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Newsletter

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Greetings from CLZ

The months have flown by and again the CLZ news update is long overdue. As Adrian and I arrive back at the Base Camp after five weeks leave in the European winter, we struggle to acclimatize to the heat and humidity. But the bush is bright, the butterflies abound and the Quelea birds race like a thousand ribbons on the wind. It's good to be back.



Take a look to read about what's been happening with CLZ...

ANTIPOACHING UPDATE

CLZ welcomed Mr. Issac Kashitu, as the new Area Warden for the Lower Zambezi in September last year. Focused and determined and with his newly appointed Ranger of Operations, the efforts of Mr. Kashitu and his team are already making a difference.

ZAWA Maintains Presence of Four Park Patrol Teams

During December and January and despite heavy rains, ZAWA managed a presence of four teams in the NP at most times. Sierra 3 (Chops) and Sierra 4 (Dick) were flat out deploying the scouts and responding to gunshots. Lion 1 and Tornado 1 both had successes with confiscations of weapons, dried meat, and poachers camping equipment.

CLZ commits to supporting two Chirundu based teams per month with patrol deployments, communications, field logistics, and patrol rations.

Unfortunately two elephants in the Park have already been lost to poaching activities this year but with the increased presence of ZAWA patrols and improved strategy, it is hoped poaching levels in 2007 will decrease.

Ndeke News

Bluebird the CLZ plane is back in the air. The plane offers strategic support to patrol teams on the ground and will once again prove to be invaluable. Three aerial patrols have been carried out by volunteer pilot Trevor Long and ZAWA. CLZ would like to thank the Pranja Foundation and Star Avia for their support in getting Bluebird up and running again.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME

At the end of last year CLZ bid a sad farewell to Ernest Chingaipe who spent two years developing and running the EEP, we thank him for his hard work and dedication and wish him luck in his next endeavor.

The EEP achieves great things

During 2006. CLZ's Environmental Education Programme received formal recognition from the Ministry of Education. The Mobile

Outreach activities reached over 5,000 pupils, teachers, community members. Three day field trips into the EE Centre were conducted for more than 150 people. To date the EEP has 40 contact schools between Chiawa and Rufunsa GMAs and Chongwe and Luangwa open areas. CLZ has worked with teachers to successfully set up conservation awareness clubs in all of the forty schools. The EEP has placed great focus on the development and completion of a Localised Curriculum and Teaching Resource which was approved by the Curriculum Development Centre during 2006. The posters and magazines with four key messages have been well received and have proved to be an invaluable tool for the EEP.

The EEP's important messages:

- ◆ Water Pollution & Sanitation
- ◆ Anti-Poaching
- ◆ Deforestation
- ◆ Fire Management

The EEP will commence again in April this year, where we hope even more children and adults will be sensitised along with a focus on trying to further train teachers and conservation club leaders.

Can you help raise USD7000 for the repair?



Urgent help is needed to repair CLZ's truck

The truck is vital to the Environmental Education Programme carried out by CLZ. Because of the bad state of the roads in Lower Zambezi CLZ relies on this truck to bring rural children into the Education and Training Centre for Environmental Education Awareness Training. The truck also services the base camp with much needed supplies of food and fuel for Anti-poaching activities.



The truck needs a new cylinder head and a full engine overhaul and the total cost of repair is USD17, 000! The Royal Danish Embassy have kindly pledged USD10, 000 we only need a further USD7, 000 to get it back on the road.

HUMAN ANIMAL CONFLICTS WORKSHOP



After requests from the Chiawa Community CLZ facilitated and held a meeting at the Base Camp in November to determine, document and map human animal conflicts in the LZ. Community members present were from as far a field as Lusitu and Gwembe. From information collected it was evident that Elephants pose the biggest threat to rural livelihoods. With DANIDA funding in 2007 CLZ will carry out conflict mitigation activities such as chilli fencing projects with willing farmers in the Chiawa GMA



DANIDA FUNDING CONTINUES IN 2007

In addition to the EEP DANIDA have approved funding for CLZ to embark on some new activities in 2007. The long awaited Safari Guide Training Programme will finally commence in the first half of the year and applications for the nine Safari Guide Scholarships are already being received. CLZ welcomes newly appointed Greg Poole as the Trainer and Programme Manger. Human Animal Conflict mitigation projects will also be taking place as mentioned. In an attempt provide greater protection for the Eastern Chiawa GMA, DANIDA have approved funding for the training of 10 village scouts as well as some support for patrol deployments. The village scouts will focus on the Eastern GMA with anti poaching patrols and snare sweeps as well as being involved in the Human Animal Conflict mitigation work. To implement an effective Village Scout Programme, based on the model used by SLCS in South Luangwa, CLZ needs to find further funding for scout salaries and rations. Support from the LZ Tour Operators will be vital to the success of this programme.

CLZ OPERATIONS MAN- AGER PASSES WITH FLYING COLOURS

In February CLZ sent Adrian on the Wildlife Capture course in Zimbabwe. The course involved a series of grueling lectures covering aspects of physiology; cardiology, narcotics, darting systems and animal capture methods to name a few.



Four student teams were tasked with darting a variety of animals including elephant, leopard, rhino, lion, and giraffe to fit tracking devices for research purposes. Adrian looks forward to putting the training to good use by assisting ZAWA with snare removal from affected animals in the Lower Zambezi.

BASE CAMP VISITS

Anna and Adrian hosted HRH Chieftainess Chiyaba at the Base Camp in November. It was an en-

joyable evening and it is hoped she will visit again soon.

South Luangwa Conservation Society Project Coordinator, Rachel visited CLZ to share ideas.

A DANIDA review team from Copenhagen visited to assess their support to CLZ and make recommendations regarding future funding of CLZ's activities.

CLZ IN THE NATIONAL MEDIA

At the end of 2006 CLZ received media coverage both on TV and in the Press. ZNTB wrote a feature for the Daily Mail which was published in November discussing the benefits of Environmental Education in the tourism area of Lower Zambezi. Also the ZNBC televised the July visit of Minister of Tourism, Environment and Natural Resources to CLZ's Base Camp, Education and Training in Chiawa GMA.

LOWER ZAMBEZI SAFARI GUIDES EXAMS

The annual Lower Zambezi Safari Guides exams are expected to be carried during the two weeks after Easter, final dates to be released soon. We wish 2007 candidates all the best in their exams.

Good Luck!**CLZ AGM OCT 2006**

CLZ held its AGM on Oct 4th last year at The Holiday Inn. Elected Board members were Timothy Mushibwe, Chairman, Grant Cummings, V. Chair, Alan Harkness, Treasurer, Dave Kys, Secretary, Ricarrdo Garbaccio, Chris Liebenberg, Sipo Phirri, Dave Cummings, George Sikota. We thank them for their work so far and wish them an enjoyable term on the CLZ Board. Annual Reports for 2005 can be found on the website

LOVEMORE KATEBE (SIERRA II)

Sadly Lovemore Katebe passed away on 14th September 06. Lovemore's passion and dedication for conservation in the Lower Zambezi was renowned throughout Zambia. His passing is a huge loss for the LZ and to all that knew him.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CLZ

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And of course to DANIDA and the Royal Danish Embassy for their on going funds for the EEP and other activities up and coming in 2007.

JOIN US AND BECOME A MEMBER OF CLZ

CLZ needs your help...you can support all the conservation and environmental education activities we carry out in the Lower Zambezi by becoming a member. Just tear off the form opposite and return to

CLZ with your subscription



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KEEP THE LOWER ZAMBEZI LITTER FREE

The Chiawa Game Management Area located near the Lower Zambezi National Park is our environment. It is also the environment in which we work, rest and have lived for many years. This environment is our home.

This environment constitutes the air we breathe and the water we drink and bathe. This environment also holds the land on which we grow our crops. Even when we depend on this environment so much, have you had a closer look at how clean and tidy it is?

HOW CAN WE ENSURE WE KEEP IT CLEAN?

- ◆ Teach your staff to utilize rubbish pits and bins at all times!
- ◆ Throw rubbish in the right place
- ◆ Re-use what you can manage and if you have to throw out anything, make sure it is done properly
- ◆ Introduce a clean up exercise every time you see rubbish around your area.
- ◆ Ensure cigarettes butts are thrown into the bin

LET'S WORK TOGETHER



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