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Summary of Game Auction Results: May 2025

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Some interesting facts up to end of May 2025

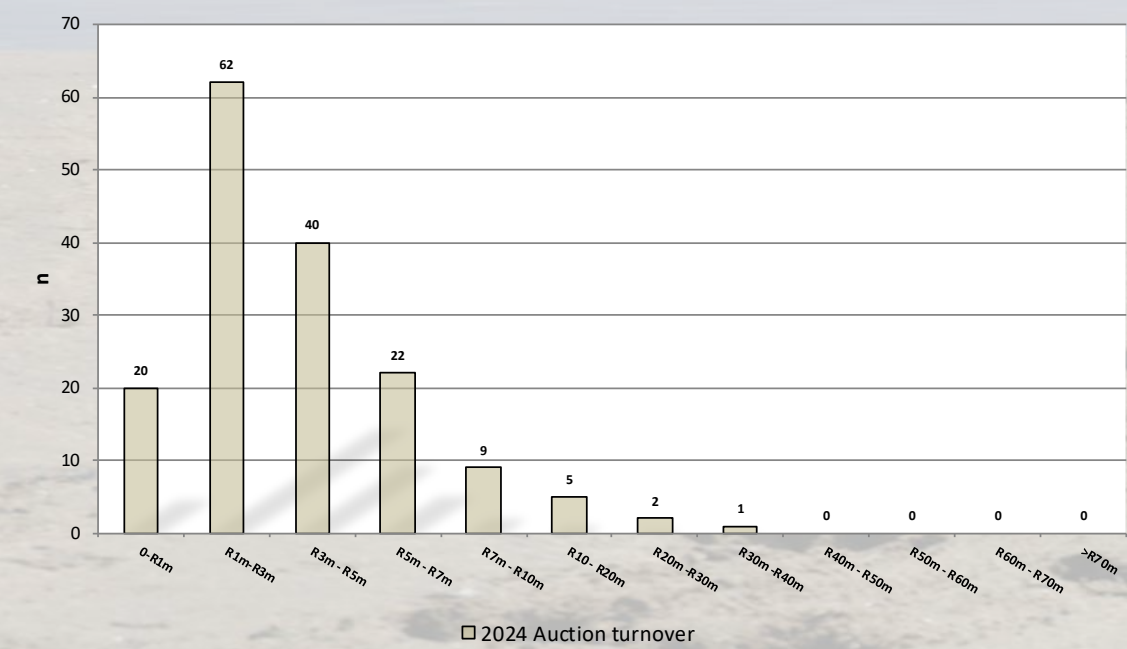
- 68 Auctions up to date (7 less than last year)
- 22 game auctions during May (1 more than last year's May)
- Total of 22 462 animals sold at this stage
- Gross turnover at present R407,050 million
- Positive increase in average auction turnovers
- Colour variants 📁 15,4% of total sales (in terms of numbers)

Observations:

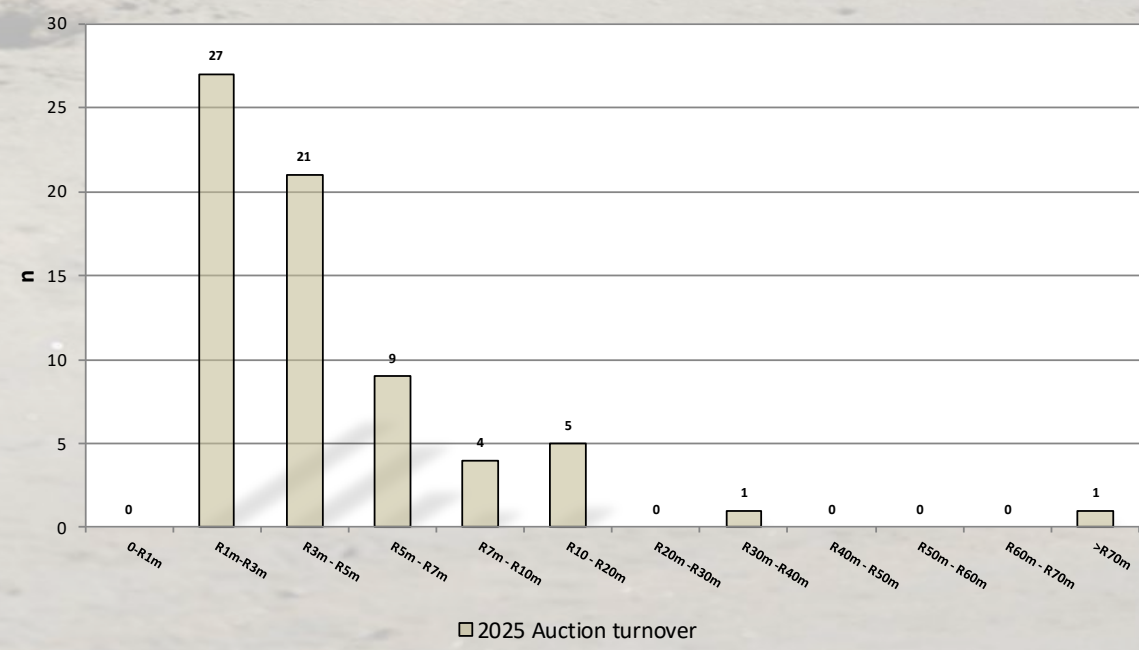
- Colour variants remain popular
- Increase in Mountain Reedbuck sales
- Healthy weighted price increases;
 - Sable bulls
 - Nyala bulls
 - Eland bulls
 - Kudu bulls
 - Impala rams
 - Waterbuck bulls

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	68	-57,8%
Gross Turnover	R648 314 475	R623 745 600	R407 049 758	-34,7%
Total head of game sold	54 296	50 978	22 462	-55,9%
Average Auction Turnover	R3 905 509	R3 874 196	R5 986 026	54,5%
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 473 861	
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	1,1%
Average head of game sold: Quarter 1	354	288	344	
Average head of game sold: Quarter 2	350	374	322	
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%	90,7%	
Average number of lots on offer	86	86	108	
Percentage of lots on offer sold	91,1%	90,7%	90,5%	
Colour variants sold as % of total	12,0%	12,7%	15,4%	
Average price per head sold: Quarter 1	R15 337	R14 650	R24 097	
Average price per head sold: Quarter 2	R9 552	R9 779	R13 915	
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%	20,7%	
- Live Auctions (%)	80,6%	80,5%	79,3%	
Rand/animal:				
- Timed Auctions	R27 365	R24 769	R27 583	
- Live Auctions	R15 745	R17 186	R25 560	
Number of animals/auction:				
- Timed Auctions	195	195	257	
- Live Auctions	361	357	334	

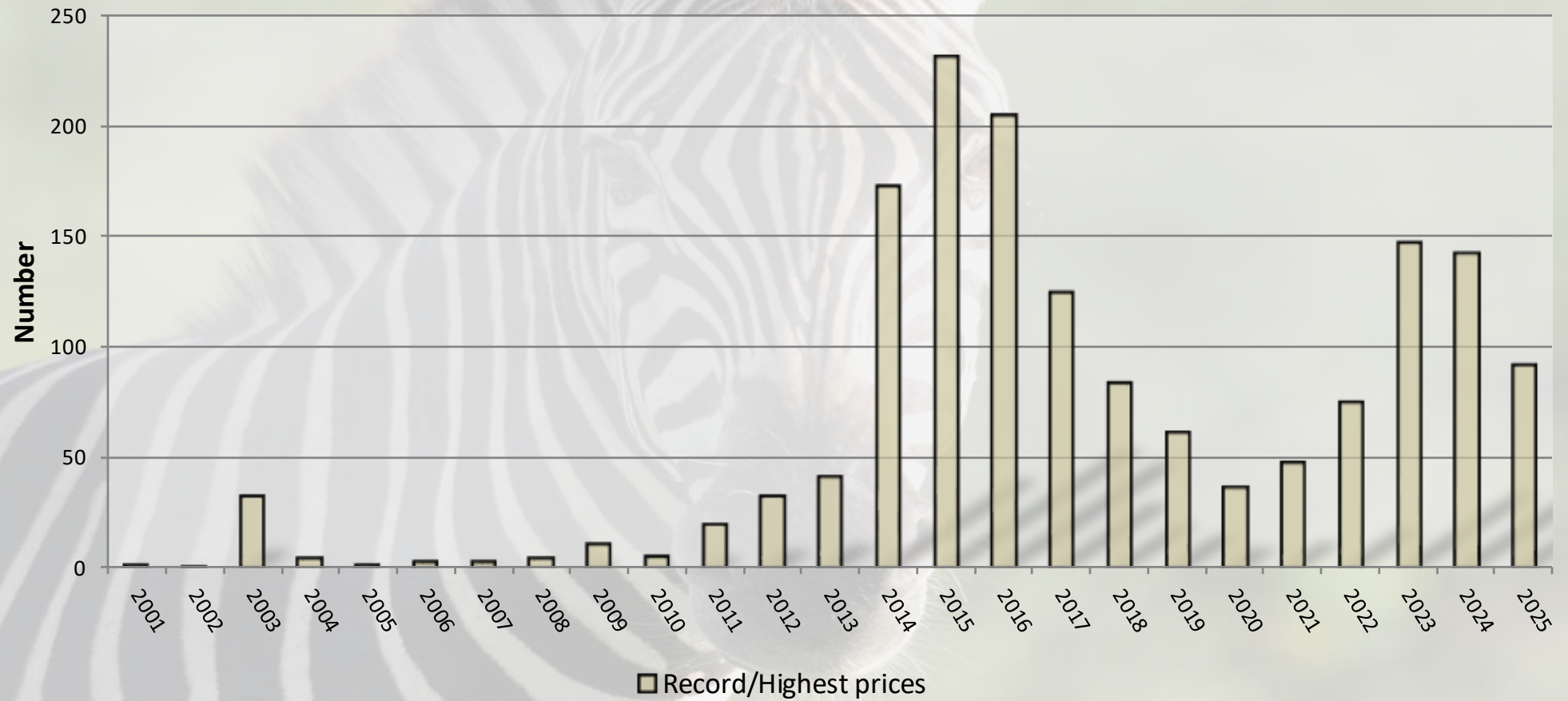
Graph: Distribution of auction totals: 2024



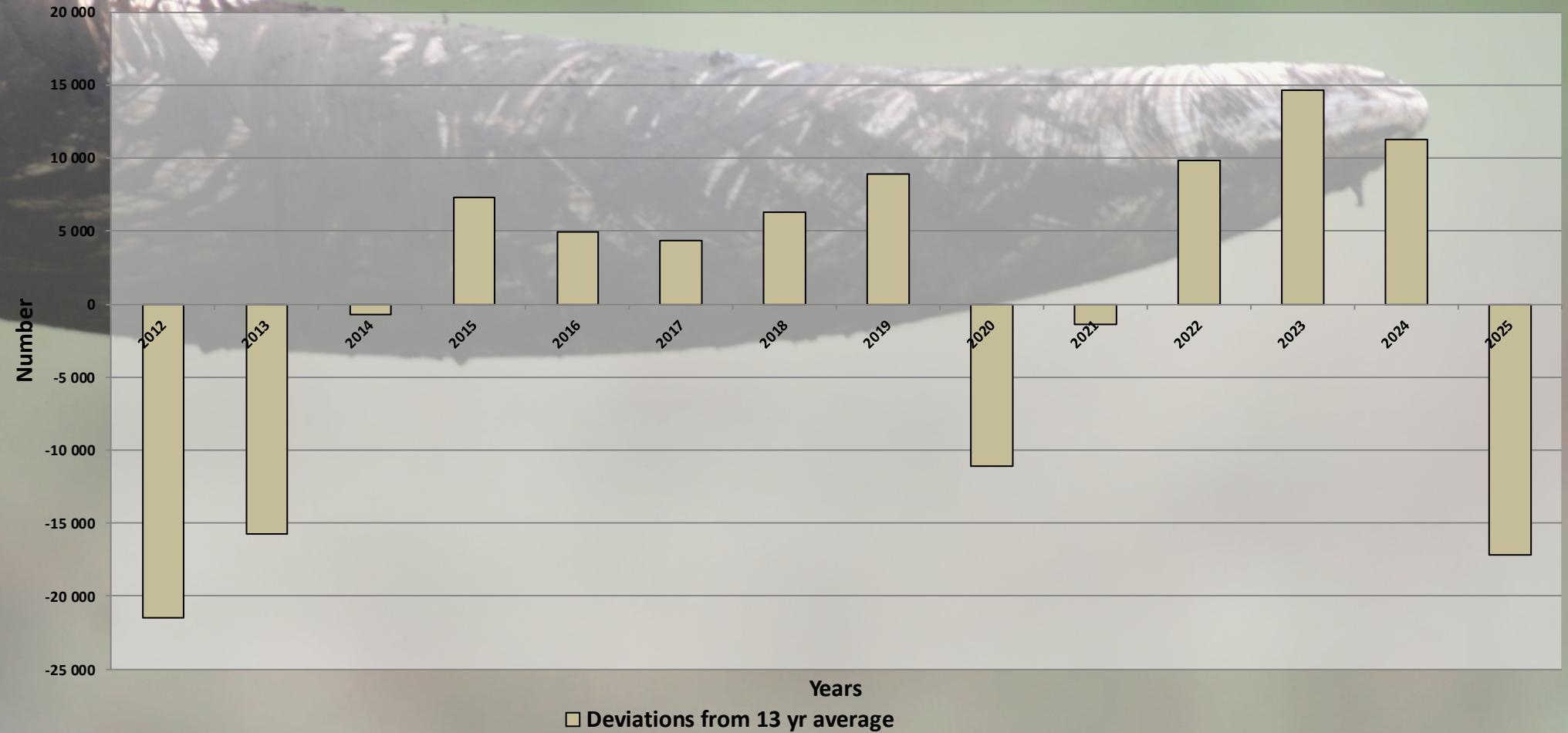
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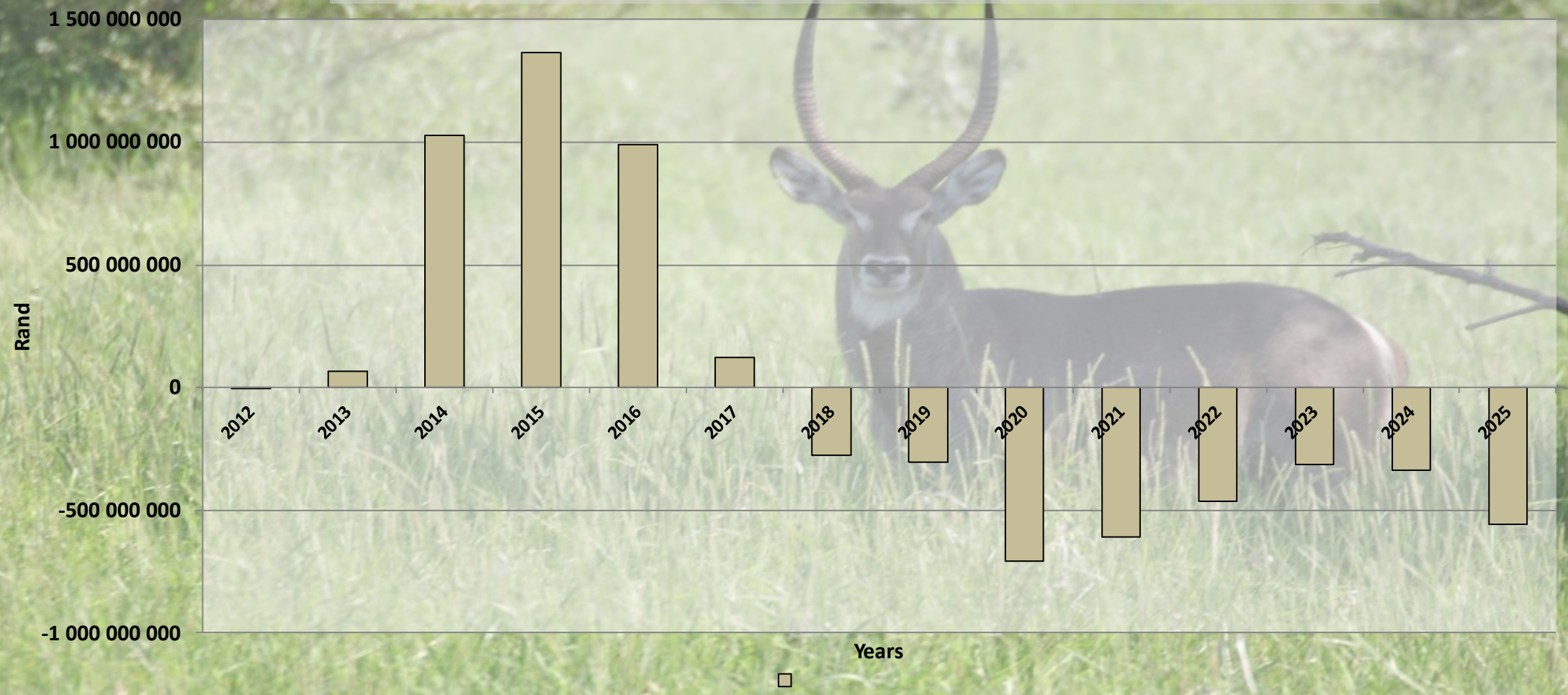
Highest/Record Prices



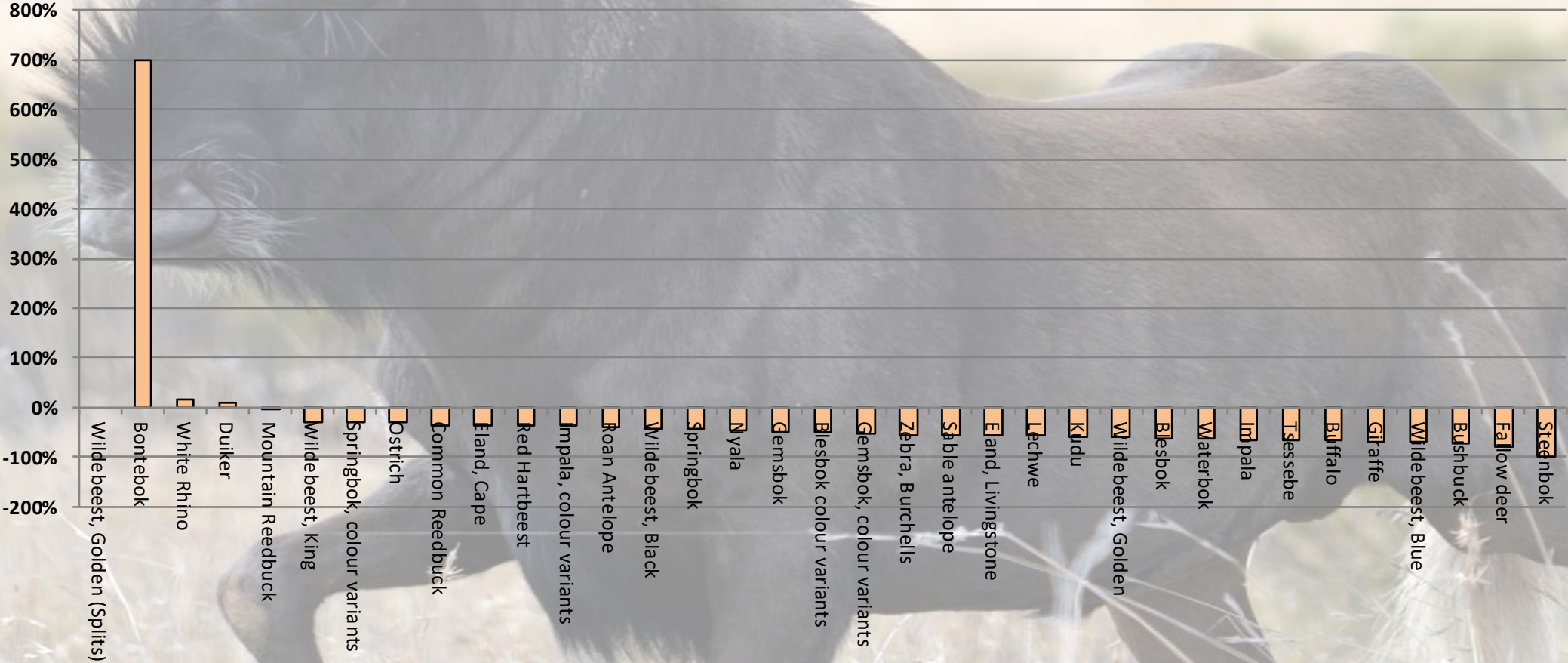
Deviation of annual numbers from last 14 year game numbers on auctions (2012 - 2025)



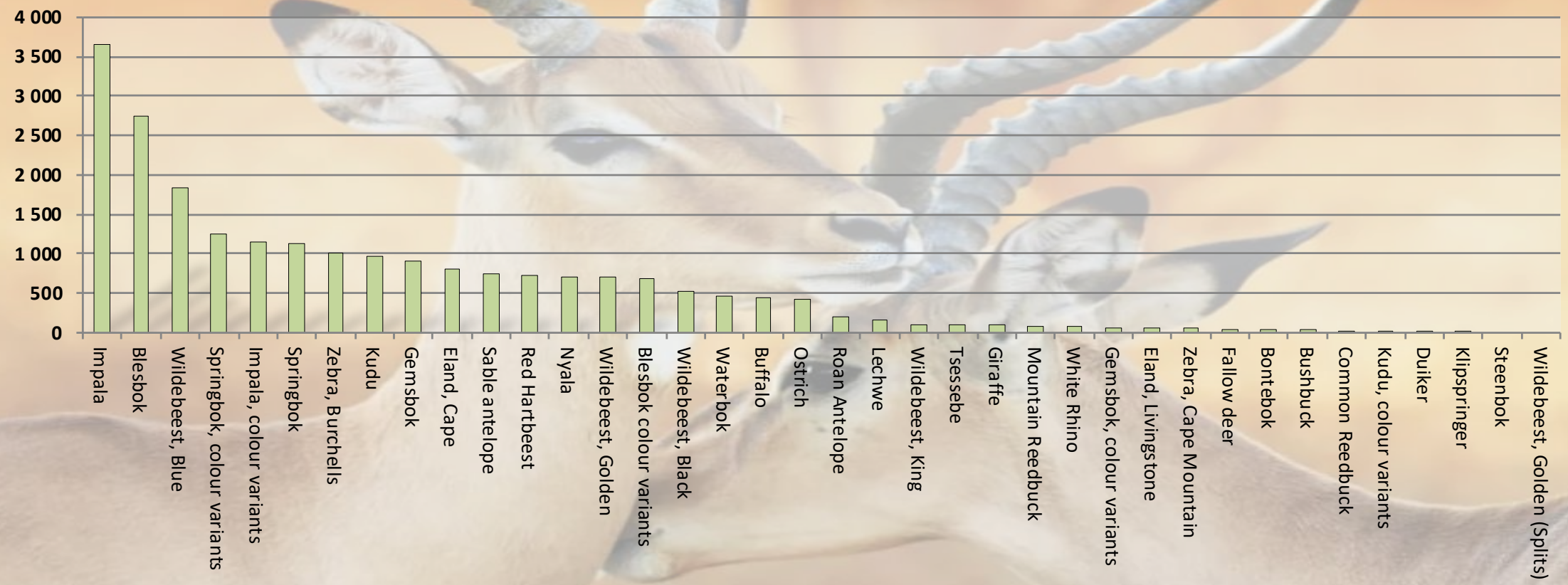
Deviation of annual turnover from 14 year average annual turnover on auctions (2012 - 2025)



Species' percentage sales growth in numbers (2025 vs 2024 data)



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

Thank you

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