

GOVERNOR VETO REQUEST – SB 1487

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Please urge Governor Brown to VETO SB 1487 because:

- SB 1487 would make it illegal for Californians to possess many African wildlife species they can lawfully harvest in African nations;
- SB 1487 is actively being opposed by the governments of South Africa, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Tanzania and other African interests;
- The bill would sharply reduce revenues generated by regulated safari hunters which:
 - Provide desperately needed benefits to the economies of substantially impoverished local rural communities;
 - Serve as a needed incentive for local community-based habitat and wildlife conservation efforts;
 - Provide critical incentive for local communities to protect those species from local poachers;
- SB 1487 would have an unacceptable fiscal impact on the State of California. The Department of Fish and Wildlife estimates the bill would require 12.0 PYs, \$3 million to implement in 2019/20 and \$2.8 million annually thereafter to enforce the ban;
- SB 1487 will likely be successfully challenged in court, costing the state an additional \$500,000 or more in litigation costs to defend the bill;
- The legal hunting of species listed in the bill is already highly regulated by federal and international law, local jurisdictions and professional wildlife managers, with the level of take of each species carefully based on the best available science;
- The list of species called out in SB 1487 is not based on science or population health, rather emotional concerns.