

The wildlife begins to accept their new neighbours!

The moment I sent out the last newsletter, I received an email from Shirley saying three or four new elephants had arrived at Tongole camp. This is fantastic news and even better, along with others, they have been returning frequently.

Latest sightings include Martial Eagle, Bataleur Eagle and a reported Lion kill by the Scouts. In addition, we have seen water buck and very clear evidence of large cats down by Tongole Lodge. Vaughan is confident it was a Caracal which stands approximately 20 inches high and lives up to an impressive 19 years.

The elephants seem a little unsettled at night and this may be due to Lions who naturally stalk the young. We hope to track lion in the coming weeks and we will, of course, take photographs.

Naturally we have had good bird sightings as well as an unidentifiable spider that is under scrutiny and debate. A competition is now under way to give it a name; I think we should call him fluffy!

Since Zane, Vaughan's son, has returned, it has rained everyday but reports from Tongole are that construction progress is good. All the accommodation, the main Lodge and ancillary buildings are still on target for our official opening on 1 September 2010.

We are continuing to help support a number of local schools and Shirley paid a visit to the orphanage we are also supporting. She delivered the donated items sent by friends and family members which were gratefully received.

Finally, Vaughan is creating and training his own anti-poaching team in line with our conservation work in very close partnership with Parks & Wildlife. I would like to thank Leonard Sefu, Director of National Parks & Wildlife and his team for all of their support past, present and future.

That's all for now, make sure you check out the new www.tongole.com website! We will continue to develop it as we move forward.



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