

## QOROKWE CONCESSION WILDLIFE & ECOLOGY

Qorokwe Concession comprises 26 180 hectares (64 692 acres) of occasional wetland, seasonal floodplains and dry woodland. Situated in the south-eastern part of the Okavango Delta, this exclusive concession is separated from the well-known Moremi Game Reserve by the Gomoti Channel..

### CAMPS

- Qorokwe

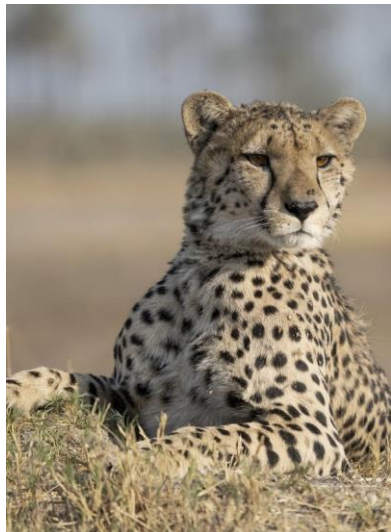


The Santantadibe River forms part of the western boundary of the concession and is typical habitat to the Okavango Delta; with seasonal palm-dotted islands, wooded islands, tranquil waterways and dry woodland areas. This ensures a year-round, diverse variety of game viewing and dynamic birding habitats

The concession includes large floodplain areas that are intermittently inundated. These floodplain areas are further broken up by linear expanses of riverine forest (where dominant tree species include the likes of jackalberry, sausage tree and leadwood) as well as attractive groves of real fan palms. Open grassland areas are dominated by aromatic wild sage, candle pod acacias and dotted with termite mounds. Qorokwe also includes certain areas where broad-leaved mopane woodland dominates.

Thanks to its habitat diversity, the Qorokwe Concession is situated in a good game density area which supports good concentrations of the larger predators and abundant prey species. Lion and spotted hyaena occur in good numbers (with a resident lion pride in the area) while leopard, African wild dog and cheetah are also regularly seen – depending on season, prey abundance and water levels. Wild dog have been seen to den frequently on the concession.

Ungulates such as impala and tsessebe are common with red lechwe found in the wetter areas of the concession. Other herbivores include greater kudu, southern giraffe, Burchell's zebra, common reedbuck, blue wildebeest, common waterbuck, warthog, Cape buffalo, hippopotamus and African elephant. Intriguing smaller mammals such as banded mongoose, vervet monkey and side-striped jackal add another element to a visit here.



Qorokwe harbours an interesting mix of dryland and water bird species that favour the acacia, mopane, grassland and shallow inundated Okavango wetland margins found here. Indicator species found here include crimson-breasted shrike, Meyer's parrot, magpie shrike, Kori bustard, Burchell's sandgrouse, southern ground-hornbill, little bee-eater and southern yellow-billed hornbill. The floodplains are seasonally preferred by various waterbird species such as white-faced duck, wattled crane, African spoonbill, yellow-billed stork, great white egret, black-winged stilt, pied kingfisher, goliath heron, squacco heron and African openbill.

Raptors are well represented in Qorokwe too, with African harrier hawk, African hawk-eagle, Bateleur, martial eagle, African fish-eagle and Verreaux's eagle-owl all being resident. Owing to healthy mammal density, hooded, white-headed and white-backed vultures are plentiful on the concession.