

Sorry for the wait, but as you can see, it has definitely been worth it! I have recently returned from Malawi and can now update you with the enthralling goings on at Tongole after the rains!



On my last visit I decided to throw a well deserved party for the entire construction team and all of our other workers. Malawian's really know how to party, especially when large amounts of food and Kuche Kuche are involved! We had a great night with laughter, speeches and of course the good luck cultural dances. The boys threw themselves into it which truly impressed Zane, a life long Bushman, who has worked in many an African Country. *"It's the best I've ever seen"* he announced. I don't think it was the beer talking!



Over the last two or three months we have been through some ups and downs, but one thing's for sure, it's the downs that make us more determined to succeed. We are now full steam ahead to finish the main construction by September and the Tongole work crew are extremely keen to crack on with the first phase. Long term readers of The Tongole News will be well aware we are still in phase one.



I am delighted to report, that our container has left the UK stacked full of items to make your stay something special when you come and visit.



The Department of Parks and Wildlife is busy building new scout camps and an impressive gate entry into Nkhotakota Wildlife Reserve. Great plans are afoot, with the help of Global funding, to achieve our goal to restock and preserve the wildlife in this very special reserve.

We are currently sourcing our safari and transfer vehicles in readiness for the opening. This, I can tell you, has been a great point of discussion with some wanting Toyota and others wanting Land Rovers. Therefore I have decided, along with friend Andy who is also one of the shareholders, to buy two Land Rovers and a couple of Toyota/Mitsubishi type vehicles. This should enable us to work out which will be our best work horses. The vehicles will be used by Matt, Vaughan and our resident mechanic, Blessings, who now has a job for life fixing and maintaining our growing fleet.



Wildlife is relatively scarce at this time of the year, but during my stay at the lake I was lucky enough, as you can see, to literally stumble across a three metre long young crock basking in the sun. Apparently there are two crocodiles living in this part of the lake and we have been given the authority to capture and release them into The Bua River. They will be safe from human predators there and we are very excited about our first rescue. Look out for the rescue photos in the next Tongole news.

Our friendly Vervet Monkeys with their young have been seen regularly as well as a Fish Eagle in flight, but the highlight was a pregnant Civet who, as you can see, was most accommodating one evening. She stayed around for over an hour and I understand she now brings her mate with her who is also looking for any food to scavenge.

Other sightings have been reported but without photographic evidence I cannot confirm them. We will report back as the dry season takes hold.

Well that's all for now, so stand by for next months news which is sure to be packed full of new sightings and amazing encounters!

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line underneath the name.

David Cole

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