

New Xade resettlement camp, Botswana

26 November 2014

Dear Prince William,

I am writing to you to ask you to help us, the Bushmen of the Central Kalahari Game Reserve in Botswana.

For a long time now the government in our country says we are poachers because we hunt to feed our families on our land. It tries to stop us from hunting, even though our High Court said that this is a death sentence for us. The wildlife scouts are arresting and beating up many Bushman hunters.

Although we have never met, I have many happy memories of the time I spent with your father, Prince Charles, and your godfather, Laurens van der Post, at Balmoral. I feel that Laurens would be deeply saddened by what our government is trying to do.

Today we Bushmen are crying for our homes and our wild animals. I am asking you, please tell President Khama and conservationists that when we hunt on our ancestral lands to feed our families, we are not poachers. We have lived with the wild animals for generations and we will always care for them, for our children and our children's children.

Greetings,

Roy Sesana
First People of the Kalahari