

CASE-LAW ANALYSIS
POACHING AND ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADE IN TANZANIA

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CASE	
Case number	Economic Criminal Case No. 10 of 2015
Court	District Court of Mpanda, at Mpanda
Year (date)	2015
Name of the judge/Magistrate	Hon. C.M Tengwa
Name of the parties	Republic versus Linus Sumuni Seles
Prosecuting authority (DGOs, state attorney, police...)	State Attorney
Representation of accused person (lawyer?)	Unrepresented
Transnational elements (Citizen/non-citizen, cross-border offence...)	
DESCRIPTION	
Defendants (age, gender...)	Male
History of the case	
Facts	Sometime on 18 th February, 2015 at Katuma River the accused person was found and arraigned in unlawful possession of government trophies. Then brought before the court to answer the charge.
Charges	Unlawful possession of government trophies contrary to sections 86(1) and (2)(b) of the Wildlife Conservation Act No. 5 of 2009 read together with paragraph 14(d) of the 1 st Schedule and section 57(1) and 60(2) of the Economic and Organized Crime Control Act Cap 200 RE 2002.

SPECIES	
Name	21 kg of hippopotamus meat
Value	Not stated
Processed/Not processed	Not processed
LEGAL REFERENCES	
Legislation (principal and ancillary legislation)	Wildlife Conservation Act, Act No. 5 of 2009 Economic and Organized Crime Control Act Cap 200 RE 2002
Cases cited	Moses Charles Deo versus Republic (1987) TLR 134
International instruments	NIL
DECISION/OPINION	
Decision	Accused was convicted
Basis of the decision (reasons)	Prosecution side prove the case beyond reasonable doubts
Legal issues raised in judgment	Whether the accused person was in the possession of the said 21kg of hippopotamus meat.
Penalty	Sentenced to serve twenty (20) years imprisonment.
OTHER CONTEXTUAL INFORMATION	
Context	-
Appealed/Not appealed	No appeal
Bail	NIL
Opinion on the case	NIL