



Dear All

Whenever I cross the Maramba bridge, I look along the river ... just in case the elephant are around. Again, this week, I found a herd there. We really are so lucky to have them here, but not everyone loves elephants and sometimes we give the wrong perception to villagers by biased journalism. Here is an article from The Times this week:

***Zambia: Jumbos Disrupt Church Service in Mpika***

*ELEPHANTS on Sunday disrupted a church service at St Andrew's Catholic Parish in Mwateshi Village in Mpika District and later destroyed more than four hectares of maize fields.*

*Mpika Central Member of Parliament Mwansa Kapeya has described the situation as serious and directed Zambia Wildlife Authority (ZAWA) to drive away the animals.*

*The elephants attacked the congregants, making them scamper for their safety.*

*The congregants later climbed trees amid shouts for help as the elephants ate and destroyed their maize fields....*

For us in Livingstone we know that elephants do not attack for no reason. They attack only if they are injured, spooked or in musth. These elephants were not attacking the people in Mpika District, they were merely doing what elephants do – eating lots ... and mealies are very attractive!

The only way for reporting like this to be improved is for our journalists to actually learn about their natural heritage. Some months ago, I had an article in the Weekly about Namibian journalists who took an educational tour of the Caprivi, staying at lodges there. We need to do the same for our journalists.

**New Tractors for Livingstone City Council**

Government has given our City Council four new tractors and trailers for rubbish collection. I was told that people can get in touch with the Council to have their rubbish collected. The new tractors will mean that Livingstone can continue its clean-up operation prior to the UNWTO ... and afterwards too we hope ...





## New Fence for Victoria Falls

National Heritage Conservation Commission has erected a new fence around the Victoria Falls. It is so much better than the previous holey chain-link fence topped with razor wire. It was reported to me during the week that hawkers are still getting into the park to try to sell their wares of copper bangles, etc, to tourists. Whereas before they used to crawl through the holey fence, now they must have found some other way of getting in ...



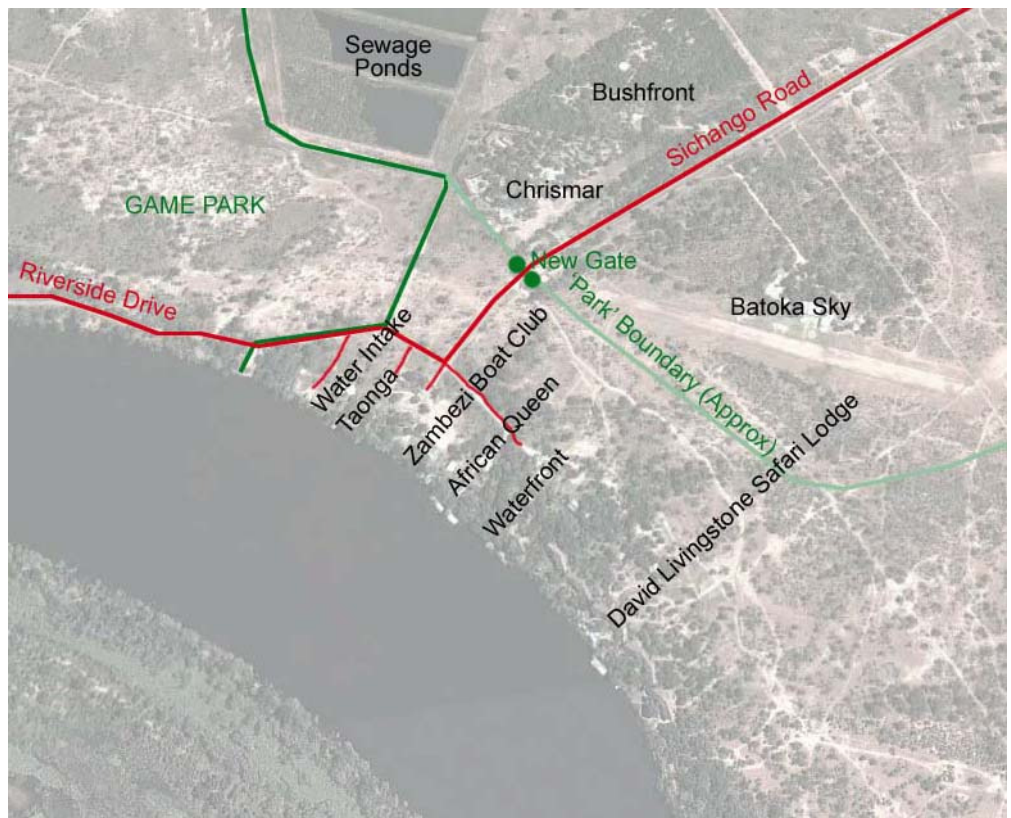
## New ZAWA Gate

The new gate to the 'National Park' is being constructed along the Royal Mile (Sichango Road). It is looking very smart but what does it do?

As I have mentioned before this area of Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park is rather an anomaly in that it belongs to ZAWA and to Council and has always been considered a 'grey area'.

Up until now, no-one seems sure of the implications of the new gate. So, for all those businesses (and homes) within this area, there is uncertainty.

One would have thought that there would have been some stakeholder participation in the erection of the gate. As this never happened, maybe the businesses and homes inside the area should know what is going to happen ...



## Kenya Airways comes to Town

During the week, Kenya Airways held a cocktail party to celebrate their new flights to Livingstone. The party was on the lawns at the Zambezi Sun and was scheduled to start at 6pm. I arrived just before 6 to find that no-one was there. I waited. The speeches finally got underway at 8pm by which time I was cold and fed up. I lasted until the middle of the third speech and took myself off home. I don't understand why we always have to be late for everything ...

Kenya Airways is starting an ambitious plan to become a hub for flights to and within Africa. It is in stiff competition with Ethiopia Airlines. Of course, for us in Zambia our most common access is through Johannesburg.



*Kenya Airways Routes*

Zambia does not have a national airline. It went bust in 1995. Zambia could become a hub of trade, but running an airline is no easy matter. Although we only have one private airline in Zambia – Proflight – we face stiff competition and, of course, Zambia is an expensive place to run any business, so it is unlikely that a new national carrier should be on the cards.



*Ethiopia Airline Routes*

In the meantime we can hope that good prices for flights will be on offer by Kenya Airways. It will certainly make a change from having to get to Europe through South Africa.



*South African Airways Routes*

## Southend Travel

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## Wildlife Society Quizzes

Clare Mateke

This serves to inform you that the Wildlife and Environmental Conservation Society of Zambia, Livingstone Branch, is collaborating with Environment Africa Trust and the Livingstone Museum in organising a series of school environmental quizzes and debates.

You are invited to attend any or all of these events, which are as follows:

- i) Quizzes for 33 schools - 6th & 7th June 2013 – Linda High School – 14:00hrs
- ii) First round of debates (8 schools) - 13th & 14th June 2013 – Linda High School – 14:00hrs
- iii) Debates semi-finals (4 schools) - 21st June 2013 – Linda High School – 14:00hrs
- iv) Debates finals and prize-giving - 28th June 2013 – Linda High School – 14:00hrs

For more information please contact me on 0977 446080 or by email.

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### David Livingstone Statuette

Georgean Lochhead

A limited edition of 15 David Livingstone statuettes have been cast in bronze at Stellenbosch. The statuette is modeled on the statue on the Zim side by Devil's Cataract.

Georgean was born in Chingola, Zambia. She was commissioned to create the statuettes by David Moir who has a home on the Zambezi River, Western Province.

Some of the statuettes will be on sale. If you are interested, contact Georgean and her husband on [alastairlochhead@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alastairlochhead@yahoo.co.uk) or 0027 1462 733271.



## ZAMBIA

### In the news this week

Listening to radio and TV news, it is still the withdrawal of subsidies which keeps in the headlines. But, added to all this is the volatility of Zambia's youth, especially political cadres.

Re maize subsidy I listened to a Zambezi FM radio programme the other week and one of the callers spelt out that the removal of the subsidy only affected urban dwellers. The farmers out in the sticks had their supplies of maize and would grind it as and when they needed it. Therefore the subsidy did not help the rural poor.

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On the fuel subsidies, the TV told us that the reason for the expensive fuel in Zambia is the cost of transport. I found an ERB report which showed the cost of fuel and recommended that government reduced the taxes on it, for the cost to the consumer to reduce:

**Table 6: Cost Elements as a Proportion of the Pump Price**

|                 | COST ELEMENT            | PETROL        | DIESEL        | KEROSENE      |
|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                 |                         | %             | %             | %             |
| WHOLESALE PRICE | FEEDSTOCK CARGO (CIF)   | 38.04         | 48.25         | 59.63         |
|                 | OTHERS                  | 1.06          | 1.34          | 1.66          |
|                 | FINANCE CHARGES         | 1.06          | 1.34          | 1.66          |
|                 | TAZAMA PUMPING FEE      | 2.11          | 2.68          | 3.31          |
|                 | TAZAMA PIPELINE LOSSES  | 0.53          | 0.67          | 0.83          |
|                 | IMPORT DUTY             | 2.11          | 2.68          | 3.31          |
|                 | REFINERY FEE            | 2.64          | 3.35          | 4.14          |
|                 | REFINERY LOSSES         | 5.28          | 6.70          | 8.28          |
| PUMP PRICE      | NDOLA FUEL TERMINAL     | 0.31          | 0.33          | 0.49          |
|                 | EXCISE DUTY + VAT       | 32.82         | 20.49         | -             |
|                 | TRANSPORTERS MARGIN     | 2.41          | 2.79          | 3.14          |
|                 | OMC MARGIN              | 4.87          | 5.25          | 7.70          |
|                 | DEALER / RETAIL MARGIN  | 3.22          | 3.48          | 5.10          |
|                 | ERB FEES                | 0.62          | 0.64          | 0.74          |
|                 | STRATEGIC RESERVES FUND | 2.92          | -             | -             |
|                 | <b>UPP PUMP PRICE</b>   | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> | <b>100.00</b> |

**NOTE:** Others cost line comprises:- Warfage fees, TIPPER fees, Inland Insurance, Collateral Manager, TAZAMA Agency fee, Handling fee.

8.11 As Table 6 illustrates, the cost of feedstock and taxes are the major elements in the total cost of fuel in Zambia.

Finally, on the political violence which is going on in some parts of Zambia, radio commentators said: *It's enough*. For myself, I have never seen such anger about politics from our youth. Is it a sign of the times because our youth are bored, or something else ... ?

## ZIMBABWE

### Lake Kariba Island Wildlife

The Zambezi River is going down now, but Lake Kariba is still rising. When this happens, the low-lying areas on the island shores are covered in water and there is little for the grazing animals to eat. So now the Kariba Welfare Trust kicks into a higher gear and starts to bale up hay; find molasses and transport it to the islands. It is a massive job done by volunteers who care ...

From Kariba Animal Welfare Trust

GRASS TO BALE – Feed for Antelope Island:

The 5 x 5kg bale twine from TANZI arrived as well as all machinery for this and with the help of Natureways, Hornbill lodge this all got underway last week.



We have an added unexpected cost of 300ltrs of diesel over and above the few 100ltrs that is used up and down to the airport and for the bailer and tractor.  
Come on Boat owners and Kariba residents – even if you each donate 5 or 10ltrs for fuel, it will all add up in no time, you also benefit from the game on Antelope Island.

If you are able to help out with fuel costs, please email us on [kawf2011@gmail.com](mailto:kawf2011@gmail.com) and we will send you the account details or if it is cash or liquid fuel we will arrange to collect

#### ESTIMATED FEED NEEDED FOR ANTELOPE ISLAND 15th June to 31 Dec 2013

Hay/Grass 2000 bales

Bran 1 sack per day = 199 sacks

Concentrates = + -100kg per day = 18000 kg

Mollasses = 10ltrs per day = 9 Drums

#### Broadband for Victoria Falls Town

It was reported in the Herald this week that the fibre optic cable will be commissioned in July to Victoria Falls Town.

#### More Planes for Air Zimbabwe

According to Defence Web, Air Zimbabwe now has two A320 Airbus and an Embraer. These planes are operating on the routes Harare-Johannesburg and Harare-Bulawayo-Victoria Falls.

I can see nothing on the internet about the outstanding bills owed by Air Zimbabwe, but can only assume that at least the one in South Africa has been paid.

## BOTSWANA

#### Elephant Tusks found

From Mmegi

FRANCISTOWN: Two men were arraigned before magistrate Mpho Molema on Wednesday after they were allegedly found in possession of elephant tusks weighing 8,8 kilogrammes at Manakanagoree Kgotla in Nata on October 18, 2012.



## Aussie Firefighters in Kasane

<http://www.camdenadvertiser.com.au/>

IT'S not the first time Andrew Macdonald has been deployed as a remote area firefighting specialist. But when the Camden Rural Fire Service volunteer was deployed to a small African town, the term remote took on a whole new meaning.

Mr Macdonald was one of three firefighters sent to Kasane in Botswana to train about 50 staff from the town's department of forestry and department of wildlife and national parks on hazard reduction.

Following Botswana's worst fire season in 2008, the NSW Rural Fire Service set up a project to provide technical assistance as well as firefighting equipment and training.

"It was a magnificent eye-opener and certainly fantastic to further my own skills and experience and extend volunteerism beyond the borders of Camden and the Macarthur area," Mr Macdonald said of his two-week deployment.

"I was able to help people on the other side of the world where they are a long way behind Australia when it comes to bushfire training and resources.

"They use fire beaters that look like mudflaps attached to broom handles to beat out fires.

"They aren't very effective and are very dangerous to use because you have to get up close to the fire.

"A lot of them turn up to a fire wearing rubberised footwear and shorts.

"The three of us left our firefighting trousers, jackets and helmets behind for the locals to use.

"Botswana at the moment is 50 to 100 years behind NSW from a resource point of view.

"We progressively burnt 250 hectares to provide a fire break for the township. They appreciated that."

Mr Macdonald said it took some getting used to seeing herds of elephants passing through parts of the bush they were working in; so too were the snakes — and buffalo, which he said was one of the biggest killers of humans.

"If I'm lucky to be asked again I would definitely go. I realise these people need as much help we can give them."



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## Water from the Zambezi

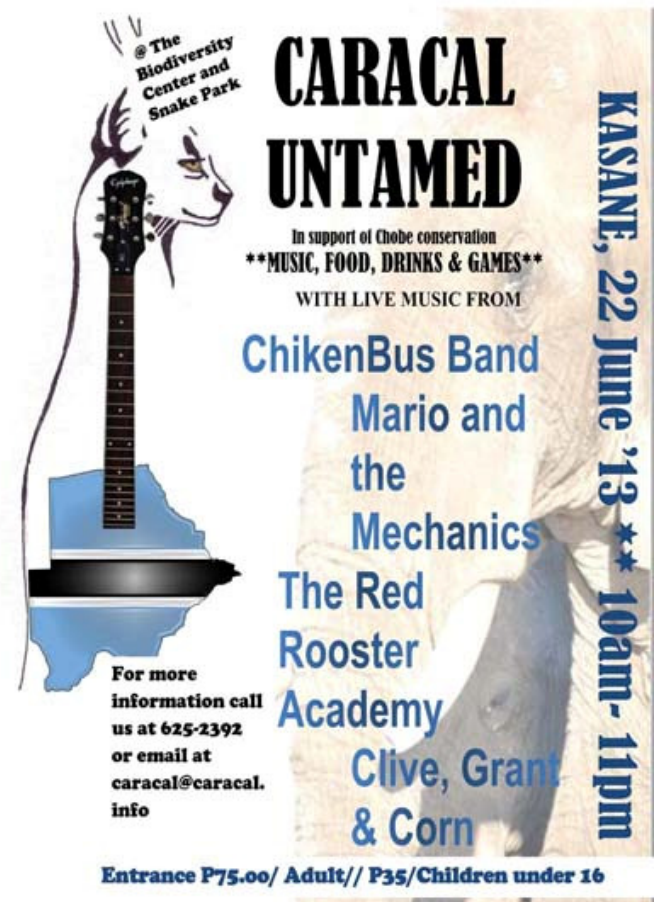
From The Voice

Botswana will by 2026 draw water from the Zambezi River to alleviate water shortage in the country. This announcement was made by the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Minerals, Energy and Water Resources, Boikanyo Paya when addressing the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) on Wednesday. Paya said the project which they are currently negotiating with their Zambian counterparts will entail two phases. The first phase, he said, will have a pipeline to the Pandamatenga farms for Agricultural purposes while the second phase will consists of building a pipeline from the Zambezi River to Francistown by the

government. The pipeline will then proceed to the southern part of the country where there is dire shortage of water. Villages along the pipeline will also benefit from the project, Paya revealed.

Paya's explanation came after member of parliament for Tonota North, Fidelis Molao asked how far the project was from completion. The Permanent Secretary said at the moment the project was at a negotiation stage. "We are in negotiations with our counterparts. These negotiations and other preparations are expected to be completed by 2016 and await its final implementation in 2026. This is a long time project," he said. ...

Gill Comment: *As our populations grow, as do our economies, there will be more and more need for fresh water. The extracting of water from the Zambezi has only just begun. There are two consequences for us in Livingstone. Firstly, we only have a rock face for a couple of months a year instead of gushing water over the Victoria Falls with most of our water being diverted for power generation. The reduction of water will make our attraction of the Victoria Falls diminish for longer. And, then, of course, what will this mean for the Batoka Dam?*



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## NAMIBIA

### Illegal Traders at Katima Mulilo market

It would seem that some of our Zambian traders had taken themselves to Katima Mulilo market to trade. They were quickly removed by police, along with some Angolans.

Inspector Robert Sanjahi: *Yes the operation is taking place, but I have not been updated yet on what really transpired. It is organised by customs and immigration, we were just requested to serve as back-up. The operation is targeting illegal foreign traders who are selling goods at the market. Some goods were also confiscated by customs. So far, about four foreign nationals have been arrested, two Zambians and two Angolans. The Angolans were found to be here legally and were handed over to their consulate.*

### Desert Elephants

By: Scott Ramsay, YearInTheWild.com

For the past few weeks I have been travelling through Kaokoland and Damaraland in north-west Namibia. My first highlight of the trip was spending time in the massive conservancy of Puros, an area of incredible scenery and the desert elephants.

One misty morning my Himba guide Robbin Uatokuja and I found them on the hillside of





one of the mountains. We watched them from afar for a while, then they came walking slowly past us down the huge gravel plain towards the dry Huarosib River. Robbin and I were with the only people for miles around and we watched the ellies for several hours, but it went so quickly. The surreal light, the immense landscape, the sound of elephants walking softly across the gravel plains, the ellies which seemed so happy in such a harsh environment and let us get quite close to them...I'm still not sure if I was dreaming the whole experience!

Definitely something I'll never forget.

For more great photos, see:

<http://blog.africageographic.com/africa-geographic-blog/wildlife/desert-elephants-of-namibia/>

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## WOLFGANG'S COLUMN

### **RHINO NUMBER 13 'ARRIVES' AT ZIWA RHINO SANCTUARY**

Breaking news just in from the Rhino Fund Uganda confirms that another rhino baby was born on the Ziwa Rhino Sanctuary overnight. Nandi, donated some years ago by the Disney Animal Kingdom in Florida to the Rhino Fund Uganda, now had her third baby since she arrived at the sanctuary. The father is once again Taleo, clearly the dominant bull on the conservancy, who originally came from the Solio Rhino Sanctuary in Kenya with the first group of four, purchased by RFU when the sanctuary was officially opened. The pair first had Obama, named after the American president who also has a Kenyan father and an American mother, in June 2009 before Malaika arrived then in June 2011. ...

Naming the rhino will very likely go to the 'highest bidder', either an individual or a company with keen interest in conservation, who will be able to have clearly defined publicity rights, in order to raise much needed funds for the ever escalating cost of caring for the rhinos and in particular protecting them with high tech equipment for surveillance and monitoring. ...

### **KWITA IZINA ANTE PORTAS**

*(Most recent visit to the Sabinyo group of which Umutungo, whom I named last year, is a member)*

All over Rwanda did the large posters go up last weekend, reminding the country that the annual Festival of the Gorillas, aka Kwita Izina, is now just weeks away. This year, in its 9th edition, the annual naming of new born gorilla babies will be held on 22nd June near the headquarters of the Volcanoes National Park at Kinigi, and a series of activities will kick off on the 14th of June already, to lead up to and commemorate the annual event.

The Rwanda Development Board's Tourism and Conservation Department, headed by Mrs. Rica Rwigamba, will be pulling out all stops again to make sure that the country efforts to protect the mountain gorillas, will be publicized all over the world, as the global conservation fraternity, friends of Rwanda and tourists from all over the world flock to Musanze and do animal pilgrimage of the gorilla kind. ...



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## FACEBOOK

I am not a Facebook fan, but thought that it might have some value for the Livingstone Weekly. When I cannot get out and about (like now), I can see what is going on in the lodges around the region. I have been through most of the lodges in the region to click 'like' and hope that their photos will come through. If I am not connected to your facebook page, let me know. I have started one:

<http://www.facebook.com/BeyondTheVictoriaFalls>

So, here is what I have found this week.

### **Kaingu Safari Lodge, Kafue, Zambia**

*It's not every day that we have lions in camp, but this morning was one of those times! Two young males and one beautiful female were at tent 4 and then crossed by the laundry and are currently near the water tanks.*



### **Royal Zambezi, Lower Zambezi National Park, Zambia**

*Crap! My parents found out I am in Love with a Vervet!*  
A winning caption.



### **Elephant Sands, Botswana**

*This is to many more to come this season!!!*





## Technology for Elephants

Capital FM Nairobi

Nairobi — The fight against rhino and elephant poachers in the Tsavo has received a boost in the form of a Sh70 million grant to deploy state-of-the-art camera traps in the vast conservancy.

This was after conservationists from the Zoological Society of London (ZSL) won the grant from Google's Global Impact Awards to install a network of next generation cameras to help stop rhinos being slaughtered by gangs of armed poachers.

The crucial funding will see cameras with automated sensors installed in poaching hotspots within months - saving hundreds of animals over the next two years. As well as instantly transmitting images of park intruders to the rangers, the cameras can detect vehicles from vibrations and triangulate the sound of gunshots, so that park rangers can pinpoint the location of poachers and intervene immediately.

A public surge of support for the project saw huge numbers of people vote online for ZSL to receive this critical funding ahead of nine other finalists.

## SOUTH AFRICA

### Poaching out of control in Kruger National Park



*Game Rangers Association of Africa has called on the South African government to intervene in the fight against poaching in Kruger National Park. The poaching is being perpetrated mostly by Mozambicans who are crossing the border, poaching the wildlife and ducking back home.*

*As you can see from the map, Kruger has a long eastern border with Mozambique. Game Rangers Association is stating the patrolling of the border is too much for Game Scouts and that it has become an issue which has to be addressed at top government level.*

Statement on KNP rhino poaching crisis

By: The Game Rangers' Association of Africa 27/05/2013

The rhino poaching crisis being experienced in the Kruger National Park is increasing in magnitude daily. This situation has escalated to the point whereby as of 23rd May 2013, 1065 rhino have been poached within the park since 2010. The Game Rangers' Association of Africa (GRAA) finds the current situation deplorable.

Map from [www.thesafaricompany.co.za](http://www.thesafaricompany.co.za)



The GRAA acknowledges the role played by the dedicated field personnel who are attempting to keep this situation under control. The sacrifices that these men and women are making in order to ensure the preservation of our natural resources deserve further recognition and appreciation. The debt we owe these dedicated and brave conservationists and their families can never be repaid.

The GRAA calls on President Jacob Zuma and the South African government to fully acknowledge the onslaught that our rangers are facing while they attempt to protect not only South Africa's rhino but its natural heritage in general.

Professionally trained and armed militia from Mozambique enter South Africa to plunder the country's natural resources on a daily basis. These actions are tantamount to acts of war and such actions are putting not only South African citizens at risk but also one of South Africa's economic sectors namely tourism. South Africa's rhino hold significant value within the ecotourism industry. The GRAA does not believe it is the rangers' responsibility to defend the borders of South Africa against these armed incursions which aim to slaughter the country's rhino and whoever dares to stand in their defence.

Game rangers operate in a constrained environment in terms of resources and legal boundaries compared to that of the military. The current poaching situation needs to be moved beyond the responsibility of the Department of Environmental Affairs. The financial pressure being felt through the deflection of duty to the Department of Environmental Affairs and ultimately, conservation, needs to be challenged. We therefore call on the South African government to take a zero tolerance approach to what amounts to total disrespect of the country's borders. We call for an increased South African National Defence Force presence on our borders to maintain their effectiveness in securing the property, economy and citizens of South Africa.

We urge the South African government to address the matter immediately with Mozambique at the highest possible diplomatic levels, with the mandated ministerial departments and to exert severe pressure on the Mozambican government to address the situation. The current disregard by Mozambican citizens of the sovereignty of South Africa's borders cannot be allowed to continue. The situation has escalated from an environmental issue to one of national security. It is time to acknowledge this and act accordingly with the full force of the law.

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## OTHER STUFF

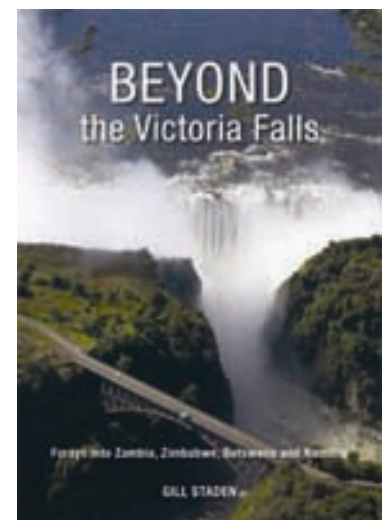
### Working Together

When I started my book, *Beyond the Victoria Falls*, the main idea behind it was that the countries in Southern Africa should work together to promote tourism in the region. Four countries, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Namibia and Botswana, all use the Victoria Falls for marketing their tourism attraction. But we all have other products to market which are very different. Not only do we have markedly different cultures and historical backgrounds we have different environments and wildlife.

Many people thought I was nuts when I started the book and told me so. Now, it seems that the idea is catching on:

Bits from Inter Press Service:

Competing players in the tourism industry in southern Africa are putting aside their rivalry in pursuit of a common goal – a big boost in tourist numbers to the region. ...





Mmatsatsi Marobe, the chief executive officer of the Tourism Business Council of South Africa: *There is also the power that lies in packaging our natural and cultural heritage and offering it to the world – that combination is hard to be rivalled anywhere in the world, adding the warmth and welcoming of the people of Africa.*

Glenn Stutchbury, the president of the Zimbabwe Council for Tourism: *Southern Africa is long-haul travel for most of its visitors. No one really travels that kind of distance for a single destination, so packaging various options is essential – and cross border, given the various options, makes for a more attractive offer to the visitor.*

Robin Brown: *We need to portray an image to the market that the entire region – Zimbabwe, Zambia, Botswana, Namibia, Mozambique and others – is a good, safe and reliable option for 14-day and longer itineraries – with good access options, safe travel options and a world- class product that links together seamlessly across borders.*

*We need to educate one another to the fact that our real opposition is other regions around the world, not our next-door neighbour country. Engagement is required.*

Noel De Villiers, Open Africa: *First of all, regional tourism is burgeoning and ripe to grow more, so neighbouring states have great potential to feed off each other. Secondly, the strongest brand for overseas travel to Africa is Africa itself. It is the birthplace of humankind, there is the mystique of the place, it is the custodian of most of the world's animal and plant species, and it is magnificently diverse and spellbinding. ...*

It would seem that the private sector now wants to work together and realises that it is to everyone's benefit. All we need now is for governments to come on board ...

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## THE SMILE

### From The Post

SOME married women in Siavonga have complained of 'randy' ZAWA officers who have been offering them canned beef for sexual favours.

And Siavonga district commissioner Brave Mweetwa warned the Zambia Wildlife Authority (ZAWA) officers operating in Lower Zambezi National Park, against pursuing married women but instead protect wildlife and manage the human-animal conflict. ...

The women thanked God for giving them legs which they said helped them in running away from the officers whenever they visited them. ...

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Have a good week

Gill

I am now putting adverts in the Weekly. Contact me for prices.