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Internet fury at woman who killed giraffe – 7th July, 2018

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A trophy hunter posing in a photo next to a black giraffe she killed has caused outrage online. Many people want to ban trophy hunting - the hunting of wild animals for fun. The trophy is the animal (or part of it) that is kept to show the success of the kill. Money is usually paid to the government to help wildlife conservation. Critics say countries get more from wildlife tourism than from big game hunting.

On Twitter, someone wrote: "White American savage...comes to Africa and shoot down a very rare black giraffe. The hunter defended her actions. She said the giraffe was old and was killing young giraffes. She said: "This is called conservation through game management. Now that the giraffe is gone, the younger bulls are able to breed." One hunter said: "Giraffes are legal to hunt in South Africa."

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An American trophy hunter posing in a photo next to a black giraffe that she shot and killed has caused outrage. It sparked a heated online debate on whether or not to ban trophy hunting - the hunting of wild animals for fun. The trophy is the animal (or part of it) kept, and usually displayed, to show the success of the kill. A fee is usually paid to the government to help wildlife conservation. Critics of this say countries earn more from wildlife tourism than from big game hunting. The giraffe's killing is being compared to Cecil the lion, killed by a trophy hunter in 2015.

This latest killing caused a group on Twitter to write: "White American savage...comes to Africa and shoot down a very rare black giraffe, [because] of South African stupidity." The hunter defended her actions. She said the giraffe was an old male that was attacking and killing young giraffes. She said: "This is called conservation through game management. Now that the giraffe is gone, the younger bulls are able to breed." The president of the Safari Club International defended the woman. He said: "Giraffes are legal to hunt in South Africa."

Level 6

Images of an American trophy hunter posing for a photo next to a black giraffe that she had shot and killed in South Africa have caused outrage online. It has sparked a heated debate on whether or not trophy hunting should be banned. Wikipedia says: "Trophy hunting is the hunting of wild game for human recreation. The trophy is the animal or part of the animal kept, and usually displayed, to represent the success of the hunt." A fee is usually paid to the government to help wildlife conservation. Critics of this say countries earn far more from wildlife tourism than from big game hunting. The giraffe's killing is being compared to Cecil the lion, the iconic big cat hunted and killed by an American dentist in 2015.

The latest killing caused an account on Twitter called Africa Digest to write: "White American savage, who is partly a Neanderthal, comes to Africa and shoot down a very rare black giraffe, courtesy of South African stupidity." The American hunter defended her actions. She told CBS News that the giraffe was an old male that was attacking and killing younger giraffes. She said: "This is called conservation through game management. Now that the giraffe is gone, the younger bulls are able to breed." Paul Babaz, president of the hunting group Safari Club International defended the woman. He said: "She was hunting in South Africa and giraffes are legal to hunt in South Africa."