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Herewith the latest sightings report from Kwando: April 2008

Lagoon

- The past month there have been a relatively few sightings of the Lagoon pride. There has been a number of sightings of the two dominant males within the area as well as the single male who seems to be a bit lean at the moment.
- Leopard sightings have been a little unpredictable the last month, although there were a number of sightings including one hunting a Guinea fowl at zebra pan.
- The coalition of the three Cheetah brothers has been doing a large amount of hunting the past few weeks along the Mokutsumo and Mosheshse road. They have managed to take down an Impala and a Tsesebe. A single cub was reported with her mother on one of the afternoon game drives on an Impala kill.
- The Lagoon pack of Wild Dog have been on the move the past month and creating havoc with the Selinda pack. Guests were stunned to see a full-on fight between the two packs resulting in serious injuries inflicted on one of the dominant females of the Selinda pack. The lagoon pack has splitting up on some occasions bringing the pack down to nine and the hunting has been successful on a numerous species but mostly the Impala have been on the menu. One set of guests were lucky enough to see the Dogs take down an Impala right in front of the vehicle, and only five minutes from camp.
- Thundering herds of eighty elephants plus have been reported by the guides in the area and large herds of bachelor herds mounting into the twenties.

- Buffalo herds have picked up dramatically the past few weeks and the guides have been reporting hers up to the five hundred plus on the plains to the west of Zebra pan.
- Night drives have been a highlight in the Lagoon area with guests spotting a Hyena carrying one of her cubs in her mouth. This is often the case if other large predators such as Lion have interrupted a den. They have also been known to move the den if there has been an infestation of parasites.
- Giant eagle owls have been seen on a number of occasions throughout the concession at dusk, and have been known to be highly territorial and seen on very rare occasions fighting on the ground.

Kwara and Little Kwara

- There have been numerous sightings of the seven male lions in and around the camp feeding mostly on Giraffe, other males have also been sighted in the area and both seem to have a few wounds on them we suspect that the two groups been in fighting. The three female lionesses from the pride of the one eyed female have gathered around the airstrip the past few weeks.
- A female Cheetah has been spotted out on the Kwara flood plains with three cubs. Had a sighting of a female Cheetah on the Xugana road she seemed very relaxed and not fussed about the game drive vehicles.
- The resident female Leopard has been spotted regularly and one group of guests were lucky enough to spot three different males on one evening drive.
- The general game has been excellent as has the birding with the rise of the floods this year, Water buck have been sighted out towards Hippo pools and Hippo seem to be plentiful in front of the camp, Mokoro trips and the boating have been for great birding. Painted reed frogs seem to end up in the boats and Mokoros, a great photo opportunity for the guests.

- Small predators have been the highlight of the area with the rise in floods. With the water pushing into the flood plains thousands of rodents, reptiles and insects are fleeing to the islands. This presents a huge opportunity for Black footed cats, Serval and Dwarf mongoose to prey all of which are being spotted regularly.
- A pangolin was spotted out at honeymoon pan one evening.

Thanking you

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