

Appeal to Protect Africa's Wildlife

Dear representatives of the United Nations, the European Commission, UNESCO, and all environmental organizations worldwide,

We reach out to you with deep concern, urging you to immediately address a dreadful precedent that threatens to destroy Africa's natural heritage and, potentially, that of the entire world. In August of this year, Namibia announced the mass killing of over 700 wild animals, including elephants, hippos, and zebras, to feed its population. Soon after, in September, Zimbabwe followed suit, planning to slaughter 200 elephants for the same purpose.

These actions create a dangerous precedent which, if left uncondemned by the international community, could spread globally. Under the guise of addressing humanitarian crises, wild animals could be massacred in reserves and protected areas worldwide.

The governments of Namibia and Zimbabwe claim that their wildlife populations are large enough to justify these mass killings. However, let us remind you that today, only a little over 400,000 elephants remain in Africa, compared to a population of 20 million before the continent's colonization. The number of these magnificent creatures is rapidly declining, and the current actions of these governments may mark the beginning of their ultimate extinction.

Climate anomalies such as droughts and rising temperatures will only intensify, leading to further degradation of nature and the collapse of ecosystems. If allowed to proceed, the killing of wild animals in reserves could become normalized, ultimately destroying what remains of the world's wildlife and accelerating the extinction of countless species.

According to the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), humanity has already wiped out 70% of all living species on the planet since 1970. Moreover, many scientists warn that we are currently experiencing the sixth mass extinction, comparable to the one that wiped out the dinosaurs.

We call on the international community to stand up for Earth's biosphere and help stop this terrifying precedent. Only together can we defend the right of wild animals to live and preserve our natural heritage for future generations.

Sincerely,

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and the many concerned individuals who follow the Mission – the fight for Life on Earth

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