

SIGHTINGS REPORT – FEBRUARY 2025



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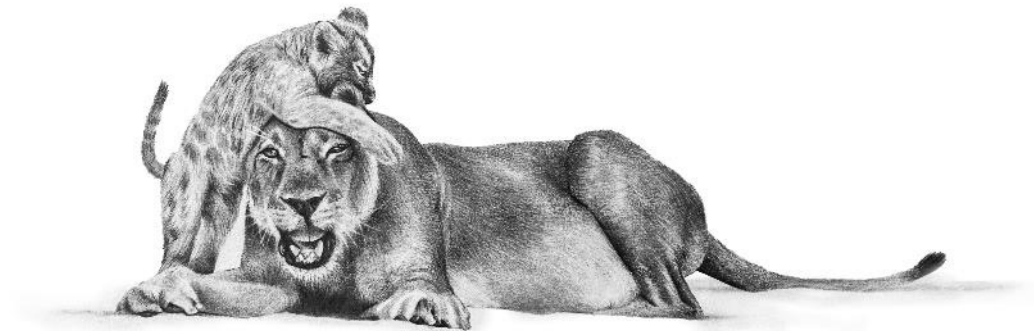
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**BOTSWANA**





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Each photo shows the wilderness as it truly is—authentic, unpredictable, and unforgettable



# Wilderness Chitabe

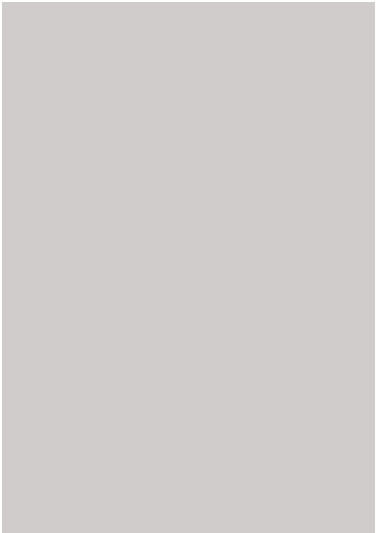






Chitabe is looking lush and green after rainfall in December and January. Summer migrants, wild flowers, and an abundance of prey species make for interesting sightings.

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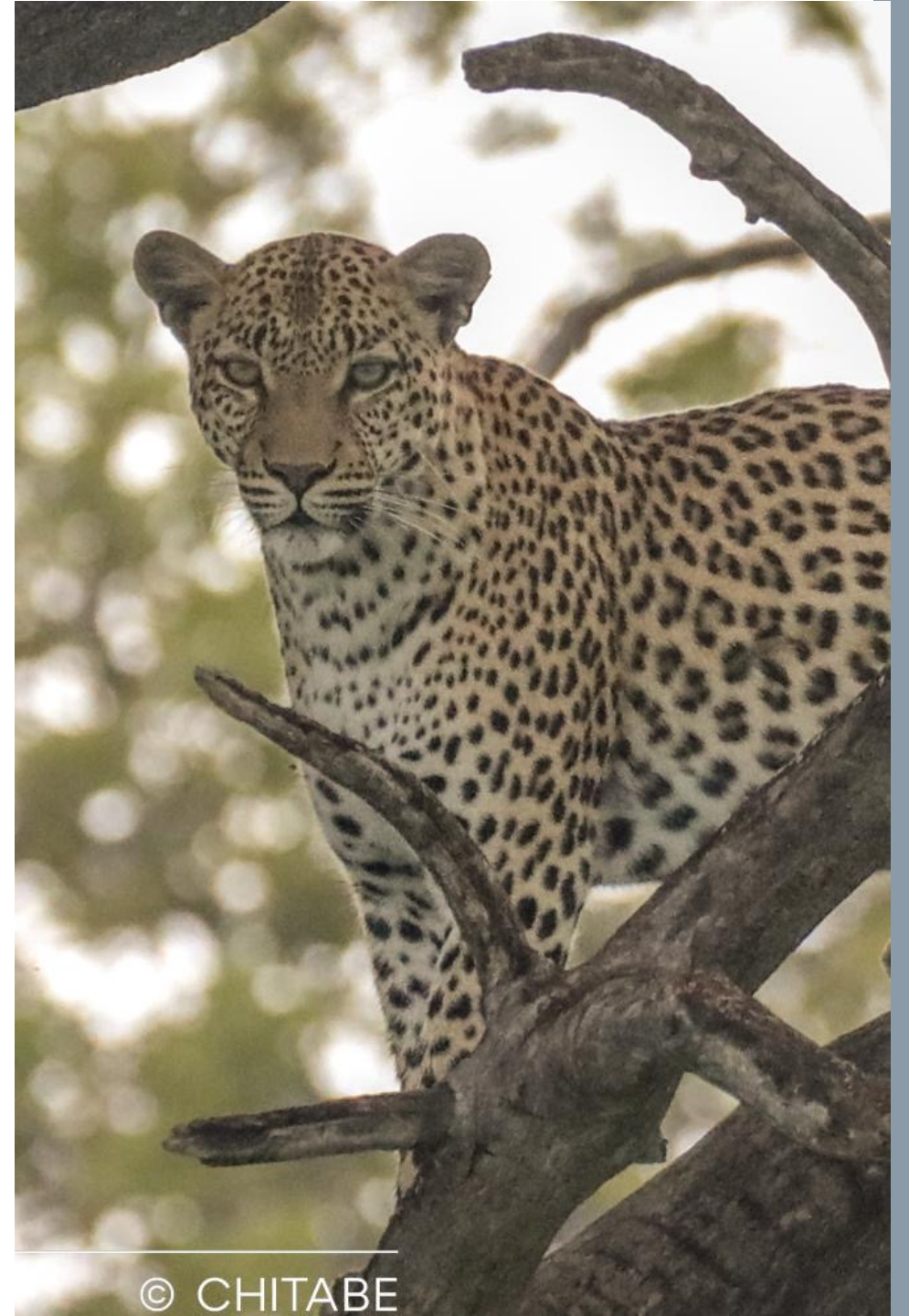


It's always exciting when a new individual can be added to the leopard database. This female, named Morobe (the Setswana name for Puzzle Bush) has been seen in a small area where four other female leopards are sighted on a regular basis at Chitabe,

**Shared Guide Goodman Ndlovu**  
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This leopard was unimpressed by the lioness below, showing interest in her hoisted impala kill.

Shared Guide Kanauriri 'BB' Baberton Monduu  
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Part of the Tsame pride, including cubs, feeding on a giraffe carcass. Lion cubs typically begin eating meat at around three months of age, eventually joining the pride at kills.

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Unusual and exciting sightings at Chitabe in January included a Verreaux's eagle-owl feeding on a Damara mole rat, and a family of four lesser bushbabies.

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The Gomoti pride, spending time in a field of 'String of Stars,' (*Helitropium steudneri*) wild flowers that bloom in early summer.

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Jao Reserve

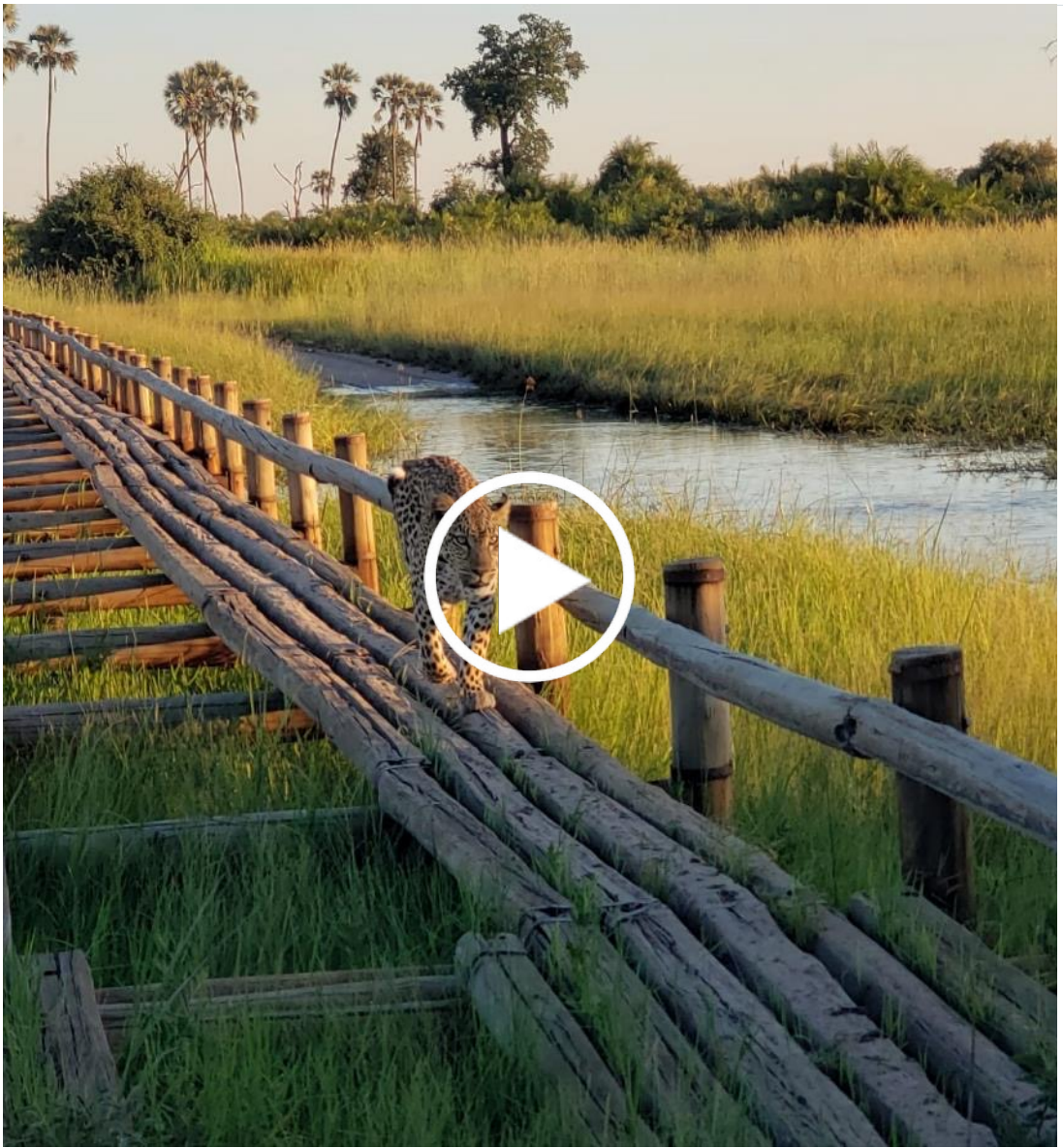




In summer, the plains fill as herd numbers swell with new life. Wildebeest calves get to their feet and begin moving with the herd the day they are born.

Shared by Guide Meshack Mbwe  
Wilderness Jao





Guide Ipeleng Thebeng had two sightings in one day of leopards making use of the bridges at Jao.

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Though incredibly quick, warthog piglets are no match for the speed and strategy of cheetahs.

Shared by Guide Steve KB Samocha



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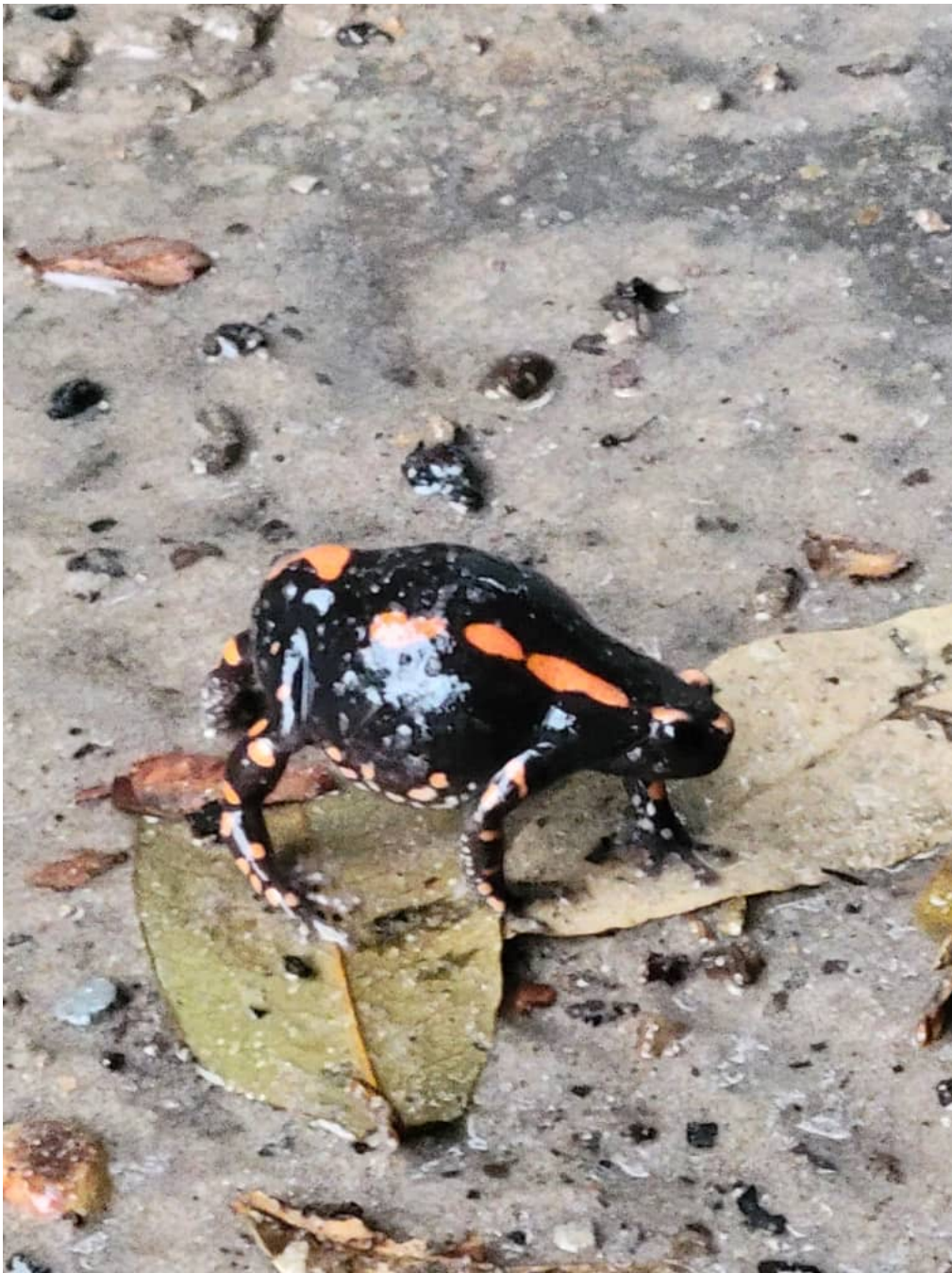


Green season in full swing—lush floodplains and dramatic skies over Jao Reserve.

Shared by Guide Kambango Sinimbo  
Wilderness Jao







A banded rubber frog and a yellow-billed stork.

Shared by Guide Lenks Rams  
Wilderness Jao





## Wilderness Mombo





January is a time of plenty at Mombo, with all the young lambs and calves joining herds.

Shared by Mary-Anne van der Byl  
Wilderness Mombo





A tender moment between giraffes and a Wahlberg's eagle perched with its prey.

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Leopards have a wide range of prey, all the way from tortoises to bigger antelope species.

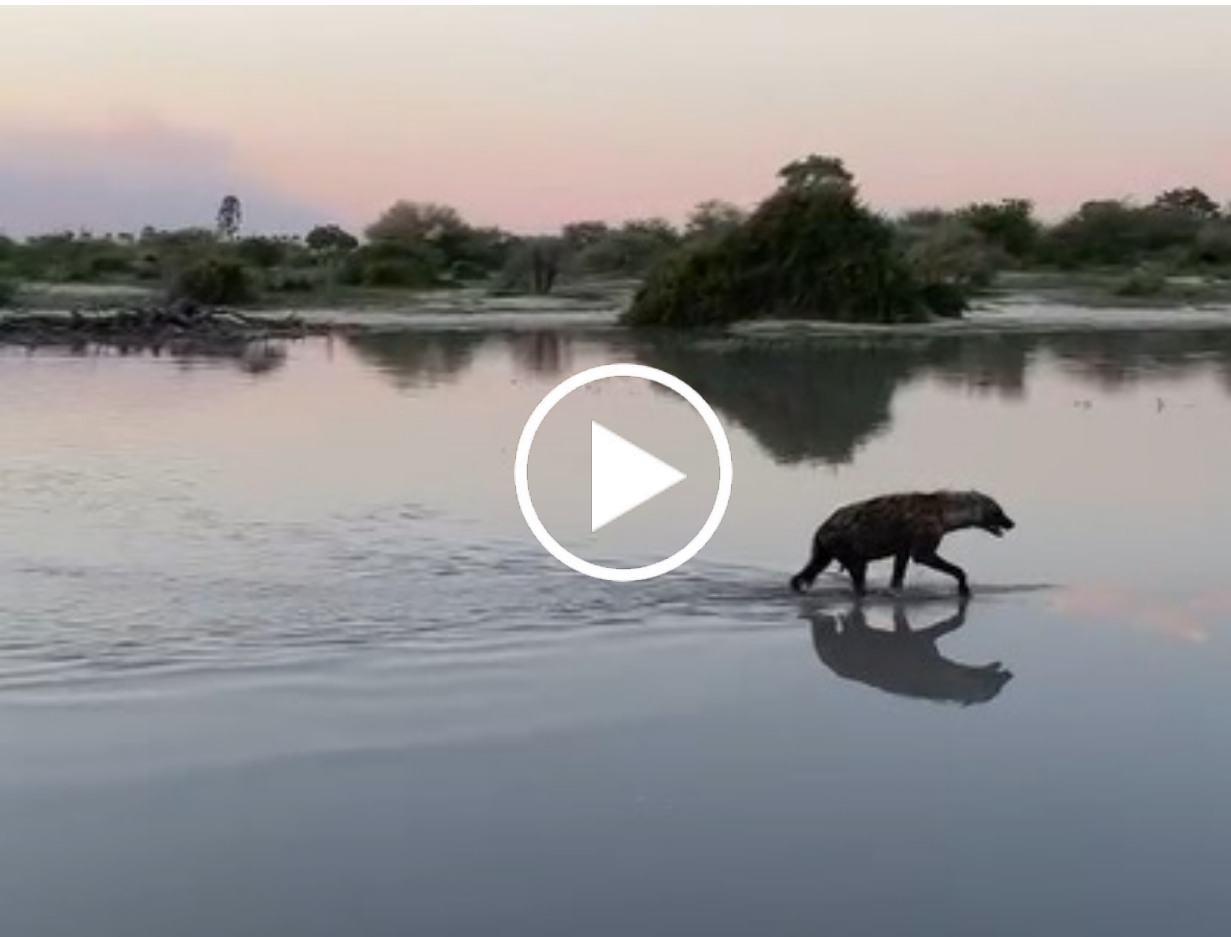
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General Manager Arno du Preez recently visited Mombo and found this hyena at sunset at a waterhole calling for the rest of its pack.

Shared Arno du Preez  
Wilderness Mombo



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## Wilderness Vumbura Plains



A wild dog kill may be violent, but their interactions during feeding are governed by dominance and hierarchy, established without aggression. Submission plays a crucial role, with some members stealing or energetically begging for food rather than resorting to physical confrontation.

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WILDERNESS VUMBURA PLAINS

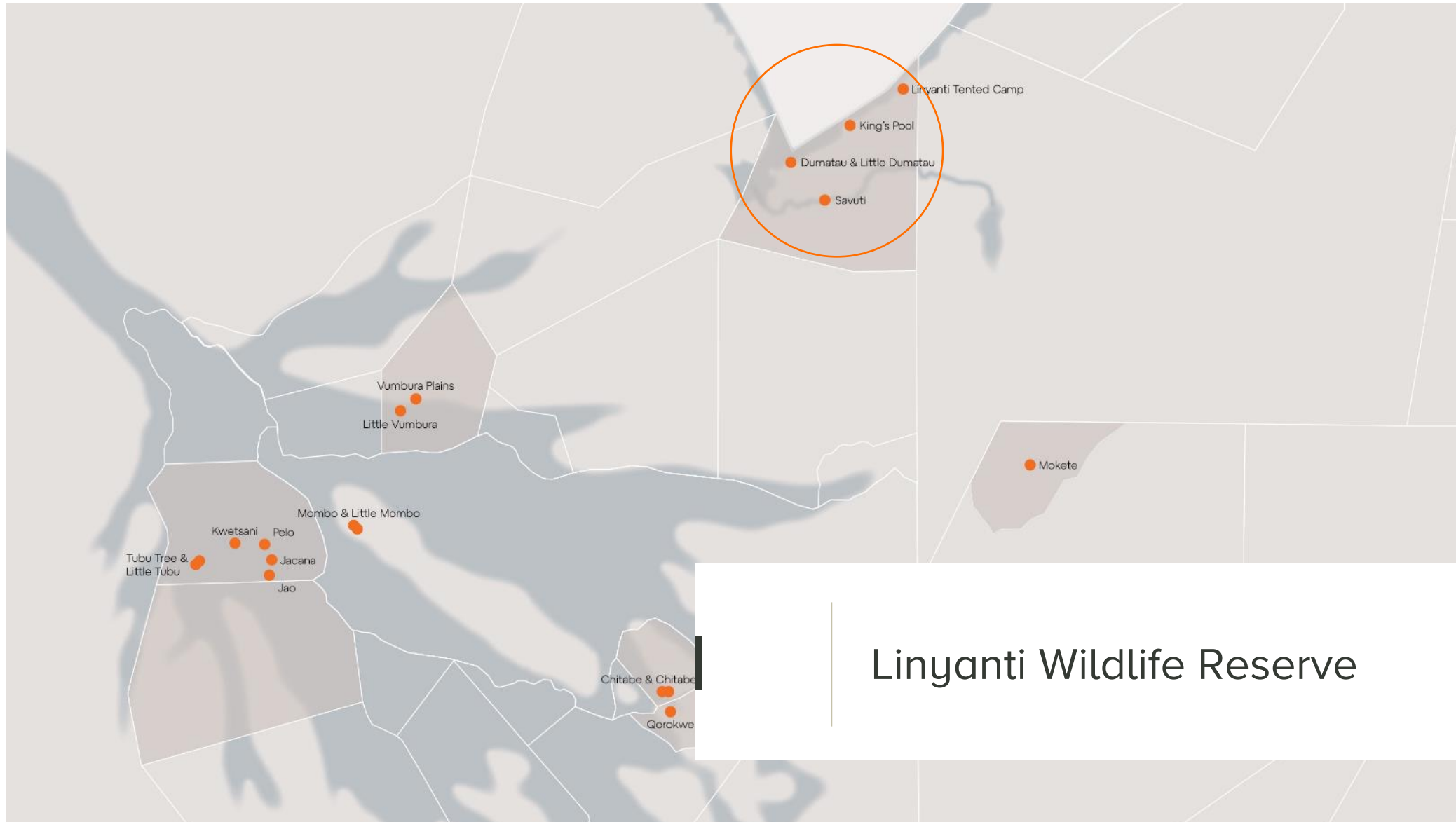




**Shared by guide Bonno Aobakwe  
Wilderness Little Vumbura**

A rare sighting of a pangolin in the early morning, most likely on its way to its burrow after a night of feeding on ants, termites and other insects, and wild dogs after a kill.



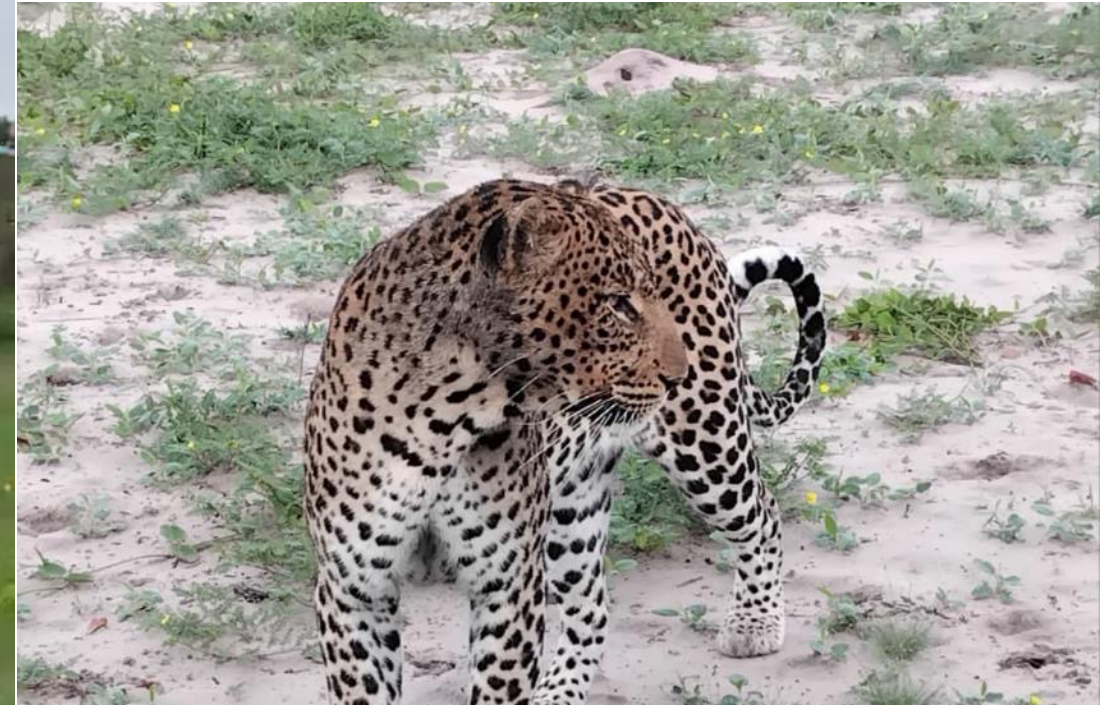


## Linyanti Wildlife Reserve



Shared by guide Ronald Masule  
Wilderness DumaTau

Predators are always a highlight at DumaTau, with regular sightings of lions and leopards even during the rainy season.





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