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Dear Readers,

In this edition of our newsletter:

- Conservation and Conspiracies, Trevor Oertel's rebuttal to an article written by Don Pinnock about South Africa's Department of Environmental Affairs.
- The CEO of the Namibian Chamber of Environment, Dr. Chris Brown's letter to NCE members in response to the Chinese government's reversal of the domestic ban of rhino horn and tiger bones.
- In the third of a three-part series Dr. Rolf Baldus highlights the perils of a dam being built in Tanzania's Selous Game Reserve.
- Hank Jenkins writes about the failure of demand reduction as a policy to combat the illegal use of wildlife products.
- The video feature highlights the Mulobezi Game Management Area in Zambia.
- Gerhard Damm reviews the book "Wild heart of Africa" by Dr. Rolf Baldus.

I hope that you enjoy the newsletter.

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Kind regards,

Bugs van Heerden.
Chairman,
The Conservation Imperative.

Conservation and Conspiracies.

Your article starts with a summation highlighting three points. Firstly, some or other conspiracy or betrayal stretching across two continents. Secondly mysterious “conservationists” who “are appalled”. And thirdly, the meat of your article, the opinion of an unqualified layman whose credentials on wildlife and wildlife management seems to hinge on the fact that he rubs shoulders with a host of animal rights activists, is a wildlife photographer and an investigator.

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China's Ban Reversal.

The fact that these products, like pangolin scales and many others, have no proven medicinal properties does not seem to deter the growing number of users who presumably get some placebo effect enhanced by the conferred status of being able to afford elitist medication. Chinese traditional medicine is said to be a US\$ 100 billion industry.

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Tanzania's Selous Game Reserve in Trouble. Part 3.

In 1982, the World Heritage Committee, the intergovernmental decision-making body of the World Heritage Convention, decided to inscribe the Selous Game Reserve in Tanzania on the World Heritage list.

This was to honour the “Outstanding Universal Value” of this vast protected area, which is the oldest and largest (size of Switzerland) in Africa. Other such sites in Tanzania are the Serengeti, Ngorongoro and Mount Kilimanjaro.

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The Mulobezi Game Management Area.

The Kafue National Park extends over 8 700 square miles and is one of Africa's biggest wilderness areas. The Kafue River and its tributaries flow through the park and adjacent GMAs and is the lifeline to all of the inhabitants.

Bordering the Kafue National Park in the south-west is the Mulobezi GMA.

This short video gives a brief overview of Mulobezi.



A Ray of Hope for Tigers and Rhinos.

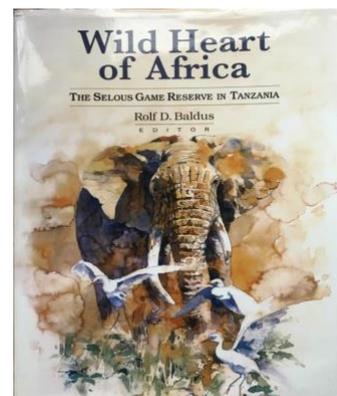
Demand-reduction campaigns advocated by many western non-government organizations and like-minded governments rely on changing behaviour patterns of consumers, rather than seeking to satisfy demand from legal and sustainable sources. Discussions on demand reduction to date have been characterised by a tendency to exclude both range and consumer states.



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Featured Book: Wild Heart of Africa. By Dr. Rolf Baldus.

In addition to the many articles and papers – both for the lay public and for scientific circles – published over the past 15 years or so, Rolf Baldus now has two major Africa books to his name. His new *Opus Magnus* is available through Rowland Ward Publishing Pty Ltd. And a great work it is indeed.



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Some Interesting Reading.

['Adventures Of Jojo' bats for wildlife conservation](#)

[Deaths of lions in Gujarat's Gir sanctuary 'very serious'](#)

[Shoddy translocation of tiger Sundari leads to bloodshed](#)

[Lion poaching: the brutal new threat to Africa's prides](#)

[David Attenborough: too much alarmism on environment a turn-off](#)

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