



**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- Alocs at Ewanrigg in full bloom...
- Parks to carry out educational debates on Fire
- Dates for 2010 Quota Setting Workshops set for 2011 Sport Hunting
- Tour de Tuli Mapungubwe 2010 to be launched early next month

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Human Wildlife Conflict Project Launched...

The 9th of June 2010 saw the launching of the human wildlife project at a local hotel. Appreciation goes to the Food and Agricultural Organisation, FAO, without whose financial assistance this project would not have taken off.

In his speech Food and Agricultural Organisation, FAO, representative in Zimbabwe and FAO sub regional coordinator for Southern Africa, Dr Gaoju Han said the key feature of this project is a collaborative and participatory approach to the management of the conflict between people and wildlife.

Our aim is to technically assist the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Management to find the best ways to turn what is known as human wildlife conflict into human wildlife alliance.

In response the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Management Cde F.D.C Nhema highlighted some of the causes of human wildlife conflict which include competition between growing human populations and wildlife for the same scarce living space and resources among others.

He however expressed concern about the increasing number of human wildlife conflicts adding that it undermines human welfare, health and safety and often leads to physical injury or deaths .

Cde Nhema said sustainable use of wildlife resources through trophy hunting and other traditional forms of wildlife utilisation have the potential to contribute to the economic development strategies of our country .



Hon F.D.C Nhema

Similarly, wildlife based tourism industry has the potential to generate significant benefits to both rural and national economies including the generation of foreign currency.

The initial target beneficiaries for this project will be Mbire, Chiredzi and Dete rural communities. The knowledge and lessons learnt from this pilot project will then be extended to other areas countrywide.

The Minister also welcomed the launch of the project stressing that the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Management will actively support Community Based Human Wildlife Conflict Management strategies to reduce the negative impacts while promoting better welfare for communities living with wildlife.

The project launch was attended by traditional leaders and chiefs from Mbire, Hwange, and Chiredzi districts, district administrators, council chairmen and CEOs, senior government and parastatals officials, Campfire co-ordinators, Safari Operators, Church Organisations, ZRP School and the media.



THANK YOU TO SAVE FOUNDATION AUSTRALIA...

At a time Parks and Wildlife Management Authority is facing financial challenges to meet its day to day demands a Good Samaritan has come on board to lessen the burden on the Authority.

It would be lack of appreciation not to show gratitude to Nicholas Duncan, President of Save Foundation of Australia who extended a gentleman's hand by donating uniforms to some of the Authority's National Parks.



Parks rangers wearing donated uniforms standing at the donor's van

The uniforms which are meant for different wildlife projects included

150 patrol boots, 250 socks, 150 mess cups, 150 water bottles, 100 back packs (black), 60 back packs (camouflage), 100 protection kits, 190 overalls, 200 pairs of trousers and 199 shirts.

The above donated wildlife uniforms are to be distributed to Intensive Protective Zones, (IPZ), Midlands Conservancy and Imire among other stations.



Some of the patrol boots and back packs donated

Accepting the donation, Parks and Wildlife Management Authority Director General, Mr Vitalis Chadenga says the uniforms came at a time the Authority was making frantic efforts to ensure that field officers

carry out their duties in proper uniforms.



The Parks P.R Manager chatting with donors, behind are the donated uniforms

He added that he was looking forward to working more with Save Foundation on other conservation projects.

This is not the first time that Nicholas Duncan has donated uniforms to the Authority.

ZPWMA PART OF THE WORLD EXPO SHANGHAI CHINA 2010

The ZPWMA was invited to participate in the World Expo 2010 that was held in Shanghai China. The show is running from the 1st of May to 31 October 2010. Zimbabwe's participation is being spearheaded by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

Being the custodian of wildlife in Zimbabwe the Authority represented the wildlife industry. The ZPWMA was also invited to put up displays of the Big Five and mounted trophies of leopard, buffalo and rhino shoulder mounts made from fibre glass were taken to Shanghai to be displayed at the Zimbabwe Pavilion. It was indeed a view to see the wonders of wildlife in Zimbabwe as many were attracted by the mounted displays.

The Chinese were however interested in the Victoria Falls and there was a lot of interest in the country's tourism in general. Several other people expressed interest in big game hunting.

They don't burn your home.....
Don't burn theirs.
 Every year uncontrolled fires destroy valuable grazing and habitat.

In Accordance with Statutory Instrument 7 of 2007. It is in both the public and conservation interest to note that it is a punishable offence to ignore, cause wildfire or any fire without following the laid down procedures according to Statutory Instrument 7 of 2007 as read in the Environmental Management Act (20:27)



Bindura Book Fair & Career Guidance Expo

By the Librarian M.Moyo

The Bindura Book Fair and Career Guidance Expo which ran from May 20 to 22, 2010 at the Bindura Agricultural Show Grounds saw more than twenty exhibitors and hundreds of participants who showcased their literature and attended the book fair. Participants at the Book Fair included schools from Bindura and surrounding communities, farmers and various civic and cultural groups.

The Parks and Wildlife Management Authority library was part of exhibitors who showcased and distributed literature at the Book Fair. The literature that was displayed and distributed at the fair were predominantly in-house publications and these included the Authority’s brochures, the Parks and Wildlife Management Authority Newsletter, Policy for Wildlife in Zimbabwe, Elephant Management Plan in Zimbabwe, the Wildlife-based Land Reform Policy in Zimbabwe and many other invaluable publications. Over two hundred publications were distributed to members of the public at the book fair.

The Authority’s stand was one of the most popular because of the uniqueness of the literature that was displayed and the live python that was brought by our Bindura Office for display. Participants jostled to have a glimpse of

the specially protected reptile. People, some for first time enjoyed seeing the snake and requested to have more live animals at future exhibitions.



The Librarian (M. Moyo) inspecting some of the books in the library

Exhibiting at the Bindura Book Fair and Career Guidance Expo was a rare opportunity for the Bindura and surrounding communities to appreciate the importance of conserving Zimbabwe’s wildlife resources and the benefits that communities can realize through living harmoniously with nature. It was evident that communities are starved of the knowledge and information with regard to community-based natural resources management. Efforts should, therefore, be made to carryout more campaign programmes of a similar nature.

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MOST WANTED POACHER KILLED.

One of the most wanted rhinoceros poacher and gang leader, Samuel Mazhongwe was shot and killed at Mazunga Ranch in the Buby Conservancy on June 6 2010. Mazhongwe was in the company of two yet unidentified poachers whilst armed with an AK47 rifle when he spotted the game ranchers. He then opened fire at them and they retaliated resulting in Mazhongwe getting injured. The poachers escaped and the game ranchers followed the spoor which was heavily marked with blood stains. According to records, Samuel Mazhongwe’s poaching history traces back to the 1990s when he was poaching elephants in the Zambezi Valley and the following poaching incidents he was implicated.

1... November 2008 his name started featuring prominently in rhino poaching syndicates. On this date Herbert Museka and Lovemore Mutsogo were arrested after their vehicle overturned along the Beitbridge Masvingo road. They were found in possession of one AK 47 rifle, four fully charged magazines and two rhino horns. One of the passengers, Chamunorwa Mazhongwe died on the spot and another Ishmael Mazhongwe escaped with another AK 47 rifle. The captured Museka and Mutsogo who incriminated Samuel “Big Sam” Mazhongwe as the main sponsor of their illegal activities.

Museka and Mutsogo later absconded court in Masvingo where they were being tried.

2...On October 27 2009 Tichaona Mutyairi was captured during a shoot out with Zimbabwe Republic Police and Parks and Wildlife rangers at Matendere Ranch in the Save Valley conservancy. Samuel Big Sam Mazhongwe escaped. Mutyairi was given a seventeen year jail for rhino poaching and possession of arms of war.



Mana Pools National Park ,a new look...

The commitment to continuously renovate our lodges will come as good news to both our old and new clients. Parks and Wildlife Management Authority is pleased to announce that efforts seeking partners to either adopt a lodge and renovate or merely renovate it are bearing fruit. The latest to come on board is E-Africa through an all weather friend Charlene. They have donated soft furnishings for Inyathi Lodge in Manapools worth US\$1000.



Displayed are a set of donated bedding items.

The professionally done and exclusive bed and curtain sets will make our clients feel extra comfortable while enjoying wildlife experiences in Manapools .So to Charlene tatenda siyabonga, thank you, merci .it is important to state that renovations have not ended with Inyathi, NO, but that other lodges in Manapools are also in the process of getting a facelift, so you see we take everyone’s concerns seriously.

Dehorning exercise in Chivero

Parks and Wildlife Management Authority with the assistance of Save Foundation Australia has embarked on a dehorning exercise which saw the team carry the exercise in Chivero.The dehorning exercise has been necessitated by the constant poaching of both the black and white rhino.

Though dehorning has never been considered the ultimate answer in preventing poaching of rhino it is an innovative management programme and with the strengthening of other crucial aspects of anti-poaching and field management, the Authority believes this will have a significant effect.

The Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Management Authority will continue to dehorn rhinos, monitor the effects, both behaviorally and as a deterrent to poachers. But the Authority however needs unwavering support of the Government, stakeholders both the local and international media and the international community or the animal faces the danger of disappearing from the face of the earth. It is our duty and responsibility that it does not.



During the dehorning process



PWMA staff with the dehorned rhino and the horn.

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Family Life.....

October is the hottest and driest time of year in Hwange. Eyespot is now four months old. He left the den with the pack for the final time four weeks ago, beginning the pack’s “nomadic phase”.

As usual, Eyespot and his siblings followed the pack until the hunt began in late afternoon. They were then grouped on the edge of the vlei, safely guarded by their babysitter.

The hunters have killed a duiker and are returning to regurgitate meat for the puppies and their babysitter. Eyespot’s brother Arrow is the boldest of the puppies and the first to bolt from the group. He is named after the white arrowhead on his shoulder.

To communicate, painted dogs use many different calls and behaviors. Arrow lowers his head and wags his tail, making a special food-begging call to tell his uncle he is hungry. All the dogs in the pack feed and care for the puppies of the alpha pair.....

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