

# CLZ NEWS FLASH!

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## ZAMBEZI – THE YOUNGEST ELEPHANT CALF RESCUED IN ZAMBIA!

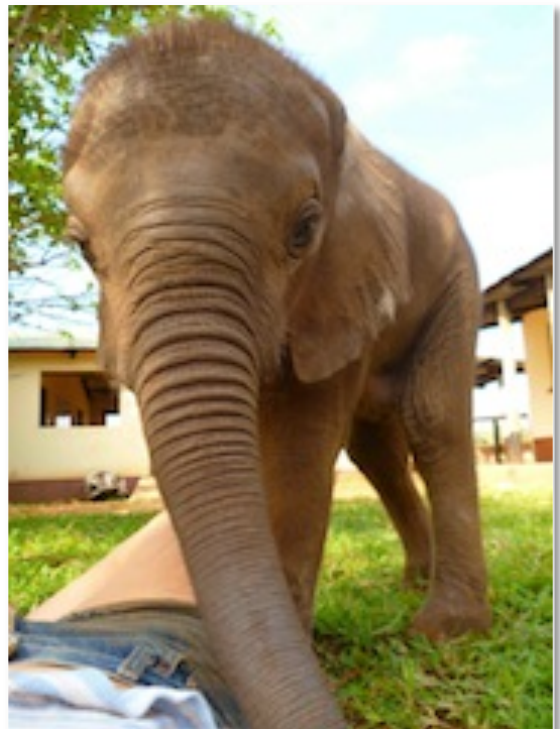
On 12 November, Leonard Kalio, head guide at Baines River Camp, requested assistance from CLZ after rescuing an elephant calf, estimated to be 1-2 months old, which had fallen into the Baines swimming pool. The calf had been heard crying for its mother for over 48 hours and was almost certainly orphaned.

After obtaining ZAWA approval CLZ transported the calf back to base camp in order to rescue him from starvation or predation. Due to Anthrax in the region the bull calf now christened “Zambezi” (“Bezi” to his nearest and dearest) has enjoyed an incubation period at base camp where he has been looked after by a team of dedicated carers both from CLZ and the Elephant Orphanage Project (“EOP”). After testing negative for Anthrax, he was successfully vaccinated against the disease on 29 November by ZAWA vet Dr. David Squarre and will hopefully be relocated up to the EOP base at Lilayi Lodge on Tuesday 13 December.

Steadily getting stronger by the day Bezi is a real character, he’s so young that he’s not totally in control of his trunk (or legs sometimes for that matter!) and carers have been trying to teach him things which his mother would be teaching him at the moment – how to flap his ears, how to pick up leaves and branches etc. He loves slops too as they are a doddle to pick up with a wobbly trunk!

CLZ is glad to have been able to give this little guy a chance in life – its been tough and he is still vulnerable but when we pass the baton to the EOP we know he will be in very good hands. With the numbers of poached elephant and elephants lost to Anthrax high in the Lower Zambezi this year we can’t afford to lose any more!

A big thank you goes to Explore Africa and World Women Work for sponsoring our CLZ elephant carer team, Ted Karnezos for his generous donation, Mark Bryant (for donations and flights), Rob Stacey and Royal Air Charters and Tim Featherby of Baines River Camp for letting us put supplies and people on their flights!



## LEARNING FROM LUANGWA – CLZ VISIT TO MFUWE



### Thank You this month to:

**Riccardo Garbaccio** for donating tents and tarpaulins for the Chinyunyu and Luangwa teams, **Adrian Penny** and the Southern Sun for accommodating our board meeting, **Ant Wells** and Zambeef Chiawa for growing our chili seedlings. **Doreen and Henry Van Blerk** for donating hay for Bezi's bedding. **Agathe Noguiera** for her dedicated elephant caring skills at CLZ base camp for 3 weeks. **Rachael Murton** for all of her help with Bezi. **Chris Fenner** for assisting with supply runs. **Troy Page** for his support and donations of Towba for patrol rations. **Rory MacDougall** and the Lower Zambezi Safari Guides Examiners Committee for attending an exam paper writing day. All at the Valley Classic Fishing Competition which was held in November and raised funds for CLZ – **Kevin Macaulay, Pete Vrdoljak, Bisty Davies and Adrian Hudson** especially.

After a stormy but exciting flight in the CLZ plane up to Luangwa, Ian, Brad, Besa and Sarah landed at Mfuwe airport on Sunday 27 November. We were there to visit South Luangwa Conservation Society (SLCS) and Chipembele Wildlife Education Trust to find out more about their work which is very similar to ours at CLZ.

This year the CLZ EEP has started to incorporate Human Wildlife Conflict (HWC) lessons into our program and the response received has been one of unanimous interest and desire to find out more about possible HWC solutions. We have recently started 2 pilot chili growing projects in nearby village Mugurameno, however Rachel McRobb and Billy Banda at SLCS have, over the past few years, established a very successful chili farming and HWC mitigation project which we were keen to learn more about.

Besa and Sarah learnt about how the project operates and the best way of growing chilies so that they can be used to build fences to protect crop fields and how farmers can benefit from chilies as a cash crop if there any surplus chilies produced. We also visited SLCS's successful new elephant proof grain storage units (see left). Thanks very much to Rachel and Billy for their time! CLZ also spent the afternoon with Steve Tolan of the Chipembele Wildlife Education Trust. Over the off season this year we will be renovating our own education centre and wanted to get some inspiration about the best ways to do this. Chipembele have got a fantastic centre and Besa and Sarah are now armed with ideas for the forthcoming EEP starting in 2012. Thanks very much Anna and Steve.

Thanks also to Jess and Ade at Flatdogs for putting us up during our stay!

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