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An interesting feature of game preservation during 1935 has been the establishment of a lion reserve in the Seronera section of the Serengeti plains. The families of lions there seem quite aware that no harm is intended towards them when parties of amateur photographers try to persuade them to pose for a close-up photograph. In fact photographs may be obtained without preliminary feeding, but this should not be attempted without due precaution.

A curious factor in our work is that where in one part of the Territory we make a reserve for lions in another we wage determined war against them. This latter, of course, is in districts where they have become man-eaters or cattle raiders.

I am glad to be able to state that it has been possible during 1935 to reduce in most areas the policy which necessitated the thinning out of elephant herds.

Poaching of elephant and in particular of rhinoceros by natives is on the increase. One does not blame the hunter so much as the sophisticated individual who encourages this illegal traffic in ivory and horn by holding out monetary gain if trophies are procured. Occasional convictions are obtained but these are usually against the man in the field, who risks his life for small rewards, and not against the more wealthy individual who acts as receiver.

Poisoned arrows are responsible for most of the killing, but a muzzle-loader in a native's hands over a water-hole at night at a few yards range is a deadly weapon.

Rhinoceros horn is bought by receivers from native poachers at a price varying from one shilling fifty cents to two shillings per pound. As its market value at the moment is twelve shillings per pound even if it is disposed of by the receiver for only half its market value a very handsome profit is still being made.

A ranger was posted to the Tanga Province in June and a determined effort was made in the Uмба steppe, in conjunction with the Administration, to deal with native poaching of ~~elephant and rhinoceros~~ ^{elephant}. Much good was done by filling in numbers of pit-falls, burning of fences and confiscating of muzzle-loaders.

2.—RESERVES.

A large area on the Mbarangandu river in the Liwale district, Southern Province, has been made a reserve, mainly for the protection of elephant.

An extension has also been made to the Matandu reserve in the Southern Province. In this reserve all elephant have been driven out, but the area is of great importance for the conservation of other species of game which include a few rhinoceros (four in all), greater kudu and sable.

Lake Rukwa Closed Reserve.—This area has now been closed for shooting until such time as a thorough survey of its fauna can be made with a view to declaring it a complete reserve.

10.—CAPTURE OF WILD ANIMALS.

The following game animals were captured and exported during 1935:—

NAME OF ZOO	Number	Species
Cairo Zoological Garden	2	Giraffe
	2	Monkey
Cincinnati Zoological Garden	1	Rhinoceros
	2	Wildebeest
	2	Zebra
	2	Monkey
Detroit Zoological Park	1	Oryx
	3	Giraffe
	2	Wildebeest
	5	Zebra
	4	Ostrich
	2	Grant's Gazelle
	2	Thomson's Gazelle
	3	Duiker
	6	Monkey
	3	Baboon
	1	Cheetah
St. Louis Zoological Park... ..	3	Giraffe
	4	Zebra
	5	Ostrich
	3	Bushbuck
	2	Reedbuck
	2	Wildebeest
	2	Monkey
Mysore Zoological Garden	3	Ostrich
New York Zoological Garden	2	Cheetah
Chicago Zoological Park	1	Oryx
	2	Rhinoceros
	6	Zebra
	2	Thomson's Gazelle
	2	Grant's Gazelle
	8	Monkey
Zurich Zoo, Switzerland	2	Giraffe
	2	Giraffe
Toledo Zoo	2	Wildebeest

11.—HONORARY GAME RANGERS.

The following were appointed honorary game rangers in 1935:—

1. J. B. Watson, Esq. Arusha.
2. Major G. J. O. Grundy Musoma.
3. Peter C. White, Esq. Musoma.
4. George Mamias, Esq. Kilosa.

Already appointed:—

5. Brig.-General L. B. Boyd-Moss, C.M.G., D.S.O. Arusha
6. Major J. S. K. Wells, C.B.E. Tukuyu.
7. B. E. Frayling, Esq. Dar es Salaam.
8. J. A. Fawdry, Esq. Mwanza.
9. Colonel C. L. R. Gray Arusha.
10. V. T. Hockin, Esq. Dodoma.
11. L. F. F. W. Streit, Esq. Mwanza.
12. C. F. M. Swynnerton, Esq. Shinyanga.
13. Baron von Blixen Babati.
14. Oskar Koenig, Esq. Lushoto.
15. Conrad Hopman, Esq. Lushoto.
16. N. de Luigi, Esq. Arusha.
17. F. R. Hinderlick, Esq. Moshi.
18. F. J. Miller, Esq., J.P. Moshi.
19. Mrs. Trappe East Meru, Arusha.
20. Konrad Schauer, Esq. Dodoma.
21. W. F. Baldock, Esq. Morogoro.
22. C. L. Bancroft, Esq. Moshi.
23. B. D. Burt, Esq. Shinyanga.
24. R. L. Cornell, Esq. Mpwapwa.
25. H. E. Hornby, Esq., O.B.E. Mpwapwa.
26. G. Lindstrom, Esq. Moshi.
27. Maxtone L. Mailer, Esq. Amani.
28. C. E. Gordon-Russell, Esq. Mbulu.
29. Major F. E. H. Bostock, M.C. Kasanga.
30. N. W. C. McDermott, Esq. Uvinza, Kigoma.
31. Captain J. R. H. Hewlett Moshi.
32. G. G. Rushby, Esq. Mbeya.
33. A. A. Willis, Esq. Mwanza.
34. J. T. Rodger, Esq. Iringa.
35. W. E. Crosskill, Esq. Arusha.
36. Peter A. Feer, Esq. Tanga.
37. Paul Anderson, Esq. Usa River.
38. F. J. Anderson, Esq. Monduli, Arusha.
39. Mrs. Moore Banagi Hill.

I sincerely regret the death of Major F. E. Bradstock, D.S.O., M.C., who was an able honorary game ranger. His interesting reports on game will be greatly missed.

APPENDIX IV.

Number and Weight of Tusks, Rhinoceros Horns, Hippopotamus Teeth, and the Provinces from which they have been obtained.

PROVINCE	ELEPHANT				HIPPOPOTAMUS				RHINOCEROS			
	SHOT		FOUND		SHOT		FOUND		SHOT		FOUND	
	Tusks	Weight	Tusks	Weight	Teeth	Weight	Teeth	Weight	Horns	Weight	Horns	Weight
	No.	lbs.	No.	lbs.	No.	lbs.	No.	lbs.	No.	lbs.	No.	lbs.
1. Southern ...	3,100	34,979-08	269	3,024	4,194	2,286	146	92	1	10-08	—	—
2. Eastern ...	1,882	24,847-12	175	2,640-04	1,973	1,118	1,414	859	14	42-08	12	22-03
3. Iringa ...	218	3,182-08	81	1,524-12	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Central ...	12	202	125	2,500	11	10	—	—	—	—	116	446-05
5. Western ...	41	1,234	20	627-08	24	12	—	—	—	—	2	2-08
6. Lake ...	14	327	11	371-08	6	5	6	4-10	2	5-12	20	106-14
7. Northern ...	43	931	68	1,028-08	—	—	4	10	68	240-03	111	429-06
8. Tanga ...	42	983-13	26	692	—	—	—	—	42	126	6	16-12
Total ...	5,352	66,687-09	775	12,408-08	6,208	3,531	1,570	965-11	127	424-15	267	1024