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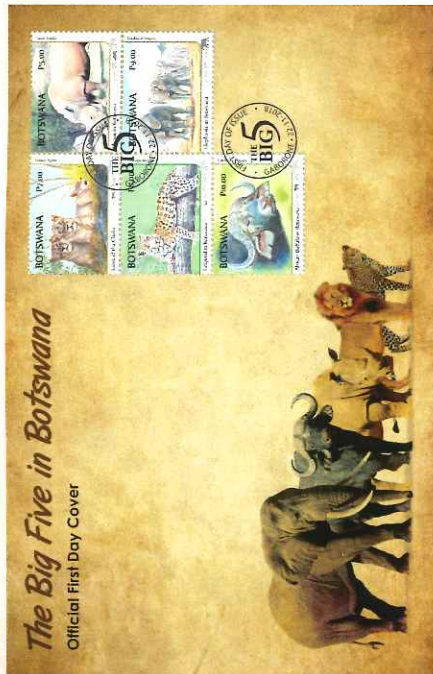
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## OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVER



# The Big Five in Botswana

COMMEMORATIVE 2018



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## MINIATURE SHEET



Additional information has been printed on the back of the stamp.



## BOTSWANAPOST STAMP ISSUING POLICY:

BotswanaPost maintains a conservative issuing policy. A definitive set is released every 5 years, illustrating the theme of international interest. Commemorative sets are normally issued 4 or 5 times per year, illustrating themes that reveal the environmental cultural and historical heritage of Botswana.



## THE BIG FIVE SERIES RETROSPECTIVE

BotswanaPost is pleased to launch a retrospective of the very popular Big Five Series: **Lions of the Chobe**, **Leopard in Botswana**, **Rhinos in Botswana**, **Elephants in Botswana**, and **African Buffalo in Botswana**. This Commemorative Issue not only celebrates the completion of the Series, but seeks to once more raise awareness about conservation concern of these mammals.

## THE BIG FIVE

The infamous "Big Five"- the LION, the LEOPARD, the RHINO, the African BUFFALO, and the African bush ELEPHANT- are all majestic animals to behold in their natural habitats and Botswana is proud to boast that it is home to all five. The term "Big 5 or African Big 5" was realized by Big Game hunters, and originally referred to the 5 most difficult animals to **Hunt by Foot**.

Today, thanks to global conservation efforts, the term "Big 5" has been labelled to mean the most difficult animals to spot on safari, and hence eco-tourism visitors to Botswana keenly go on safaris with the hope of catching a glimpse of them in the wild and, perchance, get a "shot" at them with their telephoto lenses!



"The Black Rhinoceros, *Diceros bicornis* is listed as Critically Endangered as the population of Black Rhino has declined by an estimated 97.6% since 1960 with numbers bottoming out at 2,410 in 1995, mainly as a result of poaching. Current numbers are however still 90% lower than three generations ago. The Black Rhino faces a variety of threats. The main threat is poaching for the international rhino horn trade. Rhino horn has two main uses: traditional (and more recently new non-traditional) use in Chinese medicine, and ornamental use." These rhino have been reintroduced into protected sites within Botswana.

Although the White (*Ceratotherium simum*) or Square-lipped Rhinos numbers exceed those of the Black, the species faces the same threats as the Black Rhino. Botswana's Law enforcement agencies continue to step up protective measures to safe-guard the White and Black Rhino against Horn Poaching.



**LION**  
*Panthera leo*  
Tau (Setswana)

**IUCN**  
VULNERABLE

"Among the causes of decline of lion populations, the most important are indiscriminate killing in defence of human life and livestock, habitat loss, and prey base depletion. Prey base depletion is partly linked to habitat loss, but more importantly to poaching and bushmeat trade. An emerging threat is trade in bones and other body parts for traditional medicine, both within Africa and in Asia. While attention is currently focused on Lion hunting reforms to ensure sustainability, the leading causes of population decline are more difficult to address and are likely to continue."



**LEOPARD**  
*Panthera pardus*  
Nkwe (Setswana)

**IUCN**  
VULNERABLE

"Evidence suggests that Leopard populations have been dramatically reduced due to continued persecution with increased human, habitat fragmentation, increased illegal wildlife trade, excessive harvesting for ceremonial use of skins, prey base declines and poorly managed trophy hunting.

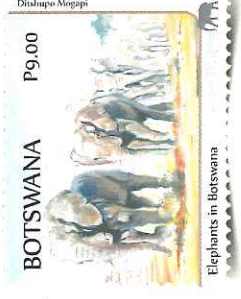
Southern Africa likely has the healthiest Leopard populations of their entire range. Botswana has a continuous Leopard population in the North and West."



**African/Cape BUFFALO**  
*Syncerus caffer*  
Nare (Setswana)

**IUCN**  
LEAST CONCERN

Listed as Least Concern as the species remains widespread, with a global population estimated at nearly 900000 animals, of which more than three-quarters are in protected areas.



**African ELEPHANT**  
*Loxodonta Africana*  
Tlou (Setswana)

**IUCN**  
VULNERABLE

The IUCN downgraded the African elephant from Endangered to Vulnerable status in 2004, with the population increasing in some areas. However, the elephant poaching crisis started a few years later, and since then, populations have plummeted.

According to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, elephants in Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe, and South Africa fall into Appendix II of their categories as a species "not necessarily threatened with extinction, but in which trade must be controlled." Botswana upholds strong ivory trade regulations and other protections for elephants.

## TECHNICAL DETAILS

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[www.iucnredlist.org](http://www.iucnredlist.org) as the source of the conservation status charts and information