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# Summary of Game Auction Results: April 2025

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## **INDEMNITY**

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### Some interesting facts up to end of April 2025

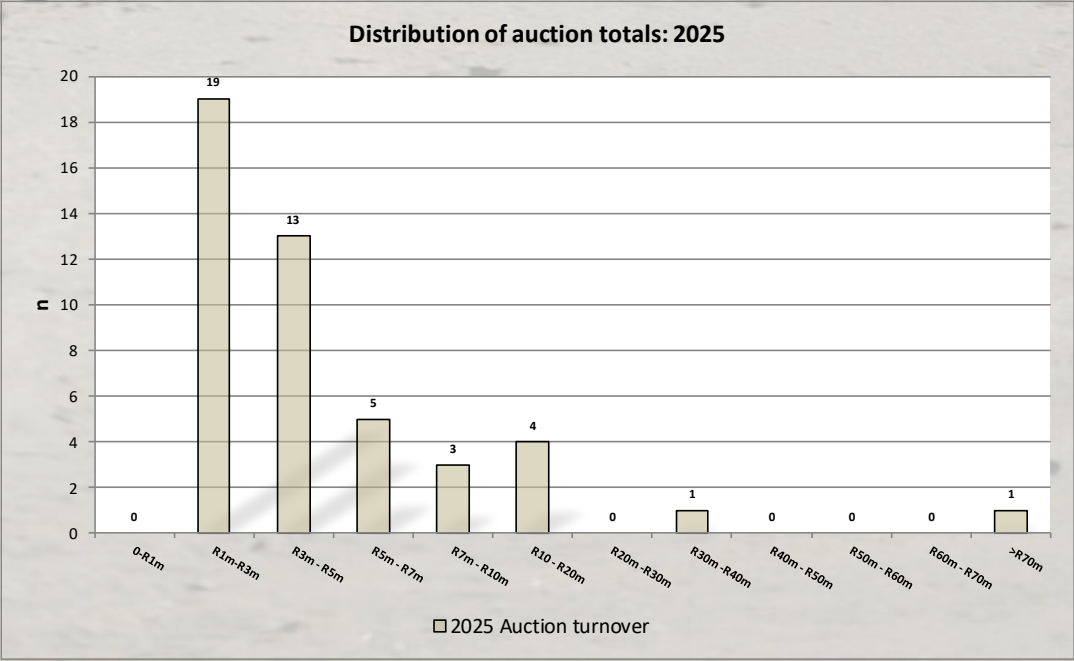
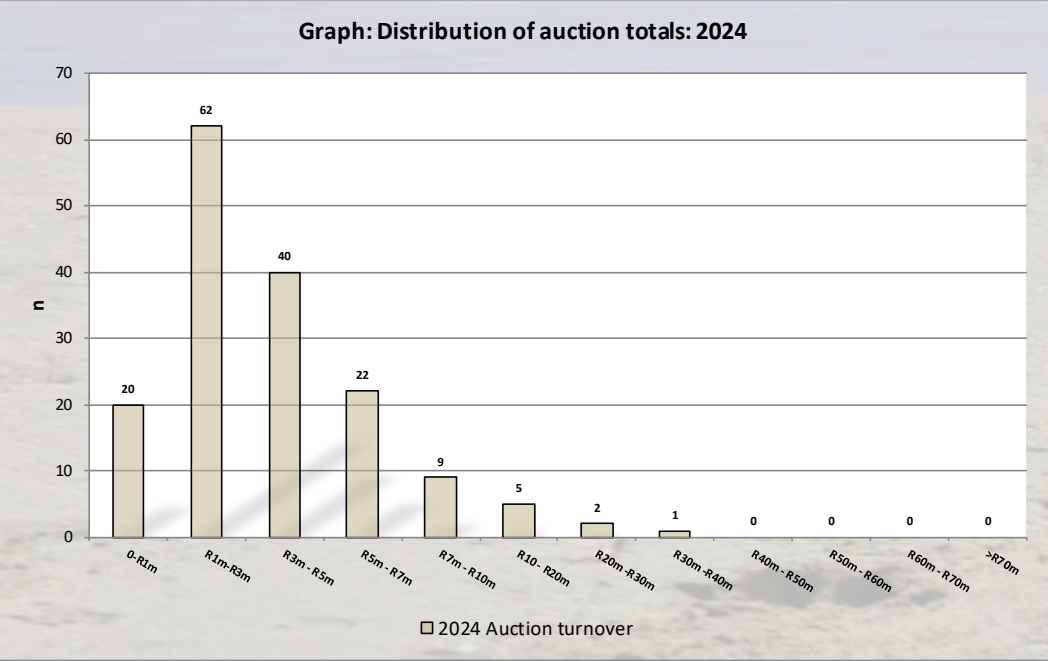
- 46 Auctions up to date (8 less than last year)
- 19 game auctions during April (5 fewer than last year's April)
- Total of 15 325 animals sold
- Gross turnover at present R310,966 million
- Increase in average auction turnovers
- Colour variants 📁 15,6% of total sales (in terms of numbers)

### Observations:

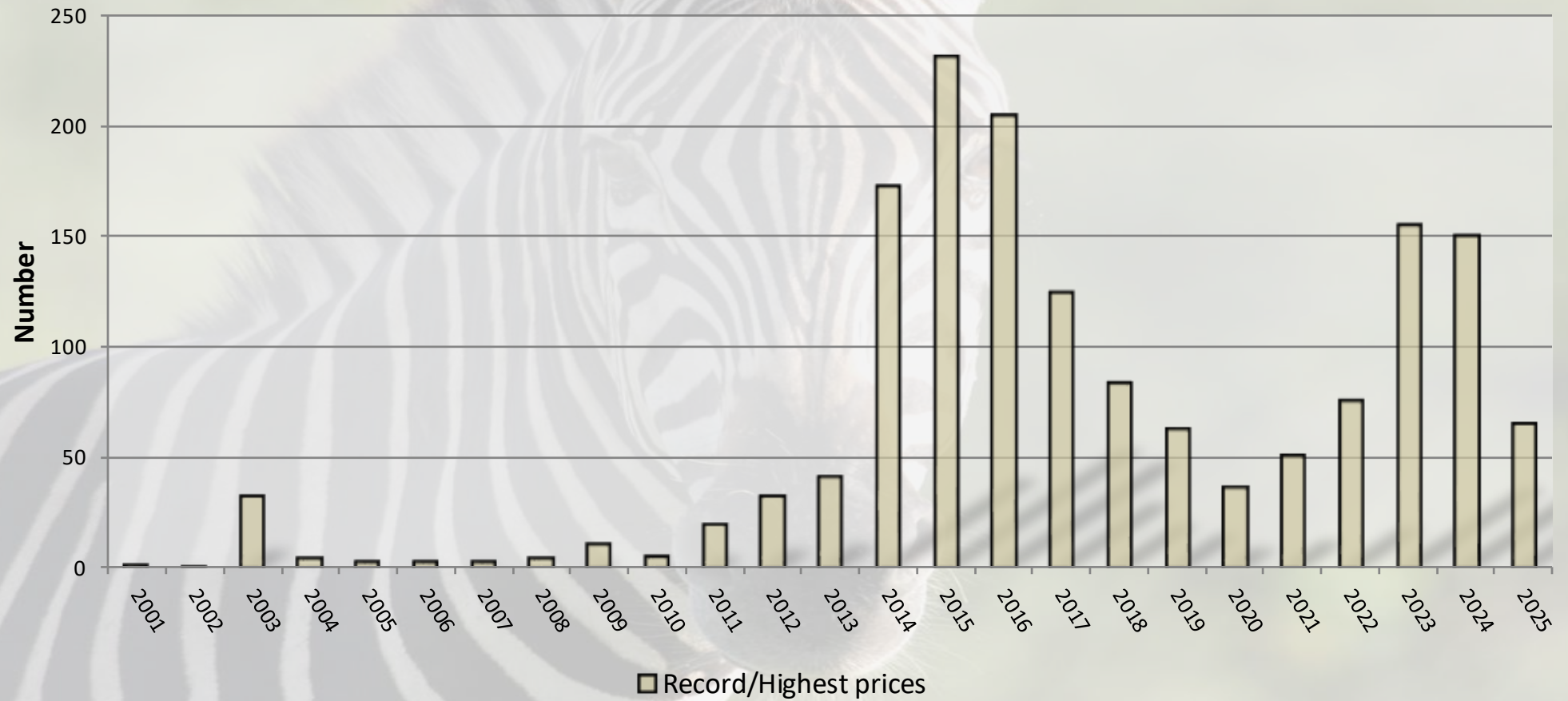
- Colour variants remain popular
- Healthy weighted price increases;
  - Zebra
  - Springbok
  - White Rhino bulls
  - Kudu bulls
  - Nyala bulls
  - Waterbuck bulls

| Data below focusses on actual animal (game) sales and excludes hunting, livestock and other tourism sales |              |              |              |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------|
|                                                                                                           |              |              |              |          |
|                                                                                                           | 2023         | 2024         | 2025         | % Change |
| Number of Auctions                                                                                        | 166          | 161          | 46           | -71,4%   |
| Gross Turnover                                                                                            | R648 314 475 | R623 745 600 | R310 966 215 | -50,1%   |
| Total head of game sold                                                                                   | 54 296       | 50 978       | 15 325       | -69,9%   |
|                                                                                                           |              |              |              |          |
| Average Auction Turnover                                                                                  | R3 905 509   | R3 874 196   | R6 760 135   | 74,5%    |
| Average Auction Turnover: Quarter 1                                                                       | R5 432 184   | R4 214 207   | R8 282 276   |          |
| Average Auction Turnover: Quarter 2                                                                       | R3 344 303   | R3 659 163   | R4 597 092   |          |
| Average Auction Turnover: Quarter 3                                                                       | R4 041 855   | R4 334 866   | -            |          |
| Average Auction Turnover: Quarter 4                                                                       | R1 744 941   | R1 852 768   | -            |          |
|                                                                                                           |              |              |              |          |
| Average Number of game per auction sold                                                                   | 327          | 317          | 320          | 1,2%     |
| Average head of game sold: Quarter 1                                                                      | 354          | 288          | 344          |          |
| Average head of game sold: Quarter 2                                                                      | 350          | 374          | 318          |          |
| Average head of game sold: Quarter 3                                                                      | 302          | 278          | -            |          |
| Average head of game sold: Quarter 4                                                                      | 250          | 255          | -            |          |
| Average percentage of animals sold per auction                                                            | 92,0%        | 90,4%        | 90,3%        |          |
|                                                                                                           |              |              |              |          |
| Average number of lots on offer                                                                           | 86           | 86           | 111          |          |
| Percentage of lots on offer sold                                                                          | 91,1%        | 90,7%        | 90,9%        |          |
|                                                                                                           |              |              |              |          |
| Colour variants sold as % of total                                                                        | 12,0%        | 12,7%        | 15,6%        |          |
|                                                                                                           |              |              |              |          |
| Average price per head sold: Quarter 1                                                                    | R15 337      | R14 650      | R24 097      |          |
| Average price per head sold: Quarter 2                                                                    | R9 552       | R9 779       | R14 449      |          |
| Average price per head sold: Quarter 3                                                                    | R13 364      | R15 569      | -            |          |
| Average price per head sold: Quarter 4                                                                    | R6 970       | R7 258       | -            |          |
|                                                                                                           |              |              |              |          |
| Analysis of <i>Timed</i> vs <i>Live</i> auctions:                                                         | 2023         | 2024         | 2025         |          |
| Share in Gross Turnover per year:                                                                         |              |              |              |          |
| - Timed Auctions (%)                                                                                      | 19,4%        | 19,5%        | 17,1%        |          |
| - Live Auctions (%)                                                                                       | 80,6%        | 80,5%        | 82,9%        |          |
| Rand/animal:                                                                                              |              |              |              |          |
| - Timed Auctions                                                                                          | R27 365      | R24 769      | R26 108      |          |
| - Live Auctions                                                                                           | R15 745      | R17 186      | R30 035      |          |
|                                                                                                           |              |              |              |          |
| Number of animals/auction:                                                                                |              |              |              |          |
| - Timed Auctions                                                                                          | 195          | 195          | 250          |          |
| - Live Auctions                                                                                           | 361          | 357          | 340          |          |

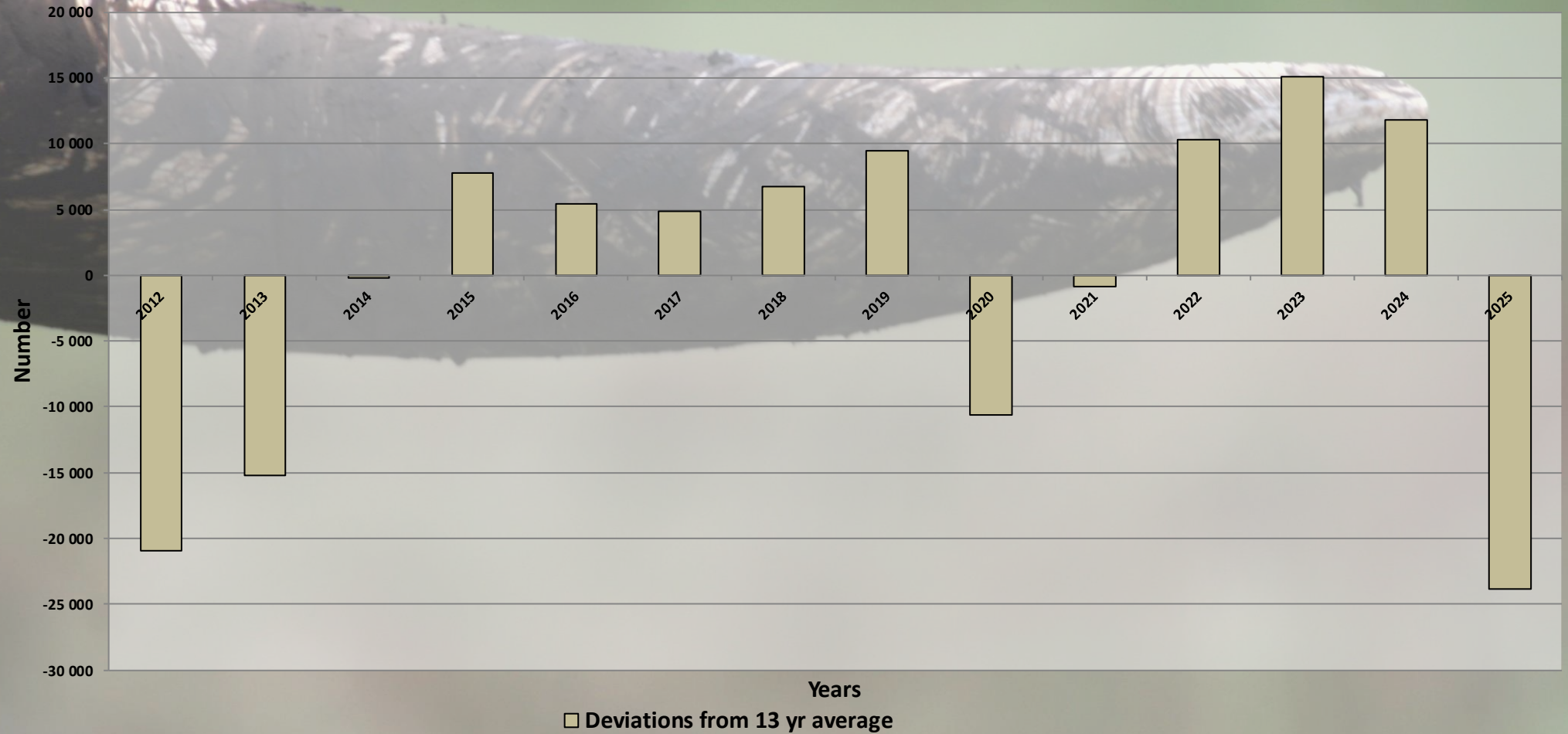




## Highest/Record Prices

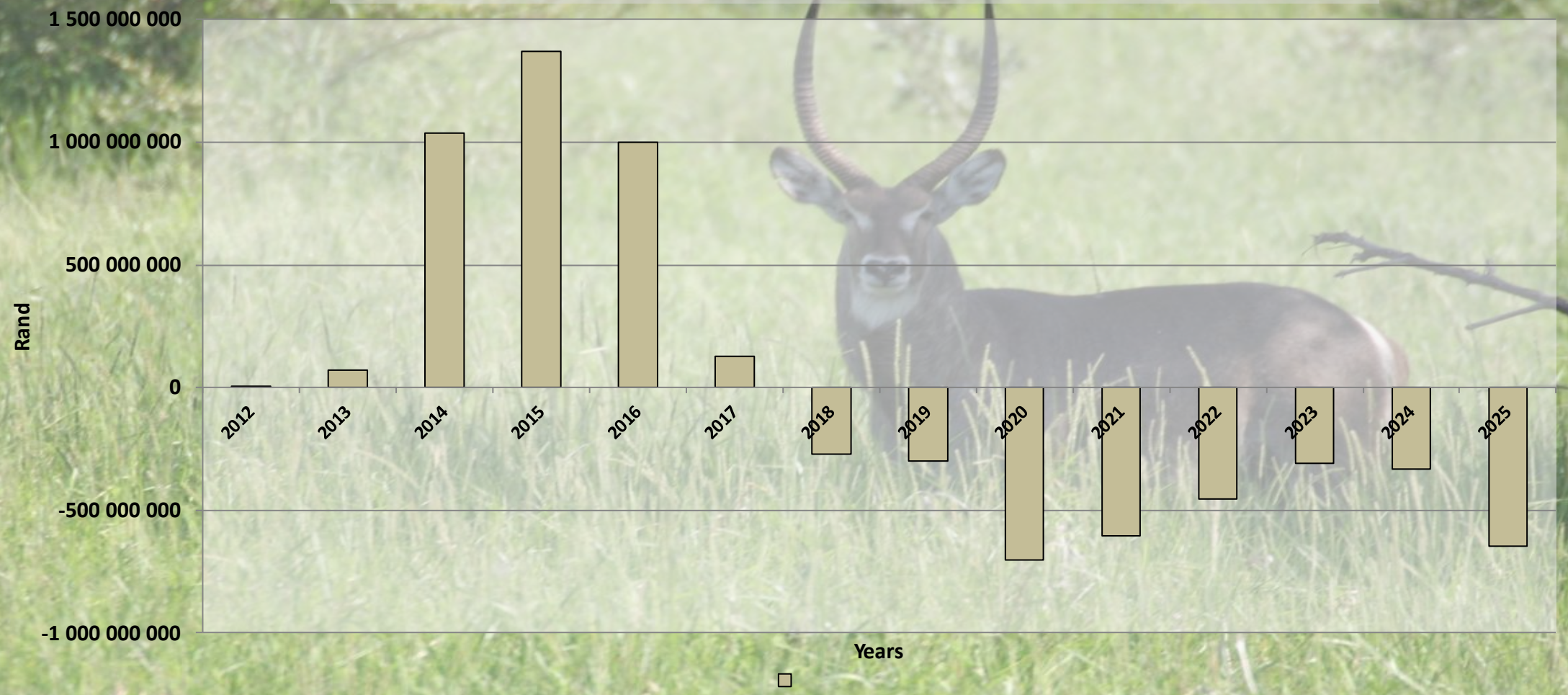


Deviation of annual numbers from last 14 year game numbers on auctions (2012 - 2025)



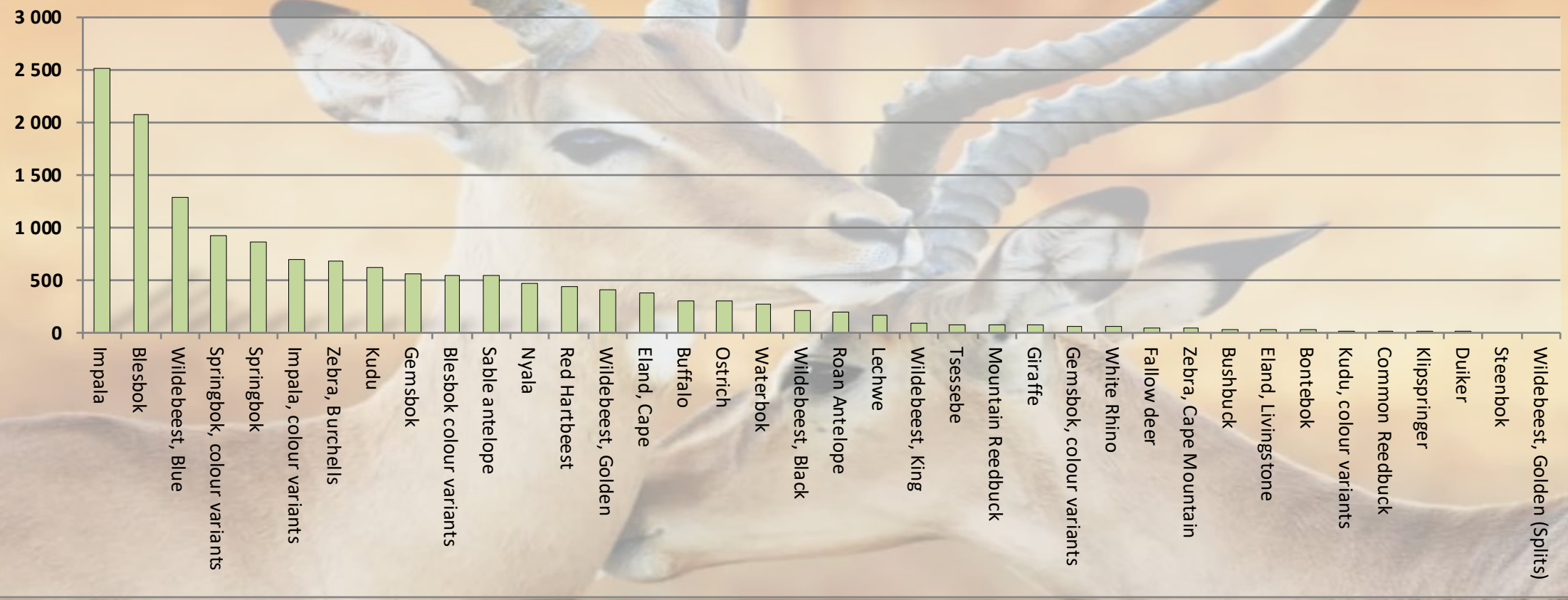


Deviation of annual turnover from 14 year average annual turnover on auctions (2012 - 2025)





Number of animals per species sold during 2025



Percentage price changes of some male animals (2025 vs 2024 data)



Please note that data should be viewed against numbers transacted as in some cases when numbers sold are small, a single high value can skew the percentage deviation of that species



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Thank you

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