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Herewith the latest sightings report from Kwando: May 2008

Lagoon

- Lagoon had great luck after tracking two male lions for 40 minutes towards old hippo pools, they found the two male lions feeding on a buffalo which they had killed that night, these two male lions are part of the collision of four males which are regularly seen in the concession.
- Two lions were seen close to the Lion den, a male and female in courtship.
- Three young male cheetahs were located near sable road, they could be the new coalition of cheetah.
- The three brother cheetahs have been seen hunting Zebra and blue wildebeest generally on the morning game drives.
- The female cheetah with the tiny cub was seen close to Diolo road.
- The lagoon pack of wild dogs have been seen throughout the area on impala kills and a kudu kill near the Kwando airstrip. Pack size does not seem to be constant and Mmuso says that the alpha female is heavily pregnant.

Lebala

- Huge breeding herds of elephant have been seen along the various floodplains and woodlands. Bachelor herds have been causing a stir amongst the breeding herds and single bulls have been reported to be in musth.
- Herds of buffalo have been through the area which shows that the rain pans have been drying up over the past two

months since the rain has ceased. Fighting amongst the bulls has been a common sight .

- Lebala saw two Secretary birds towards Johns pan, lots of ground Hornbills and Kori bustards have been reported by the guides.
- Night drives have been fantastic, Chameleons have been spotted on most night drives with the Spotted Hyenas on patrol through the area and the side striped Jackal following closely behind.
- Honey badgers and Porcupine are seen on most safaris this past month both in their groups of four.

Kwara and Little Kwara

- The coalition of seven male lions have split up the past month with the two still full of wounds but seem to be getting better day by day. The other five lucked out right in front of Hobbs with a Giraffe kill. The clients saw the kill happen out towards Splash, after the hunt the five sat down to feast on the young Giraffe.
- The female Cheetah has not been located this month by the guides in Kwara. There has also been a band of three cheetah in the area. Hobbs and the guests found them stalking on the flood plains, the hunt ended up with great success where the three managed to bring two Impala down on the same hunt.
- The large pack of Wild dogs have not been seen the past month but a single male has been seen often by the guides. A pack of four were reported and said that they could be a break away from the big pack of Dogs
- Watteld Cranes, Saddle Bill storks, Cattle egrets and a large variety of water birds have been in the areas with the new flood water.
- The general game reported by the guys has been described as excellent. Waterbuck, Steenbuck and Reedbuck and a

very large herd of Buffalo have moved through the area towards the east.

- Honey Badgers also seem to be a favourite this month in Kwara. Reports of single Badgers have been seen in the area. No sign of Snakes this month from Kwara as we are heading towards a chilled winter.

Thanking you

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