Dande Is without doubt amongst the best dangerous game hunting areas in Zimbabwe. Dande is the largest hunting concession in Zimbabwe @ 1,400,000 acres or 640,000 hectares.

Dande offers more hunting and tracking options to hunters than any other Zimbabwean hunting concession due mainly to the size of the concession and the great numbers of animals that live in the Dande. There are multiple camps in the area that allow hunters to hunt the entire concession. The annual hunting quota is big due to the size of the area.

These facts/factors are reflected in the cost of hunting the Dande, this is a true Hemingway style safari.

Hunting the Dande Area

Dande offers a 100% success rate on elephant bulls and has had the highest Zambezi Valley pound/lbs tusk average for the last 3 years in a row. There are numerous resident elephant bulls in Dande, with an added bonus being the 30 + kilometre boundary that the concession shares with Mozambique which is well worth checking as there are often big elephant bulls coming in from Mozambique.

(NOTE from Carl: Gonarezhou remains my best offered concession for hunting trophy elephant bulls)

Dande is a classic tracking/walk and stalk hunting area that gives you the hunter a very good overall elephant hunting experience. If its tuskless elephant that you are after Dande has hundreds of tuskless elephant and if hunted hard, you will experience numerous approaches and have no problem finding your tuskless elephant or bull elephant for that matter.

Buffalo hunts in the Dande concessions currently offer a near 100% success rate on hard boss buffalo bulls. A nice thing about hunting Dande is that there are large numbers of resident buffalo in the area- both herds and Dagga boy groups which means you will track and see buff every day before shooting your buffalo.

There are far too many lions in the Dande area and with a very conservative lion quota it goes without saying that we have been very successful on lion and lioness, and will continue to do so.

The Valley leopards average out at around the 130lbs mark and are very numerous in Dande, in the last 10 years there has only been two failed leopard hunts and considering that this concession gets 14 leopard tags a year Dande has had plenty of happy leopard hunters!

Lion and Leopard hunting in Dande South is superb, being partly National Parks Safari Area and partly campfire area, which allows hunting after dark the success rate on lion and leopard is close to 100%. The main method of hunting cats is by baits and blinds. This is also one of the few areas left in Africa where lioness can be hunted, this is because of the over population of lion in the area which has necessitated lioness being put on quota as a management tool.

There is a tented camp on the Zambezi river which is used for hippo and crocodile hunting. At this camp you can also catch tiger fish and bream and/or game view from the stunning Mapata Gorge.

Zambezi River Tented Camp
Gonarezhou safari areas are each a part of a 300,000 hectare concession that borders on the Gona Re Zhou National Park of Zimbabwe in the Southern Lowveld and adjoined to Kruger Park, the Gona Re Zhou is part of the Trans Frontier Park and is open between the Kruger Park and the Mozambique national parks, the name Gona Re Zhou means “place of many elephants” in these concession’s we hunt trophy elephant bulls and trophy buffalo bulls, the area is also good for leopard and sable.

We offer hunts in 4 different concessions in the general area of the Gonarezhou, these concessions are in my opinion the best hunting concessions in Zimbabwe. Trophy elephant bulls and trophy buffalo are taken every year in the areas with elephants in the 70, 80, 90 pounder range being a realistic expectation.

The quality of buffalo hunted in these concessions is the best in Zimbabwe with the area average being over 40 inches and a 2012 best buffalo measuring over 50 inches.

There are 4 hunting camps in the area that we offer:

**Naivaisha**

Located between Chiredzi and Mabalauta National Parks office nestled into Gonarezhou National Park and has a 33 kilometer unfenced shared boundary road with the National Park.

**Malipati**

Located on the banks of the Nuanetsi River that is the boundary between Gonarezhou and the safari area, Malipati has long been known as a top hunting concession.
**Dumisa**

Also located on the Nuanetsi River to the South of Malipati another top concession in the southern Lowveld of Zimbabwe.

**Kwala- Kwala**

Located in the Southernmost tip of Zimbabwe on the Limpopo River that is the border between Kruger Park and Zimbabwe this magnificent location allows free roaming for animals between Kruger and the hunting concession, a truly beautiful place to hunt and can be described as a part of the Kruger Park.
Matetsi East (Matebele Land)

Our Matetsi concessions are located in the general area of Matetsi 4 and Matetsi 1 in Matebele Land about a 1 hour drive South of Victoria falls, the location is the corner which is bordered by Hwange National Park on the southern border and Botswana on the Western Border. The area is approximately 160,000 acres in extent. Our annual quota is determined by National Parks and consists of Buffalo, Leopard, Elephant, Lion, Sable, Hippo (Binga), Crocodile (Binga), Waterbuck, Kudu, Eland, Zebra, Reedbuck, Impala, Warthog, Baboon and Hyena. This is an excellent hunting area and is well known for: Leopard, full maned Lion and top trophy quality Sable. The camp is very comfortable, comprising of en-suite rooms and all round comforts to make a clients safari an unforgettable one. Matetsi East is one hour’s drive from Victoria Falls International Airport so no air charter is required when hunting there.

Binga

Binga is situated on Lake Kariba and is the perfect place to hunt elephant, hippo and crocodile, our success rate is 100% on both hippo and croc and has been so for the last few years. The area is also very good for elephant, both tuskless and bulls.

Our lodge is very comfortable and well suited to family hunting holidays. 4 Meter plus Crocodiles are a realistic expectation for every hunter visiting our concession, plus big Hippo bulls are in abundance. Tiger fishing is a also a big attraction to the area. Binga is a 3 hour drive from Victoria Falls international airport, no charter flights are necessary to hunt Binga.
Nyakasanga and Chirundu is a 5 hour drive from Harare on good tar roads with the last few kilometres into camp on dirt roads. Nyakasanga & Chirundu combined is 130 000 hectares of pristine, uninhabited wilderness in Zimbabwe’s Lower Zambezi Valley with the mighty Zambezi River as the Northern Boundary, Rifa Safari area as the Western boundary and Mana Pools as the Eastern and Southern boundary.

Chirundu and Nyakasanga are ideally situated within these boundaries of uninhabited wilderness. The habitat consists of large patches of “jesse” interspersed with mopane woodland and acacia scrub. Along the Zambezi River is predominantly dense riverine vegetation. Small reed islands and sand banks provide a safe haven for elephant, hippo, crocodiles and “dagga boys”.

The area has large resident herds of buffalo and elephant and produces high quality trophies for both species, especially elephant, with a significant chance of 501bers or more. Migratory elephant bulls from Mana Pools add the possibility of harvesting a bull of 70lb or more. Lion and leopard populations are excellent and most cats are hunted during the day. Both cats are predominantly hunted by hanging baits but there is a possibility of tracking lions. Chirundu which is 20 000 hectares has the added advantage of being private land and allows for hunting at night if necessary. Being situated on the Zambezi River means good quality of hippo and crocodile are available to hunt.

Hunting is conducted in the classic manor by locating sizable tracks and then following these on foot to find the quarry. Crocodiles and hippos are usually hunted with the assistance of a boat. All crocodiles and 80% of hippo are shot on land which makes for a highly exciting hunt.

Nyakasanga and Chirundu currently operate a single main camp. Bathrooms are en-suite with hot and cold running water. Laundry and ironing is done daily.