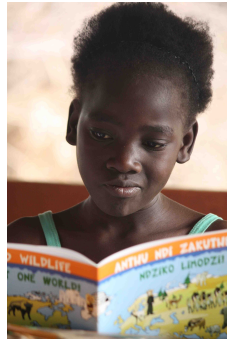


CLZ NEWS FLASH!

September 2011



Silent Killer in the Lower Zambezi?

As many of you will have heard, the Lower Zambezi is currently experiencing an outbreak of Anthrax in wildlife. The disease has been recorded since ancient times and still occurs regularly in both animals and humans in many parts of the world. It is primarily a disease of grazing or browsing mammals but all warm-blooded species can get it. In the Lower Zambezi we have now recorded significant hippo, as well as some elephant and buffalo cases. But the most worrying observation has been of lions showing symptoms of the disease. As many carcasses as possible are being covered in lime in an attempt to stop the disease being spread by carnivores and all ZAWA patrol teams and safari guides in the area have been diligently observing all wildlife for any signs of symptoms and reporting back to CLZ. We have been lucky enough to be assisted by vet, Dr. Ian Parsons who has very kindly donated his time and great expertise, as well as ZAWA vet Dr. Squarre and ecologist Howard Maimbo in taking samples, innoculating and treating the lions of the Lower Zambezi. Alan Bonella and all at Sausage Tree Camp have also been instrumental in coordinating the reponse effort. A mammoth task which has seen a good level of success so far. We and all of the lions I'm sure are very thankful!!

How long will it last?

The length of an outbreak can depend on many factors including animal population densities. If the disease is still occurring at the start of the rains this will most likely bring a natural halt to it.

Can humans be infected?

A question on all of our minds.....yes, although humans are regarded as fairly resistant to infection and this strain of the disease is easily treated with antibiotics. Humans can also only catch the disease by handling or eating meat from infected carcasses. If you have any further questions please email either Sarah clz@iwayafrica.com or Beej clzops@iwayafrica.com.

Training the Trainers!

In August CLZ hosted 24 teachers (patrons of each school's Chongololo Conservation Club) from our Rufunsa GMA project catchment area (Chongwe, Rufunsa and Luangwa) for 3 days at the CLZ education centre. The teachers learnt about the value of conservation as well as human wildlife conflict solutions and new methods to help them in their own teaching. More participatory methods for environmental education as used in the unique CLZ curriculum were very popular. The teachers were passionate about the sustainable use of their natural resources and passing on their new knowledge and skills to the youth of Zambia. Its also a great opportunity for teachers to meet peers from other areas and discuss their individual environmental issues.

Other EEP news:

In August Besa also visited the Chongwe schools during his outreach program and in September we had the Western Chiawa GMA schools attend the CLZ activity centre. Both programs were as always very well received.

Please join us for:

Cocktails for Conservation

Tuesday 18 October at Roma House, Lusaka

Free entry with complimentary canapés (sponsored by Roma House) and drinks (sponsored by Farmnet) on arrival

Evening Auction raising proceeds for CLZ with lots including a luxury, all-inclusive package in the Lower Zambezi as well as some fantastic pieces of wildlife art.

Thank You – this month to:

Jerry Carbin as ever for constantly providing valuable support in the form of bananas and egg plant (the best type!!) as well as fertiliser this month. **Royal Zambezi Lodge** for donating money to employ casuals at CLZ to help with building work and cutting roads which just would not have been possible otherwise. **Riccardo Garbaccio** and **Kanyemba Lodge** for sponsoring a new eating area for the education centre – the children can eat in the shade now which is great! **Chongwe River Camp** for lending us a boat when ours was being repaired. **Matt Goodall** and **Craig Willment** of **Pro-flight** for carrying out vital aerial patrols during their spare time. **Juri van Zyl** and **Henry van Blerk** who above and beyond the much appreciated **Buya Bamba** potatoes and onions have donated a fantastic \$2,800 from their **Van Zam International Fishing Competition** – thank you!! And the **Valley Classic Fishing Competition** which will be held at **Wildtracks** on 19 November this year and will be raising funds for CLZ.... Get in touch if you would like to enter a team....

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