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JOURNEY,
BE PART OF THE
SOLUTION”

THE MOPANE TRANSFORMATION

The Mopane Bush Lodge story can be closely linked to the life cycle of the Mopane worm; continuously changing and evolving from a tiny egg to a beautiful moth. We invite you to review our journey of transformation so far.

In July 2015 the major upgrades to the current units started. This first phase was to upgrade the existing bathrooms of the eight units and transform them in to modern yet rustic look and feel. In the rest of the room, new beds and luxury linen plus some amenities were added to give further lavishness. It is now inviting and spacious, where getting ready for the adventures ahead becomes an early morning delight.

After the first phase of the upgrades, grading had to be done by the Grading Council of South Africa in August 2015. We were delighted to receive a four star grading, and still on our way to transform the rest of the chalets. This was our hatching stage in the cycle of the Mopane worm.

The construction of the NEW luxury family units are in full swing and will be nearing completion early February 2016.

These units will add a new dimension to Mopane Bush Lodge and we are super excited to see them near finalization. On the exterior, changes have also taken place. The extension of the lawn in front of the restaurant is currently being done to attract more animals to the new watering hole. This spectacular panorama adds a feeling of spaciousness where leisurely days can be spent under the shade with a good book or reveling in the magnificent views of land and animals.

As the Mopane team enters the festive season, we cannot contain ourselves for the feast that awaits guests and staff on Christmas day.

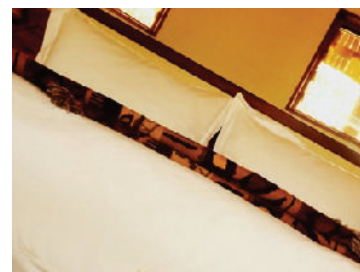
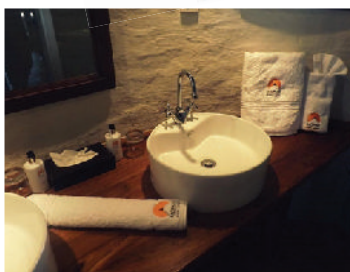
Merry Christmas to all and we hope to welcome you to Mopane Bush Lodge in the near future.

Season's Greetings!

| The Mopane Team

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INTRODUCING THE FIRST FISH SPECIES TO MAPESU PRIVATE GAME RESERVE

This weekend we added our first fish species to Mapesu PGR. The Mozambique Tilapia (*Oreochromis mossambicus*) is listed as Near Threatened according to the IUCN and is a native to Southern Africa. We hope its introduction to the new dam will help sustain an entirely new ecosystem on the reserve. Various species of birds such as the Pel's fishing owl, African Fish-eagle and Pied Kingfisher prey on this species of tilapia. The Omnivorous diet of the tilapia will prevent excessive algae growth as well as keep mosquitos at bay.

/ Quinten

BRINGING IN WILDLIFE WITH THE NEW MAPESU DAM

One of the major improvements recently on the farm was the building of our own dam. A lot of planning and considerations went into building it, ensuring no harm was done to the ecological system and no interference with the natural flow of the river. An overflow assures the river runs exactly as in the past.

At the moment I would estimate the dam to be 90% full – with an estimated 60 000m³ water.

Impact on the wildlife

Although the positive impact will not manifest over a very short period, the immediate effect has already been seen within a few weeks.

Birdlife near the dam is already growing. Egyptian geese, various finches and ducks have already made the dam their new home. I'm sure we will see more exotic birds in the new future.



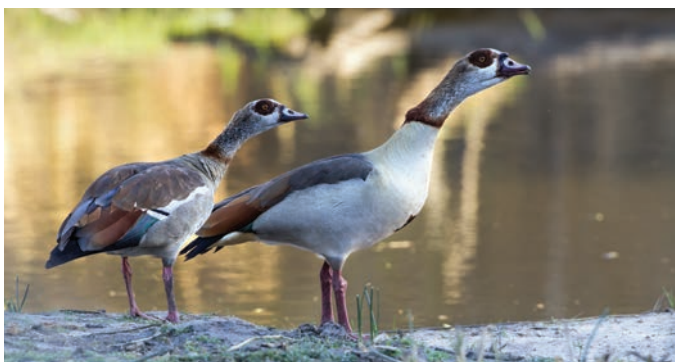
Birdlife will attract potential clients – We hope our dam will be a paradise for birdwatchers.

A lot of mammals have also started to visit the dam. Waterbuck, Giraffes, Impala, Kudu and even a brown Hyena are only some of the animals already spotted.

Sustainability studies will be done before bigger animals e.g. crocodiles and hippo are released into the dam.

I am excited to be part of this project which will see wildlife on the farm flourish.

/ Croetz



OWN YOUR OWN GIRAFFE!

To most people the idea of owning a giraffe sounds impossible, let alone a whole herd (Journey) of giraffe. Although the idea, at first, does sound a bit outlandish it isn't all too difficult to wrap your head around.



In 1991, the Game Theft Act was put into effect in South Africa. Before this all game was regarded as Res Nullis (belonging to no one), although technically all game belonged to the country and its people. The Game Theft Act states that game animals which are adequately enclosed on the property belong to the

owner of said property. This development brought forth the many different game fences which can be seen all over the republic today. Once game animals could be owned they became valued as they could be harvested for meat and sold on live auctions. The Game Theft Act is the corner stone onto which South African conservation and the game industry as a whole is based. Most game animals in South Africa belong to private farm/reserve owners, with National parks/provincial reserves making up one third of the total.

So what does it mean when we say a property is adequately enclosed? Well, this depends on the species as each has its own characteristics and dimensions. Eland, for example, can jump very high, so a 2.4m high fence is the minimum requirement. Oryx/gemsbok prefer to dig under fences and nyala will try to go through the space between the wires. A 2.4m high 21 strand game fences is usually deemed adequate for most game species. In addition to the game fence it may be necessary to electrify the fence, as is the case with Elephants which rather than going over or under the fence tend to go straight through.

These are the basics to owning your own giraffe and how The Game Theft Act of 1991 made it possible.

/ Quinten

THIS TIME IS DIFFERENT

Shared Universe Ventures Ltd. (SUV) aims to break the mould when it comes to owning a safari lodge in South Africa. Usually regarded as a worthy competitor to owning racehorses, oceangoing yachts, or the traditional Scottish sporting estate, owning part of the African wilderness has long been seen as a way to consume cash. SUV is so much more than a safari lodge, but it's not just a conservation project either.

I was attracted to Shared Universe Ventures Ltd. because of its structure. Right from the start it has been designed by businessmen, who are well-connected around the world, to become a commercially-viable, self-sustaining, cash-producing investment in its own right. This may require patient capital, but the focus is firmly set on ensuring that the venture remains successful long after the founders have gone.

SUV is ambitious. It aims to re-wild as much space as possible in sub-Saharan Africa. It has already started with the acquisition of land on the eastern fringes of the Kalahari Desert immediately south of the Botswana, Zimbabwe, and the South Africa border. Despite the harsh conditions, the area teems with life. The way nature has adapted to this environment is a constant source of inspiration.

For the investor, the returns may be some way off, but the signs are there that the three sources of anticipated profit are already visible:

The existing Lodge has been upgraded and is being expanded. Under new and energetic management it already funds itself. With a marketing push in 2016 it is expected to contribute surpluses to the overall project.

The value of the land, which was purchased at something in the order of 1/20th of Kruger National Park values, may not yet have risen, but the property has certainly been improved. Miles

of fencing have been completed, enclosures have been made safe, and much of the infrastructure has been repaired, upgraded, or replaced. The biggest and most dramatic improvement has been the construction of the 650 metre long reservoir. If, as is hoped, it proves large enough to retain surface water all year round, it will transform the carrying capacity of the farm. Regardless, the arrival of such a body of water will attract and sustain an economically worthwhile range of animals. The completion of a waterhole in front of the lodge will also greatly improve the visitor experience.

The third, and possibly the most lucrative revenue producer, will be the development of the game breeding programme.

On a 3 to 5 year view, there are good reasons to believe that the total investment in the project will generate cash.

It's not all about the money of course. Investors are welcome to get involved directly with joint ventures, sales and marketing activities, as well as being VIP customers of the Lodge. For those who'd like to carry around a little piece of Africa in their heart, this is an ideal opportunity to get involved close to the start of something much greater than themselves, to do important and interesting work with interesting people, and to leave the world a little better than they found it.

For anyone wishing to find out more about what it's like to be an investor, I would be delighted to hear from them and share my experience.

/ James - Hill@GTCLtd.co.uk

A YEAR OF GROWTH

Starting September 2014, Shared Universe Ventures has been working on purchasing the adjacent property, Nekel Ranch. It brings me great joy that we are now nearing a positive conclusion.

The Nekel Ranch consists of two farms, Sardinia 45 MS and Kilsyth 42 MS. These two properties are 742 hectares (1,833 acres) and 628 hectares (1,552 acres) respectively. Mapesu Private Game Reserve currently shares an old broken down fence on our Western boundary with the newly acquired property. This fence will soon be removed and the two properties, 4 farms combined into Mapesu Private Game Reserve. This will make the reserve a formidable 7,221 Hectares (17,843 acres) in size.

The Nekel Ranch compliments Mapesu's well as the topography varies a great deal. A large ridge extends through most of the property offering scenic views over the Limpopo Valley and its endless sea of Mopane trees. The Mapedu River, a tributary to the Limpopo River, runs through Nekel into Mapesu before entering Mapungubwe National Park and joining the fabled river. The Mopane trees are less dense and the grass layers comprises of palatable climax grass species with excellent grazing found in the drainage lines. The carrying capacity is estimated to be 130 Grazer Units and 130 Browser Units, this is equivalent to 130 Blue Wildebeest and 130 Kudu.

The water on Nekel is of good quality and is potable. There are 3 equipped boreholes delivering water to three dams, 9 cattle cribs and the houses.

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INVITATION TO JOIN THE ADVENTURE

Come be part of this important project of conserving the amazing South African Wilderness! We invite you to join us on our journey and become an investor in Shared Universe.

Our vision is to become one of the largest wildlife conservancies in all of Africa, offering a hands-on, up-close and personal experience to our investors while being a commercial success.

- Enjoy a game reserve without the complexities and cost of personally managing one
- Contribute to the preservation of the great South African landscape and wildlife including the endangered rhino
- No timeshare, you are a co-owner
- Realize your own dream lodge
- Enjoy the rights to use the Mopane Bush Lodge and other communal facilities
- Leave a legacy for future generations

For more information come explore our website or contact us: contact@shareduniverseafrica.com

FROM MUSINA TO CAPE TOWN BY FOOT!

Meet Rhino Dave. He's an inspiration when it comes to determination and goal setting. Dave set out on foot in late October 2015 so that the plight of the rhino gets the much needed awareness as well as sponsorship for funds to build the rhino orphanage at the Mapesu Private Game Reserve.

His route will go from Pretoria to V&A Waterfront via Krugersdorp, Kroonstad, Bloemfontein, Richmond, Fraserburg, Loxton, Merweville, Sutherland, Wellington, Durbanville, and lastly Cape Town.

Despite the distance, heat and obstacles he has managed to reach Victoria as of this week. He has met a lot of people and have seen their generosity first hand during this trip.

Special thanks to his wife Jacqui and all the other people that help to accomodate him, fix his ride, bring him much needed goods like cold drinks and food as well as some wonderful companionship.

If you would like to keep touch with Rhino Dave or see where he is on his journey, or even drive out to meet him, you can visit the Save the Rhino SUV Facebook page at www.facebook.com/savetherhinoSUF/

Well done Dave! We are so proud of you!!!

