

## **Faith Based thoughts on Game Meat Strategy paper & Sustainability White Paper**

1. The concept of uBuntu as described by African Spirituality regards all animals, all of life, as informing the relationship of humanity with Nature, and the balance of nature directly impacts the wellbeing of humanity. Therefore, the commercialism, exploitation and commoditisation of our Heritage Animals by turning them into farming stock is deeply un-African and offensive to the spiritual traditions of indigenous African people.
2. Wendell Berry said: **“There are no sacred and unsacred places; there are only sacred and desecrated places. My belief is that the world and our life in it are conditional gifts.”**  
Wendell Berry’s reflection is representative of the Judeo-Christian communities who understand all of God’s Creation as sacred. Therefore, to commodify and exploit any part of that Creation could be construed as the commodification and exploitation of Creator himself.
3. Industrial farming of any animal and removing wild animals from their natural habitats violates the Hindu principle of Ahimsa (non violence).
4. Biblically, the Abrahamic faiths are charged with care for the earth and all living things. The actions proposed in the Game Meat Strategy paper are detrimental to the balance of all of creation and therefore fly directly in the face of this original commandment from God.