



## Discussion points

We have prepared some questions you could use to hold discussions and debates after screenings or presentations, or just to get people thinking about the challenges facing South African Lion populations. Let us have yours! E-mail us at [youth@bloodlions.org](mailto:youth@bloodlions.org).

- 1) Should we be touching and interacting with animals in captivity?
- 2) What educational benefit do people get from touching wild animals?
- 3) What should children be doing to learn about wildlife in South Africa?
- 4) What makes canned lion hunting unethical?
- 5) Think of some examples of something that is legal yet unethical? Can we rely on the law to make ethical decisions?
- 6) Lions are listed as vulnerable in terms of Section 56(1)\* of the National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act of South Africa; discuss this in relation to the growing captive bred populations versus wild populations.
- 7) Do the facilities that offer petting and walking with lions have any conservation value? Debate and discuss.
- 8) Who do you think should be responsible for the welfare of lions?
- 9) How would you go about ending the captive bred lion hunting industry?
- 10) What does the canned lion hunting industry tell us about some of the ways in which human beings are disconnected from our environment?
- 11) Do you think there would still be a canned hunting industry if hunters were not allowed to have proof of their hunt? For example, no photograph or trophy to display?
- 12) What steps would be involved in sustainably managing South Africa's wild Lion populations?

*56 (1) (c) vulnerable species, being any indigenous species facing an extremely high risk of extinction in the wild in the medium-term future, although they are not a critically endangered species or an endangered species.*