



ZAMBIA GAME RANCHING & WILDLIFE SERVICES

The Establishment of a Game Ranch in Zambia

To help prospective game farmers and game ranchers in Zambia, ZAMBIA GAME RANCHING & WILDLIFE SERVICES has simplified a Step by Step guideline – compliant with current ZAMBIA WILDLIFE AUTHORITY (ZAWA) regulations - in the Application and Registration procedure to establish a game ranch in Zambia.

1. An applicant must submit a formal, written request/proposal to the Director General of the Zambian Wildlife Authority (ZAWA) expressing their interest to establish a game farm/ranch operation in Zambia.
2. The proposed site should not share any boundaries with a National Park or Game Management Area and the applicant must specify details of distances separating them - as per the Private Wildlife Estate's Guidelines and relevant statutory instruments. (Copies available from ZAWA @ K50,000.00 per document).
3. The applicant must collect ZAWA forms Nos. 1a and 1b (Appendix I & II) from the Zambian Wildlife Authority Headquarters or Regional Headquarters, and once completed, submit them to the ZAWA headquarters in Chilanga.
4. The applicant must undertake an Ecological Assessment Study of the proposed site (at the applicant's own cost and from a ZAWA-recognised private, local consultant) and, once complete, the Report must be submitted to ZAWA HQ for review at a fee (K700,000.00).
5. If an Ecological Assessment Study is undertaken by an independent consultant and the assessment is inadequate, a verification exercise will be undertaken by ZAWA at the expense of the project proponent/applicant.
6. If the applicant has title to the land, and the Ecological Assessment Report is positive, the Zambia Wildlife Authority generates a letter to the successful applicant, outlining the agreed, stipulated sequence of events and developmental phases.
7. Fencing and other structural developments can now begin.
8. When all structural developments recommended in the report are completed, ZAWA will carry out an inspection of the same.
9. ZAWA will also carry out a count/survey of any resident fauna enclosed in the ranch after fencing has been completed.

10. Based on ZAWA's faunal survey, the project proponent is presented with a bill to pay for the animals residing on the ranch. Prospective ranch owners can also purchase animals from other local sources (e.g. existing game ranches, ZAWA) - or with the necessary permission from ZAWA and other relevant Government agencies, may import certain species from outside Zambia.
11. Project proponent prepares Management Plan for the farm/ranch.
12. Upon payment to ZAWA for any resident animals (per faunal survey) and upon submission of an approved Management Plan, ZAWA will issue relevant Certificate of Ownership and a Permit to Keep Animals in Captivity. In the case where prospective owners purchase animals from other sources, the list of animals stocked on the property is presented to ZAWA for the issuance of the Certificate of Ownership. (The cost of the Certificate and Permit is determined by the value of the listed animals).
13. The Director General of ZAWA will then issue a Provisional Letter of Authority, allowing the applicant/investor to establish and operate the new game farm/ranch.
14. Final letter of authority from ZAWA board of Directors is granted in due course.

Note: "Certificates of Ownership" and "Permits to Keep Animals in Captivity" expire every 31st December and must be renewed annually by ZAWA – renewals must be accompanied by a formal Return/Report of all game counted on the property.

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