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Dear Friends

7ft 4Inches 200 Pounds??

Hunting dangerous game is always a challenge - this is what Africa is known for and doing it right should come to good results. Hunting in the Burigi/Biaromulo region of western Tanzania was an eye opener to clients and to myself. The abundance of game was amazing! Hundreds of Zebra and Impala, Buffalo, Roan and the little Dik Dik were wonderful to see. Hunting with Corrie and JD resulted in 16 different species 15 of which made the SCI record book. Corrie on his first safari in Africa shot his first buffalo, which was an experience none of us will ever forget. Following buffalo in such long grass reminded me of how Peter Capstick described it in his book "Death in the long Grass". It took Corrie 5 more shot's to finally bring the big old bull down. Taking that old daga boy all by himself with no intervention from the PH was well done.

You are probably wondering what my first sentence means. This is about a thrilling hunt with JD and myself from a blind in the middle of nowhere. This monster leopard had no fear of man... walking around the blind growling and charging us.... it made all the hair on our body's stand up. When he eventually got in the tree it was up to JD and the .375 to make the shot count. Let me tell you the most satisfying sound is when you hear the loud thump of the body hitting the ground after the .375 did it's job. We were ecstatic when he was weighed in at 200 Pounds and measured 7ft 4 inches from nose to tail. Needless to say we had a big "Gaboobie" (meaning "party" in Kiswahili) that night and we declared the next day a public holiday.

This area was supposed to have very few tsetse flies and for those of you that know me will know that I hate hunting in long pants. However, these little blood-sucking flies were annoying us so badly that I was forced to resort to hunting in blue jeans for the rest of the time. I must say that a product called Skin So Soft worked well provided that we re-applied it every 30min.

Hunt hard and always be safe!

Best regards

(Safari Njema) Safe Journey

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