

KWEDI CONCESSION WILDLIFE & ECOLOGY

Vumbura Plains and Little Vumbura are situated in the extreme north of the Okavango Delta in what is known locally as the Kwedi Concession, which comprises 90 000 hectares (220 000 acres). Here, the vegetation ranges from open floodplains to dense mopane bushveld – offering spectacular game viewing and birding opportunities all year round.

CAMPS

- Vumbura Plains
- Little Vumbura



The permanent swamp and island habitats abound with beautiful tree-islands of every size, surrounded in turn by permanent waterways created both by the summer rains and the annual winter floodwaters of the Okavango Delta.

Common trees found around these two camps are the jackalberry, African mangosteen and the ubiquitous sausage tree, which provide shade food and shelter to a fantastic range of wildlife. Breeding herds and lone males of elephant often move through camp – particularly when the jackalberry trees are in fruit. Game drives in this region are incredibly productive, arriving guests often seeing a range of wildlife on their first game on the trip from airstrip to camp.

The annually-inundated grasslands of the Okavango Delta surrounding Little Vumbura and Vumbura Plains are locally referred to as 'melapo' and offer seasonal viewing of elephant, giraffe, impala, sable antelope (one of the best areas in the Okavango Delta for this species), greater kudu, Burchell's zebra, common waterbuck and reedbuck, tsessebe, blue wildebeest and red lechwe. Sightings of hippo and crocodile are common in the waterways. Predators include the African wild dog, several resident prides of lion, leopard, cheetah and African wildcat. The resident wild dog Golden Pack often roam the area and are seen frequently on impala, common reedbuck and kudu kills. Large herds of Cape buffalo also move through the Concession.

The birding in the Kwedi is as varied as it is exceptional all year round. In the summer, many migrant species are present. Pel's fishing-owl is regularly seen, with other specials including wattled crane, slaty egret, chirping cisticola, fan-tailed widowbird, pink-backed pelican and possibly rosy-throated longclaw for the dedicated birders.