

SAFARI NJEMA NEWS LETTER 2nd for 2008

Dear Fellow hunters and friends

The Eland or Taurotragus Oryx has 6 sub species: **The Cape Eland**, found south of the Limpopo River, **The Livingston Eland** North of the Limpopo, **The East African Eland** in Tanzania, Sudan, Kenya, **The Giant Eland** or Lord Derby (discovered by the 13th Earl of Derby) has 2 species namely **The Western Giant Eland** (Senegal and Nigeria) and lastly **The Central African Giant Eland** (Cameroon, Chad, CAR, Zaire and Sudan)

These antelope are the heaviest in Africa with a shoulder height around 70", weighing between 1500lbs and 2200lbs and the ability to leap over 6 feet high. They have a very distinctive "clip clop" trot that sounds like two metal pieces banging together when they walk. And they can walk for days on end, making the hardest hunter humble. As a professional hunter, I have the greatest respect for these animals as they can absorb lead like a sponge. The Eland comes a very close second as my favourite animal to hunt, after Buffalo of course. Expect to walk up to 6 or 7 hours, if you are lucky to find him, but shoot him badly and we'll track him for 12 hours. This is a true test of a hunter's strength, ability and dedication.

With this in mind, you'll join me in congratulating Mark Lovstrom, who worked hard to bag his big blue bull. Well done "Bwana"! This was Mark's 3rd year of hunting with Safari Njema – Hunting 15 species and 10 making of them making the SCI record book.



Mark also hunted the very elusive kudu, his 2nd year of looking for this grey ghost.



We also hunted some small stuff.



And then one evening, whilst sipping a crisp beer, deep in the bush, watching a truly spectacular African sunset, we were honoured with the unique sighting of these giraffe lazily munching on treetops with the skyline as their backdrop. We captured it on video, so look out for the clip on the next Safari Njema promo. Mark has been all over Africa and commented that it was the best thing he had ever witnessed.



Good luck with the elections in the USA, whatever it takes, don't let them take your firearms!

Best regards

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