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Statement by the IUCN Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office on the report “Reconfiguring Africa’s Protected Areas” by Bertrand Chardonnet

The IUCN Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office (ESARO) notes that the report “Africa is Changing: Should its Protected Areas Evolve? Reconfiguring the Protected Areas in Africa” by Bertrand Chardonnet is being widely cited as representing the official views of IUCN. IUCN ESARO would like to clarify that this report did not go through the official IUCN peer review process, and that the views expressed in this report cannot be in any way assumed to reflect the views of IUCN ESARO.

IUCN ESARO is currently in the process of consulting on the conclusions made in this report regarding big game hunting. The results of the consultation will be summarised and shared through the IUCN ESARO website.

In this context, we are requesting IUCN Members, Commissions, and any other knowledgeable parties to provide us with evidence supporting or refuting these conclusions. A template and submission instructions can be downloaded from the IUCN ESARO website https://www.iucn.org/regions/eastern-and-southern-africa/about

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