

# THIS KUDU, DIED A HORRIBLE, CRUEL AND LINGERING DEATH WITH A POACHERS SNARE (see arrow) AROUND HIS HEAD.

THIS KUDU IS JUST ONE OF THOUSANDS OF ANIMALS WHO DIE THIS WAY EVERY DAY. MEAT POACHING WITH WIRE SNARES IS A HUGE PROBLEM IN AFRICA AND EVERY BIT AS SERIOUS AS POACHING FOR ELEPHANT RHINO AND LION. POACHERS WILL SET HUNDREDS OF SNARES BUT ONLY CHECK A FEW TILL THEY HAVE AS MUCH MEAT AS THEY CAN CARRY. THE REST OF THE SNARES ARE LEFT IN THE BUSH TO KILL AND MAIME NEEDLESSLY AND INDEFINITELY AND, JUST LIKE THIS KUDU, THE ANIMALS CAUGHT IN THE ABANDONED SNARES SUFFER HORRIBLY AND ARE LEFT TO ROT IN THE BUSH!

*WHERE IS THE PUBLIC OUTCRY ABOUT THIS?*

*WHERE ARE THE 'HOLIER THAN THOU' MEDIA REPORTS?*

*WHERE ARE THE TALK-BACK SHOW HOSTS' TEARS FOR THESE ANIMALS?*

*WHERE ARE THE KEYBOARD PRESERVATIONIST'S RANTINGS NOW?*



TOURISTS WITH CAMERAS NEVER SEE THIS, IT IS BAD FOR BUSINESS, BUT HUNTERS, VERTURING INTO NEW HUNTING AREAS, SEE IT ALL THE TIME, HUNTERS PULL DOWN AND DESTROY THE WIRE SNARES AND, WHEN POSSIBLE, APPREHEND THE POACHERS THEMSELVES, THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF HUNTERS DISSUADES POACHERS FROM RETURNING TO THAT AREA, HUNTING PAYS FOR LOCAL WAGES, FOR SCHOOLS, FOR FRESH WATER AND PROVIDES FRESH MEAT SO THAT POACHING IS LESS APPEALING TO THE PROTEIN-POOR PEOPLE WHO LIVE NEAR THESE AREAS.

*So ask yourself: would you prefer that paying hunters harvested a scientifically selected number of animals or that poachers be left to indiscriminately, decimate tens of thousands of animal, most of which will suffer terribly and then just rot in the bush? Remembering, that, like it or not, these are the ONLY two actual choices in the real world.*