimise impacts on people & the planet, and ensure safe guide : participant ratio
- ✓ Obtain written confirmation, e.g., via **indemnity**, that participants are aware of activity risks
- ✓ **Brief participants** before the activity starts about do's and don'ts, safety, what to expect, logistics, rules and regulations regarding size and quota limits, seasonal restrictions, and prohibited species, rubbish collection and disposal, and rules regarding alcohol
- ✓ **Share information** about local nature & culture, as well as social development / conservation projects that participants may want to support
- ✓ Show **respect** for the land, waterways, wildlife, and other activity area users
- ✓ Avoid waterlogged areas and riverbanks / similar susceptible to **erosion**
- ✓ Apply highest **moral and ethical standards** in reverence for life and good sportsmanship, respecting animals being hunted through fair chase and quick, efficient kills
- ✓ Enforce requirements for **clear visual** of animal and surroundings to ensure safety and compliance with permit specifications
- ✓ Dismantle and remove **temporary structures** erected, e.g., meat poles
- ✓ Repair and compensate for any **damage** caused to the activity area
- ✓ Participate in conserving activity area **integrity**; notify authorities of concerns and participate in rehabilitation projects
- ✓ Engage with **hunting associations** to lobby for best practice by all, and to ensure that community / indigenous hunting rights are not compromised