

His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales
Clarence House
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Dear Prince Charles,

We have seen that you attended a conference in London with President Ian Khama this month to discuss wildlife poaching.

We want to inform you that hunting has now been banned in Botswana.

We the Bushmen, Botswana's first peoples, have been prevented from hunting for many years, even though this is our food and we use traditional and sustainable hunting methods developed by our peoples for centuries.

The government of Botswana has done all it can to make life as difficult as possible for us: they forced us from our land, destroyed our water borehole, and they punish us with violence and arrest when we try to hunt game to feed our families.

We have survived alongside the animals of the Central Kalahari Game Reserve since the beginning of time. We know how to look after them and we hunt them for our survival, not for entertainment like many tourists from your country do.

The High Court of Botswana has already granted us this right, now the government must uphold it.

President Khama is praised internationally for his efforts to conserve Botswana's wildlife, but he is making the survival of our people impossible. Without our land and being able to hunt game, we will surely die from starvation.

We know that you walked with Mr Laurens van der Post and Bushmen a long time ago. You know who we are. One of our leaders, Roy Sesana, visited you and your sons with John Hardbattle in Scotland.

We are begging you to talk with President Khama, and ask him to stop persecuting us the Bushmen. Let us live and hunt on our ancestral land in the Central Kalahari Game Reserve like our fathers and their fathers before them. We want our children to live off the fat of this land, in peace.

We send you warm greetings from the Kalahari,



First People of the Kalahari