



What's happening at Makumu

Although summer is well on its way, the bush is still dry and we are getting amazing sightings! The weather is hot during the day, however remains pleasant in the morning and evenings.

The below beautiful image of a young male leopard was recently taken by our General Manager, Morné Hamlyn.

Other new developments are afoot at Makumu, from additions and renovations to our staff houses, to the acquiring of a new vehicle fleet - with more exciting things on the way, so watch this space!



New Staff Houses

To look after our expanding team, we have recently completed the construction of accommodation for six more staff members! Additional renovations included upgrades on the existing village, a new staff kitchen as well as a laundry room. The existing staff village is called 'Tsonga'.



New Fleet

'Tis being the season of new things, we have also increased our vehicle fleet with the addition of two diesel TDI Land Rover Defender game viewers and a VW Caravelle mini bus for town runs and guest transport.



Update in 2020 Conservation Levy

A reminder that the Klaserie Private Nature Reserve (KPNR) has updated its 2020 Conservation Levy as well as Bed Levy, **effective 01 January 2020.**

The new levies are as follows:

R200 Conservation Levy

quoted per person per night for ages 12+

R150 Bed Levy

quoted per bed per night (all ages)

Please note that the above rates are at the discretion of the KPNR, are subject to change and beyond the control of Makumu Private Game Lodge (we do not however foresee any further changes to the 2020 levies and they should remain as such until 31 December 2020).

Please update your rate sheets accordingly. Should you wish to receive an updated Makumu rate sheet incorporating these amended levies, please [contact](#) us.

Rates

Please note there has been a change in the 2020 exclusive-use rate.

You can find our most updated Rack Rate Sheet [here](#) or [contact us](#) for your contracted rates.

Pledge for Santa's Shoebox



When you see the joy on a child's face when they receive a bar of soap in their Christmas hamper, it's hard not to reflect on how privileged we are.

Pledging is open now on the Santa Shoebox website www.santashoebox.org. Eco Children have had the pleasure of handing out thousands of Shoeboxes filled with gifts to brighten up a less fortunate child's Christmas.

To pledge, all you have to do is go to the Santa Shoebox website, choose the area you want to pledge for (**Hoedspruit**), select a child and pack a shoebox with all the items that are listed on their website. It's a wonderful project for adults and children alike and shows everyone involved that the joy of giving is real.

Wildlife Sightings

We have had really great game viewing the last few months, with incredible sightings of the Big Five in particular as well as a variety of antelope, giraffe, zebra and other rare species!

Two male lions have been sighted frequently coming down to our watering hole for a drink in the middle of the night, making a huge noise with their roaring! Just this past week we had another three females (mother and two daughters) hanging around camp.



Two herds of buffalo have moved through Makumu's traverse with quite a few sightings of older males, known as 'dagga boys'!

Elephants have been around in their hundreds, all looking for water in these drier months. Tensions can get high when there is scarcity of water but the families seem to be bonding nicely and there is sheer excitement when they dig around and find fresh water.

Leopards have also been spotted in abundance around Makumu!

Two young male leopards, one named Alex, have been visiting us at Makumu for the past two years. Alex's mother is pregnant again, and has also been seen a few times. Saseka, another leopard that lives further east is, also pregnant now, for the first time.

Altogether we have had extremely exciting game drives with quality sightings!

