

CASE-LAW ANALYSIS
POACHING AND ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADE IN TANZANIA

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CASE	
Case number	Economic case No. 18 of 2006
Court	Resident Magistrate's Court of Arusha
Year (date)	2006
Name of the judge	Hon. J.N Karayemaka-RM
Name of the parties	R v. Hamisi Ramadhani
Prosecuting authority (DGOs, state attorney, police...)	Public Prosecutor
Representation of accused person (lawyer?)	nil
Transnational elements (Citizen/non-citizen, cross-border offence...)	nil
Defendants (age, gender...)	No information
History of the case	-
Facts	On or about the 14 th day of April, 2006 at Ogutu area within Simanjiro District Manyara Region, the accused persons were found in unlawful possession of zebra property of the Tanzania Government.
Charges	Unlawful possession of government trophy c/s to the 1 st schedule to and section 59 (2) of the Economic and Organized Crimes Control Act No. 3 of 1992 read together with section 67 (1) and 2 (b) of the Wildlife Conservation Act No. 12 of 1974
SPECIES	
Name	Zebra (meat)
Value	Tshs. 408,000/=

Processed/Not processed	Not processed
Legislation (principal and ancillary legislation)	Economic and Organized Crimes Control Act, No. 3 of 1992 Wildlife Conservation Act, No. 12 of 1974
Cases cited	-
International instruments	-
Decision	The accused was found guilty and convicted
Basis of the decision (reasons)	1. Contradictions of the prosecution witnesses are minor 2. The court drew negative inference from accused person conduct of jumping bail
Legal issues raised in judgment	Whether the prosecution has managed to prove the offence which the accused person stand charged
Penalty	Sentenced to 15 years jail imprisonment
OTHER CONTEXTUAL INFORMATION	
Context	-
Appealed/Not appealed	-
Bail	Granted. The accused person jumped bail and was rearrested.
Opinion on the case	-