

Rapid and affordable trophy import

A tip by MAKURA

After returning from a hunting trip, hunters often have to wait for months or even years until the trophies shot abroad arrive at home. The reason for this is that the outfitters or safari operators have discovered trophy transport to the home of their hunting guests to be a new business branch as CITES documents according to the Washington Convention on Biodiversity have to go with every trophy, so that the trophy cannot instantly be exported as additional baggage. At the same time outfitters also offer to prepare trophies on site. Taxidermists in the hunting country are mostly quite affordable and familiar with local game. The trophy shipping company of the travel operator often waits very long until one container is full. Trophys then are shipped to a central airport, are unpacked by customs there, controlled by a veterinary, packed in again and then shipped to the destination country by lorry or plane, where the same procedure is effected and all related costs like tolls and fees have to be paid anew according to the CITES regulations.

MAKURA recommends to request the trophy transport at an international forwarder already before going on a hunting trip. Then order the field preparation in the hunting country, which mostly is included in the price of the hunting trip or assign the complete trophy preparation. Forward the contact data of the outfitter as well as the species and number of the trophies which shall be shipped to the forwarder. Their local company representation then organises the direct shipping from the hunting country to your home country. All in all, this is far less expensive, takes only a few weeks and you have a contact person at your side in the hunting country.