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# Botswana Wildlife Producers Association

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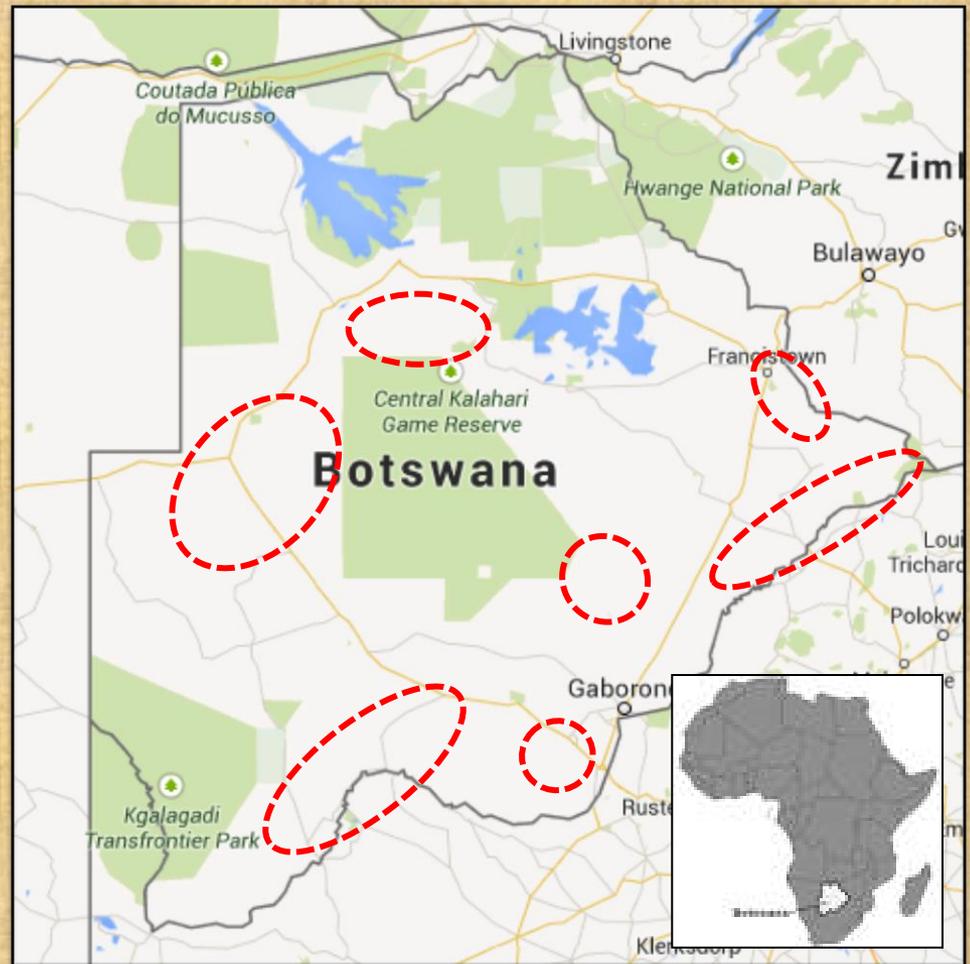
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**Botswana is slightly smaller than Texas**

**Over 108 registered Game Ranches**

**33% of country, Wildlife Management Area's**



# Botswana – Forms of Land Tenure



**Combined area of Ranches over 1 million hectares**  
**Average ranch sizes – 8974 hectares**  
**Most Southern African Plains Game Species**  
**Malaria Free**  
**Safest country in Africa**  
**Family Friendly**  
**Easy Access from abroad**

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# Game Ranches offers mainly the following species:

- Cape Eland
- Gemsbok (Oryx)
- Blue Wildebeest
- Waterbuck
- Giraffe
- Greater Kudu
- Hartebeest
- Tsetsebe
- Impala

- Sable Antelope
- Roan Antelope
- Bushbuck
- Springbuck
- Warthog
- Zebra
- Steenbuck
- Duiker
- Baboon



# 108 Registered Game Ranches

Average size 8,974 Ha

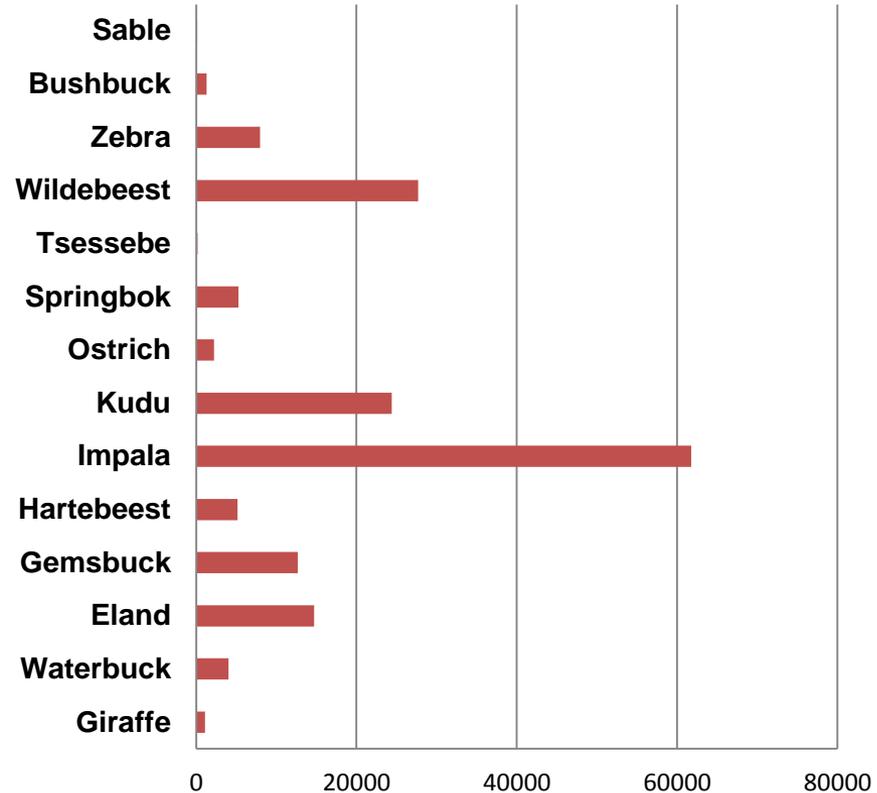
	Hectares	Percentage of Area
Botswana (Country)	50,8 million	
Protected Area's	10,4 million	17.9%
Game Ranches	0,9 million	1.6%



# Game Numbers on Registered Ranches 2014

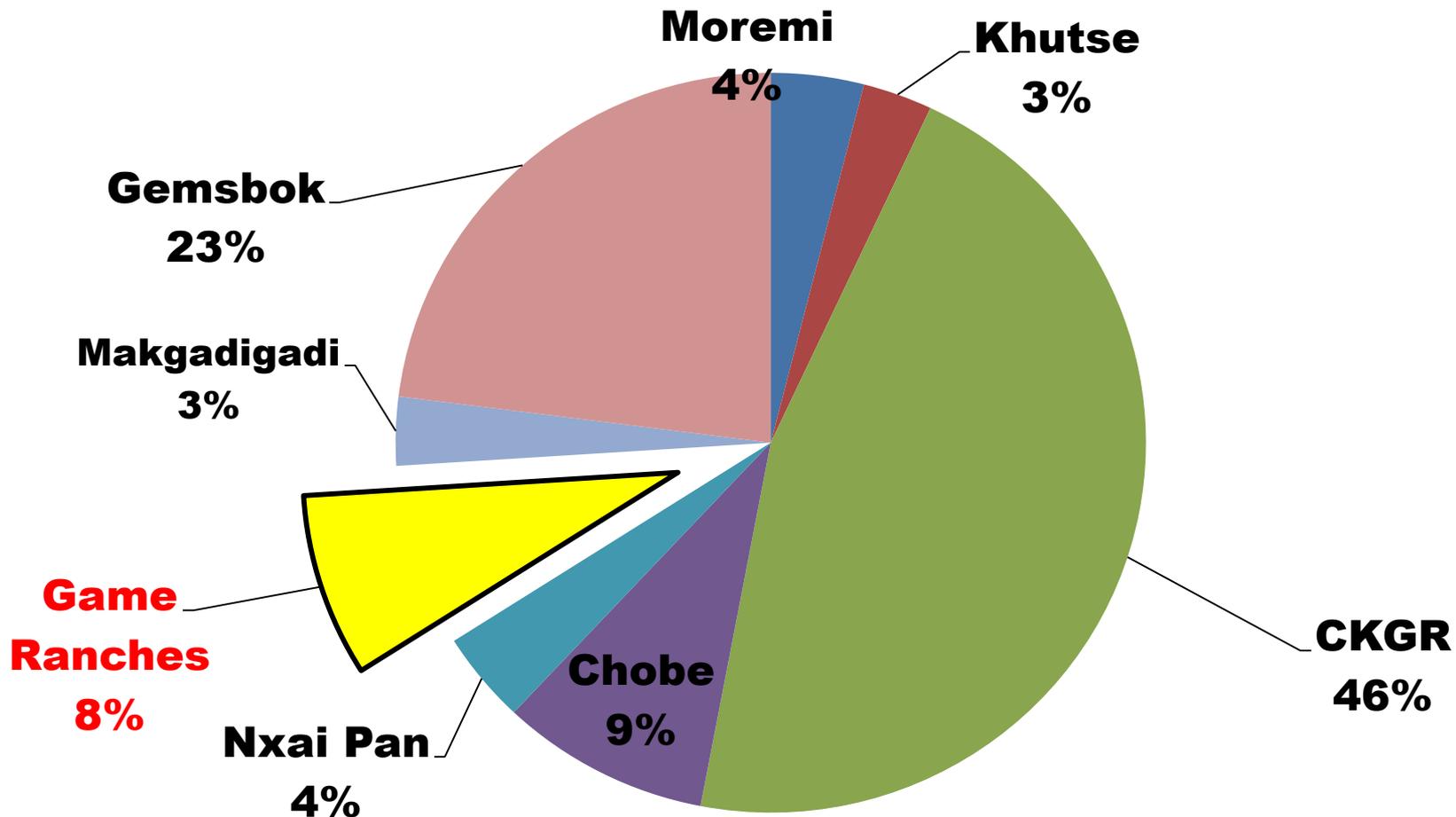
Giraffe	1,094.00
Waterbuck	4,046.00
Eland	14,704.00
Gemsbok	12,677.00
Hartebeest	5,154.00
Impala	61,765.00
Kudu	24,404.00
Ostrich	2,228.00
Springbok	5,269.00
Tsessebe	174.00
Wildebeest	27,679.00
Zebra	7,971.00

**Total 160,000 Animals**



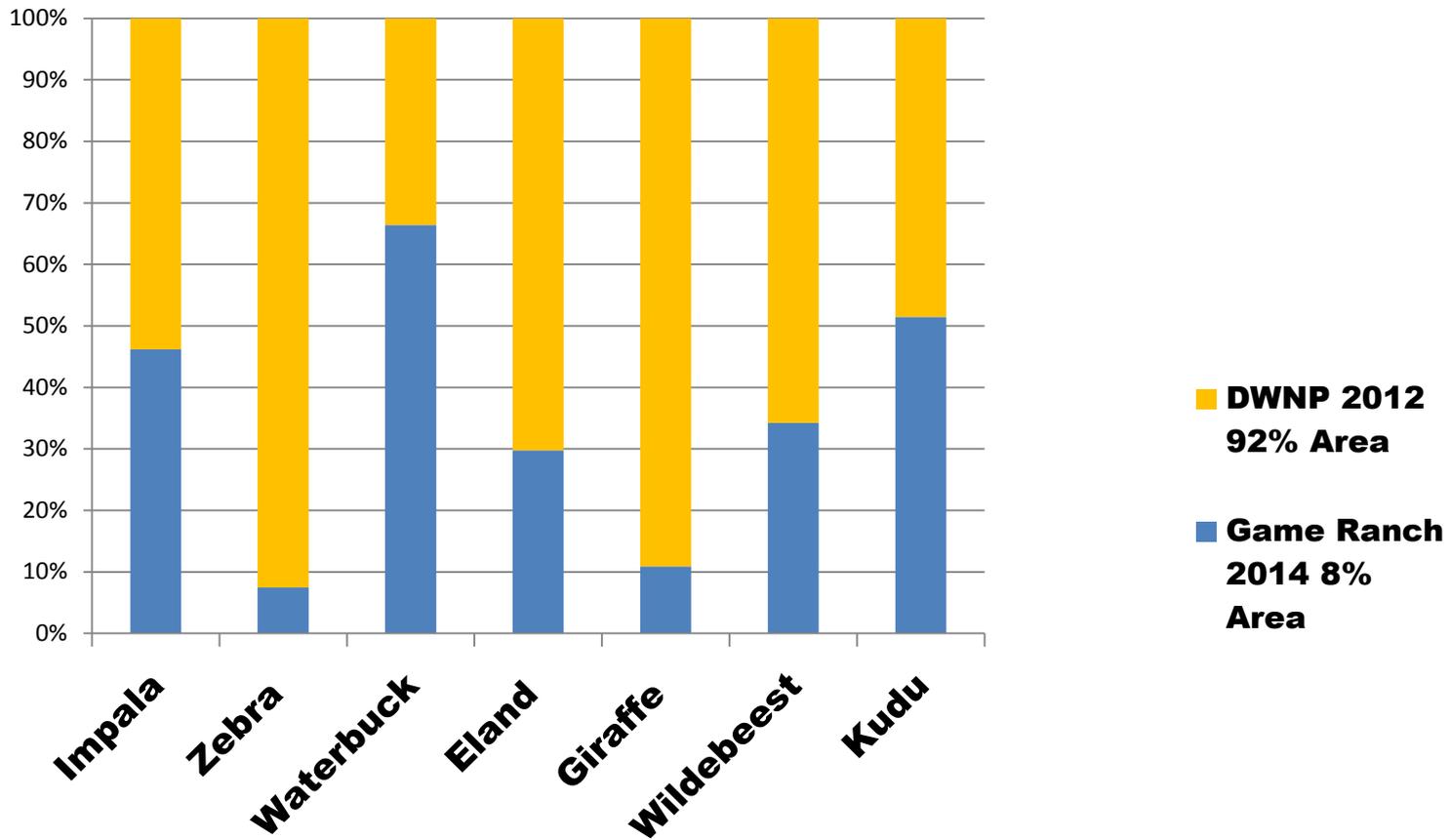
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**Game Ranch Area Contribution to Conservation**





## Game Contribution by Registered Game Ranches

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# Auctions & Export of Game Animals

## Benefits to Botswana:

- Foreign money into Botswana
- Since 2014 also ban on export of live animals, only allowed if you donate 20% of the export
- Stimulate regional game industry
- Better management on Game Ranches
- Increase export potential (Huge demand in Namibia & RSA)
- Renewable resource that's got huge local growth potential

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## **Consequences of ban on hunting**

- **Unilateral decision to ban hunting on concession areas in 2012**
- **Ban was enforced in 2013 without consultation with the industry**
- **The game ranches suffered a lot because of the downstream effect**
- **There is also a perception globally that there is no hunting in Botswana at all.**
- **The Ministry wants to promote a non consumptive tourism market**

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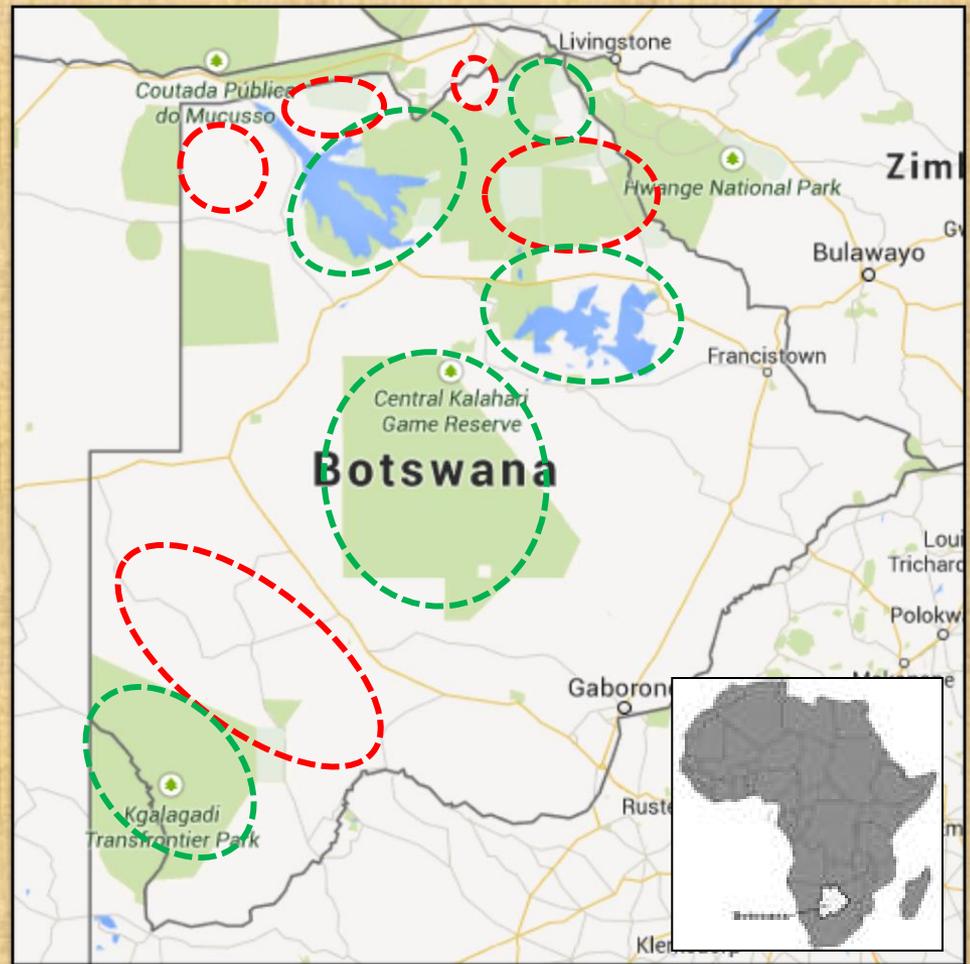


Potential big game  
hunting areas

RED

Photographic areas

GREEN



## **Consequances of ban on hunting**

- **Agree certain areas do have huge photographic potential**
- **Huge areas that are unsuitable for photographic tourism**
- **Some communities was also effected a lot**
- **Animal and human conflict on the rise**
- **Farmers are killing huge number a predators illegally, because they have no choice**
- **Marginal areas which was good for hunting are vacated and infrastructure like boreholes etc is gone.**
- **Poaching is on the increase because of lack of presence of hunting outfitters**

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# Botswana – The Way Forward

- Botswana - Kenya Scenario
- MUST RETURN HUNTING ON CERTAIN CONCESSION AREAS
- MUST ALLOW FREE TRADE OF LIVE ANIMALS
- South Africa , Namibia Scenario
  - Biggest reestablishment of wildlife in Human memory
- If it pays it stays
- Encourage mix farming
- Natural buffer zones to prevent disease spread
- CEE
- Protection of environment (Grazing & browsing habits)

