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The walking course commences...



Our walking course was a great success with Rory and his six guides braving the scorching heat on Nkalande plain to train for the guide exams.

The eager candidates spent their mornings out in the bush putting their theory to the test in a real life walking safari situation. After lunch at CLZ the team then headed down to the Education centre to learn more theory in the classroom.

A huge thank you to Rory McDougall for running the course and also to Doris Glasspool for helping to organize the teaching resources. Rory has also completed a general training course and Alan Bonella put on a boating and fishing training day.



Guides exams began on 16th May hosted by CLZ in the Education Centre. Good Luck to all those writing them! We will update you on results in next month's newsflash.

A visit from the vet...

Our resident buffalo Schnitzel is doing very well here at CLZ. She was visited by Dr Ian Parsons a couple of weeks ago who gave her the necessary injections and took samples of blood. He believes she is a very healthy buffalo and we have now received an all clear for the first round of test results. Dr. Parsons will return shortly for the second round of tests.

Nkhalange gets a sweep...

After the discovery of a snared impala on 24th April in the Nkhalange area an immediate decision was made for a snare sweep to be conducted. The northern sector of the plain was swept and we recovered 25 wire snares.

CLZ are now concentrating on anti-snare operations and snare sweeping will be a regular occurrence this season.

Please be on the look out for snares in the LZ and report any findings to CLZ.

Copper Mining in LZNP?

As many of you may know Zambezi Resources have recommenced their plans to start mining copper in the LZNP. CLZ can confirm that we are engaged with the relevant authorities, environmental consultants and ZR to try to ensure that this project does not proceed.

CLZ remains opposed to mining in the National Park due to environmental and health concerns linked to copper mining. ZAWA and ECZ and local stakeholders have also expressed their opposition.

Staff Chatter

Name: Peter Tembo

Nickname: Mambara (meaning naughty!)

I was born Lusaka and went to Chiawa Basic School then Chitende High School. I used to be part of the road crew and then I started work at CLZ on the 17th of June 2010 as a trainee chef, being trained by our chef Oscar Mwiya. My football team is Manchester United also known around camp as the 'Man Power'. CLZ is a great opportunity for me to acquire new skills and be exposed to the nature around me as I intend to commence guide training in the future.



NEWS FLASH



Besa goes camping...



Our environmental educator embarked on his second outreach programme of the year yesterday, travelling to the remote areas of the Rufunsa GMA.

Besa will visit approximately 9 schools in the area. As well as conducting activities educating local school children in how to use their natural resources sustainably, Besa will also be inviting children back to CLZ to visit the education centre in July.

Thank You!

This month to:

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