

TECHNICAL HANDBOOK – MODULE IV

Introduction

Sustainable hunting can play an important role in biodiversity conservation when practiced responsibly and within the established legal framework.

Mozambican legislation recognizes that the sustainable use of wildlife can generate benefits for both conservation and local communities.

Principles of Ethical Hunting

Hunting ethics are based on fundamental values that guide the hunter's behaviour.

Among these values are:

- respect for wildlife
- responsible use of natural resources
- strict compliance with established rules

An ethical hunter must ensure that the animal is killed in a quick and responsible manner, avoiding unnecessary suffering.

Sustainable Hunting

Sustainable hunting occurs when the exploitation of wildlife does not compromise the survival of species.

This is achieved through instruments such as:

- hunting quotas
- scientific monitoring
- enforcement

Relationship Between Hunting and Conservation

When properly regulated, hunting can contribute to wildlife conservation. Among the main benefits are:

- funding conservation activities
- maintenance of natural habitats
- combating poaching

Benefits for Local Communities

In many regions of Mozambique, local communities benefit from the revenues generated by hunting.

These benefits may include:

- job creation
- income distribution
- support for community projects

When communities benefit from wildlife, the incentive to protect animals and their habitats increases.

4. PRACTICAL EXAMPLE

International comparison:

- recovery of wildlife populations
- greater funding for conservation
- lower incidence of poaching

5. CASE STUDY

Sustainable Hunting Programme – Coutada 9 (Manica)

In some hunting concessions in Mozambique, sustainable hunting management has enabled:

- recovery of wildlife populations
- improved enforcement
- distribution of income to local communities

These results demonstrate that legal hunting can contribute to both conservation and local development.

6. MODULE INFOGRAPHICS

Infographic 1 – How hunting contributes to conservation

Legal hunting → License revenues → Conservation funding → Enforcement and monitoring → Wildlife protection

Infographic 2 – How hunting benefits local communities

Hunting activity → Local employment → Community revenues → Incentive to protect wildlife → Sustainable conservation

Learning Outcome

After completing this module, the participant should understand:

- the importance of ethics in hunting activities
- the link between sustainable hunting and conservation
- the economic benefits of legal hunting for communities and protected areas