RETENDER OF TROPHY HUNTING PERMITS OF MARKHOR AND IBEX IN KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA – PAKISTAN FOR THE YEAR 2020-21

The Wildlife Department of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Province – Pakistan, offers Trophy Hunting Permits in Community managed areas of District Chitral and Kohistan of the Province for the year 2020-21 hunting season (December, 2020 to April, 2021).

Areas	Species	Number of Permits	Amount of call deposit
Community Managed Areas of Chitral & Kohistan	Kashmir Markhor (Capra falconery)	04	Rs. 1,000,000/= For all
	Himalayan Ibex (Capra sibirica)	10	Rs. 10,000/= For each

National and International Hunters and Experienced Outfitters are invited to send their bids in the name of "CHIEF CONSERVATOR WILDLIFE KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA PROVINCE, FOREST OFFICES COMPLEX, SHAMI ROAD, PESHAWAR, PAKISTAN (Fax No. 0092-91-9212090, Email: chief.conservator@gmail.com) on or before 24th of November, 2020 (Tuesday) up to 14:00 hours in sealed envelope, which will be opened at 14:30 hours by the committee on the same day in presence of the hunter/outfitters or their authorized representatives. The offer shall be made in US Dollars only for Markhor and lbex by the foreigner/outfitters and in Pak Rupees for lbex by Hunter.

Other conditions for trophy hunting are as follows: -

- i. Every hunter/outfitter desirous of hunting Markhor in Chitral will be required to buy hunting permit for Himalayan Ibex as well. In the year 2019-20 Markhor permits were sold upto US Dollars 150,000/- per permit.
- ii. Hunting will be permissible only in Protected Areas managed under community participation program of this Department.
- iii. Besides, obtaining Trophy Hunting Permit of Markhor, ibex, etc. each successful hunter will be liable to obtain "Big Game Shooting License of Markhor" for a Fee of Rs. 29,000/- from the department.
- iv. Hunters/Outfitters will be required to deposit the bid money with the Wildlife Department Khyber Pakhtunkhwa upto December 10, 2020, failing which, the earnest money will be forfeited in favor of the Government and the permit will be offered to the next qualifying bidder.
- v. In case of a Tie, the permit will be offered to the highest bidder through another bidding process between the contenders having tie on the same day before the committee.
- vi. Bidders for all the permits will be given preference subject to fulfillment of other conditions/requirements of the bidding in case of tie.
- vii. Hunting-will be permissible from December 2020 till 10th of April 2021 according to the days specified in the permit.
- viii. Trophy hunting fee once paid will not be refundable.
- ix. 80% of the trophy-hunting fee will be distributed among relevant communities of the respective conservation areas.
- x. Pakistani hunters are encouraged to apply for trophy hunting of Himalayan Ibex in Chitral. The minimum trophy-hunting fee for Himalayan Ibex will be Rs. 290,200/- on the analogy that in the year 2019-20, the permits were sold for Rs. 290,200/- each. No export permit for export of the trophy of Ibex will be issued in any case. Successful, bidder besides obtaining trophy hunting permit will also be liable to obtain Big Game shooting license of Ibex @ Rs.20,000/- from the Department.
- xi. Only the hunter having valid permit will be allowed to hunt. Proxy hunting will not be allowed in any case.

- xii. Successful hunters/outfitters will be responsible to conduct the entire hunt at its own: including transportation, boarding and lodging of the hunters, import permits of rifle, export permit for trophies, insurance, visa, guide, etc.
- xiii. Individual hunters will make their own arrangements for reaching the hunting area in Chitral or Kohistan with their hunting rifle; though the Wildlife Department/Communities will guide them in the field.
- xiv. Upon payment of the requisite fee, the hunters will **personally** collect their hunting permit from the Office of the Chief Conservator Wildlife Khyber Pakhtunkhwa where they will be briefed on hunting regulations. (A pre-requisite for obtaining hunting permit).
- xv. Outfitters will not be allowed to accompany the hunter in the field.
- xvi. Skinning specialists are available locally and could be hired on usual payment.
- xvii. Consequent to hunting, the hunter will personally report to the office of the Chief Conservator Wildlife Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and will present his trophy for inspection/examination before leaving Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. This will be a prerequisite for issuing of NOC for CITES export permits for the trophy.
- xviii. CITES export permits will be issued by Government of Pakistan for hunted trophies of Markhor on recommendations of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Wildlife Department and production of CITES import permit.
- xix. Successful hunters will be encouraged and appreciated to make special personal donations to the "Village Conservation Funds" maintained by the communities and "Wildlife and Biodiversity Fund" managed by the Wildlife and Biodiversity Board of the Province.
- xx. By offering highest bids, the hunters would not only be able to get opportunity to hunt one of the most charismatic wild animals of the world but indirectly the hunters will be helping the poorest of the poor communities who are bearing the cost of conservation of Markhor and Ibex population in the remote corners of the province.

CAUTION: Hunting of Markhor and Ibex is an extremely challenging sport and requires complete physical fitness and patience. The hunters should be prepared for rugged difficult slopes, extremely cold weather as well as irregular flights for Chitral. December and January are more suitable months for trophy hunting.

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