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**Bonus Edition** 

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# "Kariuwa"

# Home of the Nyami Nyami





# Open the floodgates of heaven, let it rain ......

Welcome to our November edition which we have dubbed the bonus edition. We hope that this edition will keep you informed and hopefully convince you to choose the Zambezi Basin this festive season. We sincerely trust and hope that this newsletter is keeping you informed about everything that is happening down here.

A lot is always happening here on the Zambezi Valley. Every time I hear the word friendly in the context of sports I'm bound to think of soccer matches, but National Anglers Union in Charara will be hosting a Zone 6 All Species International Friendly Fishing Tournament during the first week of December. The teams will be coming from Zimbabwe , South Africa and Namibia. We wish the visiting teams an enjoyable stay in Zimbabwe an to everyone else , tight lines!

Every year in Kariba courtesy of the Civil Aviation Authority of Zimbabwe, we hold the International Civil Aviation Day celebrations. The celebrations are held at our Kariba Airport. Our host the Airport Manager Mr. S. Maramwidze, will be ready to receive us again on the 6th of December.

Our sincere apologies for skipping this important piece of information. Kariba Municipality has got a new Town Clerk, who filled in the shoes left by Mr. Makunde who is now

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in Chitungwiza. The new boss is Mr. Tembo, we wish him well in his office and we hope that everyone will give him all the support. We also welcome the new Councillors elected after the harmonised elections. On the same note our esteemed Council will be holding their Mayor's Christmas Cheer Fund, this December. If you happen to stay or be in Kariba please support this worthy cause for our orphaned and vulnerable children. They will be holding Fund Raising Dinner, soccer matches and more.

We also understand that the Tony Waite Foundation will be holding a Christmas Party for 60 orphans on the 3rd of December. The kids are rotated as the organisation cannot afford to hold a party for all of them. With your help and support maybe you can make a difference, imagine an orphan waiting for a year or years before its their turn to attend a party, their lives are already disadvantaged.

Last edition we announced the arrival of Umbozha, we are happy when new investments are made into our area. This month we are pleased to announce that one of our most renowned Safari Camps, Musango has had a facelift. There is now more space in the chalets, to make your stay more comfortable. This is coming from a facility that was awarded a Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence and Steve Edwards has been named among the top 10 Safari Guides in Africa. Steve has also helped in the building of a clinic and a school in his area.



While we are still in the area, another equally good facility run by Jenny Nobes is Rhino Safari Camp. They captured the picture above of lions feasting on a crocodile. We always thought that crocodiles were at the top of the food chain with virtually few predators. The list just got bigger lions are on the list, according to Jenny, the lions eat the crocs during their breeding season. Rhino

and Umbozha are doing a special this month ,please see the poster on page 2.

To those that are going to be with us this festive season. We would like to give you a few pointers on itinerary options. First if you haven't secured accommodation, you might need to make a plan now. Please ensure that you deal with licensed operators who have valid and current ZTA licenses. There is still availability in selected lodges, you might want to try a Kariba, Chirundu and Mana Pools combo. You book and put up at Makuti Travel Lodge. First day you drive into Kariba enjoy a visit to the dam wall, visit the mini museum, drive to the Heights, to the crocodile farm, and enjoy our signature sunset cruise. Second day you drive into Chirundu, you have options of fishing at Tiger Safaris, Jecha Point Lodge or Chirundu Safari Lodge, if you are not a fishing fanatic, you can then try a cruise on a river I promise you its different from the lake. You can also visit Nyamuomba for a full day of game viewing, fishing, birding and speed boat cruising on the river. For the third day you set off early in the morning for Mana Pools. I have just discovered that day trips into Mana cut off the whole hassle of accommodation, food and everything. All you need is packed lunch and a good dose of drinks and not forgetting beer. In Mana Pools you have options of game drives, game walks, lion tracking, fishing and lots more. Staying at Makuti or Chirundu cuts of the hassles of getting everything ready for a safari into Mana. But for the daring ones, a Mana safari is among one of the best.

In Kariba besides the activities listed above, you have options of water activities, speed boat flips or rides, island visits, or the ever popular 4 in 1 safari combo. In one day you can have it all, you begin with a game drive, then you have a game walk, then you canoe on the lake and end with a cruise. If you haven't had enough we recommend a bush dinner at Kuburi Wilderness Camp overlooking Antelope Island. You are welcome to try our varied accommodation facilities from Spurwing Island overlooking the Sanyati Gorge where we last saw the Nyami Nyami, or the newly opened Changa or you might want to get hooked on Gache and team up with Ray and Pat Townsend the fishing fanatics. Further down the lake we have Rhino Safari Camp, Musango, Bumi Hills and Tiger Bay Resort.

Please drive safely, drink responsibly, remember that animals have the right of way, do not hoot, do not flash lights, and be patient. Thank you.







## Spurwing Island Special



Spurwing Island nestled near the beautiful and majestic Sanyati Gorge overlooking the Matusadonha National Park. Is one of the places one can only dream of visiting because of its absolute splendor. Spurwing consists of 11 tents with ensuite bathrooms, 6 cabins and 3 chalets.

They are offering a special of \$99 per person per night, if someone books for three nights or more. This special is valid from the 1st of November to 14 December. This rate includes accommodation and all meals, children under 12 years pay half price. The prices do not include transfer fees to and from the island.

They can be contacted on bookings@spurwing.co.zw , you can also check them on their website www.spurwingisland.com , or you can skype them on **spurwing.island** . They are also listed on the Wild Zambezi website.

## **Bay Beauty Shop**



In line with current trends in the hotel sector Caribbea Bay has opened up a beauty shop. The shop which is a mini spar is meant to give convenience to clients frequenting the hotel for beauty services.

The beauty shop offers a wide array of beauty treatments in line with their tag line health, wellness and beauty. Services on offer include manicure and pedi-

cures, facials using Indian Clay or chemicals, with the option of make up, shampooing and blowing for those coming out of Super Tube, full or half body massage. They also have a foot spa so they offer foot massages plus foot scrubbing, they also offer barbing services, hair plaiting for your weaves, braids and they also fit eye lashes. Give them a visit they are located on your way to the Cabanas just adjacent to Super Tube. You can also check their Face book page called Bay Beauty Shop or e-mail them on baybeautyshop@gmail.com , alternatively you can call them on 0774 509 444, or the hotel numbers 061-2453-7, or pay them a visit at Caribbea Bay Hotel.

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## Please support our esteemed partners.....

Some time ago the whole country was in shock when we heard that elephants had been poisoned in Hwange. Everything that ate the elephants and drank from the water holes died, the whole ecosystem was destroyed. The story attracted a lot of media attention and people came with a lot of suggestions on how to curb poaching.

Early this month three elephants were poached just outside Kariba town, for a town like ours which brag about ellies the incident left us speechless. Even Kariba Municipality's vision is for Kariba to become the ultimate tourist destination of choice., to show how much tourism means to us.

We also have a stand off between crocodiles and humans, which started a few years back. So many human casualties and the problem is far from over. Our take is that fish poachers are depleting the fish resources which crocs survive on and they in turn are becoming desperate. The ball remains in our court, our actions back fire on us. So is all the hope lost? Today we want to salute some of our partners for their sterling effort in trying to curb animal poaching and efforts in improving animal welfare.



Kariba Animal Welfare Fund Trustees

KAWFT was formed a couple of years back, its main purpose was to look after the wild animals. They respond to calls for injured animals, darting them if necessary. They have ventured into anti poaching doing snare sweeps every day on land. They have a Memoranum of Understanding with Parks and they reacted when calls were made when elephants were poached recently. KAWFT also helps in the feeding of animals at Antelope Island and mobilizing of feed to other parts of the lake around Bumi Hills area. Recently they donated 30 tents for Parks Rangers for use during the rainy season. They also assisted in putting informative signs in and around especially on Parks areas. We hope that they will continue an increase their anti-poaching on the lake. But a big thank you to Cavan Warren and his team!

#### Gache Anti-Poaching

Gache anti-poaching haven't had it easy but Ray and Pat Townsend's spirit have seen them through it all. Their efforts especially on the lake have made Gache the most prized fishing spot. They are equally good on land too. They have collected loads of twine nets on the lake and snares. Their efforts have led to numerous convictions something which is an achievement for a single facility, please keep it up!

#### Matusadonha Anti Poaching

MAPP is our latest anti-poaching unit and they have come onto the stage with a bang. We don not have much information on their operations, but we were impressed to see nets, dingy boats, and all the

paraphernalia that are used by poachers as a way of trying to educate and sensitise anglers at the tiger tournament and the community at large. At Sanganai we carried their banner and the book from KAWFT. Which is what we need also the awareness. They have done sterling efforts on the lake and have led to arrests of poachers on the lake and at one incident shots were fired to them by poachers. MAPP is the brainchild of Changa Safari Camp, we salute you and thank you for making a difference.

#### Bumi Hills Anti Poaching

Bumi anti-poaching is probably one of the most efficient anti-poaching units we have met. They have a track record and have been around for quite a while, thanks to their efforts, Bumi is an animal haven. I remember that at one time they caught an experienced poacher and baptized him and employed him. Stories trickling to us that this improved their efficiency as they learnt all the tricks to the trade. Nick, Mrs. Collett, and the rest of the team Bumi Hills hats off to you.

#### **National Parks**

Parks have been bestowed with the responsibility of keeping our animals and the plants. I would like to applaud the whole ministry for allowing private players to come and assist and forge partnerships with them, all anti-poaching units have an agreement with Parks. Through their joint efforts poaching is being fought. We would like to thank Mr Chibaya from Charara, Mr Maposa in Marongora, Mr. Mbikiyana in Mana and their teams for spearheading the anti-poaching efforts.

#### Lake Harvest

The fish farmers through their security division have contribute immensely to anti-poaching by going lake patrols and catching fish poachers. We have personally witnessed them many times with poachers at our Police Station. Support them by buying their products.

Kariba CID Border Control Crime Consultative Committee

The committee headed by the Officer in Charge CID Border Control is a coalition of ZPC, Tel One, Kapenta Producers, Lake Harvest, ZTA, Immigrations, ZIMRA. It processes dockets for arrested poachers and also goes for lake patrols an responds to calls made by other organisations.

How can you help?

Most of these units operate on shoe string budgets and fight against all odds to carry patrols, snare sweeps, awareness and incur heavy operational costs. Please support their cause by donating to them, buying their raffle tickets, visiting their facilities and spreading the word. In our next edition we will tell you more of their activities and their contact details. Join us and let us fight poaching.....

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# A new face at ZTA Kariba



In the end of July we said good bye to Samuel Blessing Ziyaiya who finished his attachment. Many will remember the heavily built boy from CUT, thank you Sam for your efforts at ZTA Kariba we will miss you.

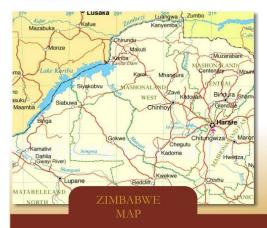
In August we welcomed Chikomborero Stephanie Nheweyembwa from the same university and is studying Travel and Recreation Management. Chiko as we affectionately know her is ever smiling and an outgoing character. She is a good communicator and she adds value to our office. We hope her tenure with us will be happy and memorable.

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# Welcome

Small hotel and fuel station at turn-off to Kariba on main Harare-Chirundu road. Restaurant & pub.



## Makuti Travel Lodge Offers You:

# ACCOMMODATION Hotels

TRANSPORT & TRANSFERS Fuel stations





RESTAURANTS/PUBS & CATERING Restaurants/Pubs





#### Makuti Travel Lodge Operates In:

### KARIBA





Within the tribing with the middle of a wildlife corridor. Be prepared to give way to animals, including elephants, lumbering along the roads in the inhabited sections of the town at any time during the day or at highly

Most people visiting Kariba set off on boats across the lake for several days stopping off at Islands or in the tranquil bays and creeks of the various wildlifie areas on the lake's southern shore (including the Matusadona National Park). Here the abundance of wildlife includes all the Big Five mammals (Matusadona is a black rhino sanctuary) and a staggering variety of other animal life and waterbirds.

#### Chirundu





Chirundu is the border town between Zimbabwe and Zambia, where the wide waters of the Zambezi River are spanned by a road bridge. The town and river are overlooked by a range of hills from which there are spectacular views. Wildlife, including elephants are often seen wandering around in the urban area apparently unconcerned by the presence of people. Chirundu is legendary for elephants drinking from swimming pools.

there are some fishing camps which welcome visitors. Sport fishing for the Zambezl's magnificent Tigerfish is excellent here, and access is easy because of proximity to the international highway.

Mana Pools Information

#### Mana Pools National Park



This magnificent and extensive wildlife and wilderness complex is

The Park has special significance for photographic tourism. It extends for a distance of some 50ms from the Zambezi escarpment mountains, through the flat floor of the Zambezi valley to the river itself, its focal point being the system of alluvial river terraces, up to 5km wide, which flank the Zambezi River along the park's 50 km river frontage. This narrow and fertile strip of land supports mature woodlands of magnificent "Winter-thorn" or "apple-ring" acacia, mahogany, ebony and fig trees. In the dry season, the shady glades beneath these huge trees, are filled with huge concentrations of African wildlife - herds of impala, eland, elephant, zebra, buffalo, waterbuck and kudu - a plentiful supply of prey for the flon, leopard, wild dog, hyaena and other predators and scavengers that inhabit this unique and wonderful



