



## TONGOLE WILDERNESS LODGE

The rainy season is here good and proper and has provided us with some great opportunities for adventure like the rapid run we do at our sundowner spot upstream of the lodge. It's true, paddling there against the current is hard work but it makes that sundowner drink so much more worth it!! (Especially if the elephants show themselves as well).



Thanks to the very same rains most of our game drive tracks are inaccessible but that just means more time spent hiking, canoeing and of course the all important CHILLING!! The hike up Kasukusuku is still a feature activity and the views from up there remain breathtaking, especially if there is a storm breaking over the reserve.

Our scouts came across this fresh track on a patrol the other day and have been deliberating over what it may be?

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Work on our new airstrip is coming along nicely considering the amount of down time we have courtesy of the rain. We are employing a local work force from the surrounding community to do all the clearing and preparations of the area under our supervision. We can't commit to a date of completion due to the variables out here but we certainly hope to have it operating during the course of this year!! Many thanks to Nyasa Air and the Department of National Parks and Wildlife for assisting us in locating and assessing the potential sites.



We have also recently received word that the funding for the wildlife re-introduction programme into the reserve is becoming available to the relevant government departments in the near future. This means that we will soon be knocking on your doors looking for funding to assist us in this great venture in which we as a company with our Tongole Foundation are hoping to create a sustainable wildlife sanctuary within the reserve in which we can safely breed the re-introduced wildlife and release the excess animals back into the wild. The facility would obviously then be available to you, our guests, to walk or possibly even drive in and learn more about the conservation and relocation of wildlife in African reserves and be able to come into close proximity with the wildlife. The idea of having herds of indigenous game once again roaming the Dambo's in our woodlands and being given the opportunity to repopulate the reserve is so inspiring that I can barely contain myself and am waiting for the project to begin with unbridled enthusiasm!!



We have been using the quiet months of the rainy season to make improvements around the lodge and focus a lot of training on the staff as well as revamping our menu to make sure that your stay with us is extra special. We hope to be sharing in creating some special memories with you all in the very near future!



Kind regards

Zane Volker

If you are interested you can find out more and follow progress by visiting [www.tongole.com](http://www.tongole.com)

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