

## **Perceptions of African Indigenous Hunting Communities in Tanzania on Use of Game Meat Resources**

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**ABSTRACT** The paper employed a participatory approach to investigate the perceptions of the Wandorobo, an indigenous hunting community in Tanzania, on the use of wild meat resources. It was found that hunting for game meat and other wildlife resources played a vital part in the livelihood of the Wandorobo. Division of labour was on gender and age. Men and boys did most of the hunting; and women, including girls, were responsible for the processing of the game meat for domestic use and for sale. Sustainable harvesting of the wildlife resources can be achieved through supporting alternative sources of livelihood including agriculture; conservation policies should be made clearer to the people; and community representatives should be incorporated into the wildlife management policy planning and implementation to promote a sense of ownership of measures.