

Equipment & Ammunition Guidelines – Namibia

1. Firearms & Ammunition Regulations

- **Maximum Number of Firearms:**
 - Hunters may **import up to four rifles**.
 - A maximum of **two firearms per hunting client** is recommended.
- **Ammunition Import Limits:**
 - A maximum of **100 rounds per rifle**.
 - Airlines **typically limit ammunition transport to 5 kg**.
- **Minimum Muzzle Energy for Hunting:**
 - **1,350 Joules** – Small game (springbok, duiker).
 - **2,700 Joules** – Medium game (kudu, wildebeest, oryx, eland).
 - **5,400 Joules** – Large game (buffalo, elephant, rhino).
- **Prohibited Firearms & Ammunition:**
 - **Handguns, automatic, and semi-automatic weapons** (e.g., AK-47s) are prohibited.
 - **Crossbows are illegal**.
 - **Solid-point cartridges are not allowed**.

2. Bow Hunting Equipment Regulations

- **Legal Bow Types:**
 - **Long Bow** – Traditional one-piece or take-down bow.
 - **Recurve Bow** – Bow with curved tips that bend away from the archer.
 - **Compound Bow** – Uses cables and pulleys for increased power.
- **Minimum Bow Energy Requirements:**
 - **25 ft/lbs** – Small game.
 - **40 ft/lbs** – Medium game.
 - **65 ft/lbs** – Large game.
- **Prohibited Equipment:**
 - **Crossbows are illegal** in Namibia.
 - **Broadheads must have at least two fixed cutting blades** and a **minimum cutting edge width of 26mm**.
 - **Barbed or serrated broadheads are prohibited**.

3. Recommended Hunting Gear

- **Firearms & Optics:**

- Recommended calibers: **.30-06 Springfield, .300 and .338 Winchester Magnum, .375 H&H.**
- A **variable scope** is useful for varying shot distances (100m to 250m).
- **Shooting sticks** are recommended for stable aiming.

- **Clothing & Accessories:**

- Light, breathable clothing in **earth tones** (green, brown, khaki).
- **Warm layers for winter hunting (May – September)**, including gloves and a windbreaker.
- **Comfortable, well-broken-in hunting boots.**
- **Binoculars (minimum 8x30)** for spotting game.
- **Pocket knife or multi-tool** for general use.