

Hunting Season Guidelines – Namibia

1. Hunting Season Duration

- The **trophy hunting season** in Namibia runs from **1 February to 30 November** each year.
- No hunting is allowed during **December and January**.

2. Hunting Hours

- Hunting is permitted **from half an hour before sunrise until half an hour after sunset**.

3. Hunting Locations

- Hunting is only allowed on **registered hunting properties** with landowner permission.

4. Hunting Professionals & Regulations

- Hunting must be conducted with a **registered Namibian hunting operator and a licensed hunting professional**.
- Three categories of hunting professionals:
 - **Hunting Guides (HG)** – Limited to their own registered hunting farms.
 - **Master Hunting Guides (MHG)** – May operate on their own farms plus up to 10 additional registered hunting farms.
 - **Professional Hunters (PH)** – May operate on any farm with written permission.
- **Specialist Qualifications:**
 - **Big Game Professional Hunters** – Authorized for elephant, buffalo, rhino, and lion hunts.
 - **Bow Hunting Professional Hunters** – Required for conducting bow hunts.

5. Ethical & Legal Restrictions

- **Fair Chase principles must be followed** (ensuring animals have a natural chance to escape).
- **Prohibited practices:**
 - Hunting **at night or with artificial light**.
 - Hunting **with dogs**.
 - Shooting **from a moving vehicle**.
 - Hunting **female animals with dependent young**.