

# NEWS BREAK

**Sunday's News Break selects an article from Sunday, September 13** of The Seattle Times e-Edition for an in-depth reading of the news. Read the selected article and answer the attached study questions. **Please remember to always preview the content of the article before sharing with your students.**

**Botswana villages suffer from hunting ban** (Main News, page A12).

## Pre-Reading and Vocabulary

1. Look at the title of this article. Where do you think Botswana is? Locate Botswana on a map of the world or globe. Why do you think Botswana might have a ban on hunting?
2. **Vocabulary: Match the words to the numbered definitions below.**

- A. abundant
- B. ban
- C. concentrations
- D. condemned
- E. conservation
- F. corruption
- G. curb
- H. delta
- I. import
- J. irony
- K. pensions
- L. precipitous
- M. quota
- N. staunch
- O. revenue

1. to control or limit (something)
2. a large amount of something in one place
3. very devoted or loyal to a person, belief, or cause
4. happening in a very quick and sudden way
5. to bring a product into a country to be sold
6. the protection of animals, plants, and natural resources
7. an amount of money that a company or the government pays to a person who is old or sick and no longer works
8. existing or occurring in large amounts
9. an official limit on the number or amount of people or things that are allowed
10. a piece of land shaped like a triangle that is formed when a river splits into smaller rivers before it flows into an ocean

11. to say in a strong and definite way that someone or something is bad or wrong
12. a situation that is strange or funny because things happen in a way that seems to be the opposite of what you expected
13. money that is made by or paid to a business or an organization
14. dishonest or illegal behavior especially by powerful people (such as government officials or police officers)
15. to forbid people from using (something) : to say that something cannot be used or done

### Comprehension

1. How long ago did Botswana ban trophy hunting? **(Multiple Choice)**
  - a) 1 year ago
  - b) 2 years ago
  - c) 4 years ago
  - d) None of the above
2. Give one example of what the wild animals have done to the villages since the hunting was banned?
3. The hunting ban in Botswana has also meant a \_\_\_\_\_ drop in income. **(Fill in the blank)**
4. Before the ban in Botswana, how had villagers used the money from trophy hunters? **(Give one example)**
5. President Seretse Khama Ian Khama of Botswana, stated that hunting was no longer compatible with wildlife conservation and urged communities like the village of Sankuyo to switch to what instead of hunting to earn money?
6. Calls to curb trophy hunting across Africa have risen since what recent event?
7. What have several airlines recently done in response to trophy hunting?
8. Trophy hunting is a practice at the core of conservation efforts in southern Africa – **true or false?**
9. Experts say that where trophy hunting benefits communities, locals are more motivated to do what?
10. According to experts with hunting now banned in Botswana, there are growing signs that what could happen?

### Additional Activities

1. In the article, President Seretse Khama Ian Khama of Botswana, a staunch defender of animal rights, stated that hunting was no longer compatible with wildlife conservation. Do you agree or disagree with this statement and why? Use examples from the article to support your stance.
2. The article states that: "African governments have also condemned, some with increasing anger, Western moves to ban trophy hunting." Do you think

that the U.S. and other Western countries have a right to involve themselves with trophy hunting in Africa and their using trophy hunting as a form of conservation – why or why not? Research and find an example of conservation methods used in the United States regarding the hunting of wild animals. How are those methods similar or different from conservation methods in Africa?

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