

CASE-LAW ANALYSIS
POACHING AND ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADE IN TANZANIA

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CASE	
Case number	ECONOMIC CASE NO. 66 OF 2010
Court	DISTRICT COURT OF SERENGETI DISTRICT
Year (date)	07/09/2011 & 12/06/2012
Name of the judge	
Name of the parties	THE REPUBLIC V. REBECA JULIUS MWITA
Prosecuting authority (DGOs, state attorney, police...)	State attorney
Representation of accused person (lawyer?)	No representation
Transnational elements (Citizen/non-citizen, cross-border offence...)	
DESCRIPTION	
Defendants (age, gender...)	FEMALE, 38 YEARS
History of the case	
Facts	On the 13 th day of October 2010, the accused who was a passenger, travelling to Tarime from Mugumu was arrested relying on information given to Serengeti National Park rangers by a secret informer. That there was a passenger transporting government trophies from Serengeti to Tarime. The car which the passenger was traveling with was stopped and inspected in Nyansurura village, where they found dried pieces of wild meat (22 pieces of wildebeest, 22 pieces of dried zebra meat) which belonged to the accused.
Charges	Unlawful possession of government trophies c/s 86(1) and (2)(c) of the Wild life Conservation Act No. 5 of 2009 read together with Paragraph 14(d) of the first schedule to and Section 57(1), 60(2) of the Economic and Organized Crime Control Act (Cap 200 R.E 2002)

SPECIES	
Name	Wildebeest Zebra
Value	Wildebeest: Tshs 1,600,000/= Zebra: Tshs 2,220,000/= Total: Tshs 3,820,000/=
Processed/Not processed	Processed
LEGAL REFERENCES	
Legislation (principal and ancillary legislation)	Economic and Organized Crimes Control Act [Cap 200 R. E. 2002] Wildlife Conservation Act, No. 5 of 2009
Cases cited	
International instruments	
DECISION/OPINION	
Decision	Accused acquitted
Basis of the decision (reasons)	The prosecution failed to prove their case beyond reasonable doubt
Legal issues raised in judgment	Whether there was proper procurement of evidence and competent witnesses
Penalty	
OTHER CONTEXTUAL INFORMATION	
Context	
Appealed/Not appealed	Not appealed
Bail	
Opinion on the case	