

# ISLANDS OF SIANKABA

VICTORIA FALLS LUXURY ZAMBEZI RIVER LODGE



## NEWSLETTER

December 2008

### *The Green Season is just beginning...*

The rains have arrived bringing a whole new life to the Zambian landscape ... and also bringing great relief to all visitors and staff here as the rain keeps the temperatures down.

The riverine vegetation is starting to look very lush and beautifully vibrant. The rising water has just begun which of course means that the Falls will be flowing freely soon and should set us up for a nice prolonged 'high water' season at the Falls giving all our guests spectacular viewing within the next couple of months.

### **Siankaba Email Address Change**

Please note we have a new Reservations email address: [info@siankaba.net](mailto:info@siankaba.net)

Our Zamnet address will be discontinued shortly, so please kindly update your address books.

### **Sights on the Islands**

On sunset cruises, we have also had sightings of Elephant swimming between the neighboring islands – a very welcoming sight.

For the birders amongst you, we have recently had fantastic sightings of Half Collared Kingfisher, Trumpeter Hornbill, Pel's Fishing owl And White Backed Night Heron.

Below are some pictures of other sightings:



Red Chested Cuckoo



Swallow tailed Bee-eater

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Can all agents please advise their clients that we do not accept American Express credit cards at the lodge; however, Visa, MasterCard's and Travelers Cheques are acceptable.

*Staff*

*We would like to take this opportunity to **Congratulate Steven Kalaluka** on his **promotion** from Driver & Guide to **Guest Relations Supervisor**. Steven will be very much involved in guest liaison and the organization of guest's activities and will be at guest's every "Beck and Call". We wish Steven best of luck in his new position.*

## Massage Treatments

Our selection of Massage treatments is quickly becoming one of our most popular in-house activities. It gives one the chance to experience a true Zambian tradition using the traditional active ingredients which moisturizes the skin leaving your skin energized and revitalized. A great post-safari and air-travel cure for dehydrated skin.



All our massages are conducted in the privacy of your own room overlooking the Majestic Zambezi River. Simply described as heaven on earth!

Once our new Massage Parlour opens in the New Year, we will be introducing a variety of Zambian traditional treatments ... **so watch this space!**

### [Our new website](#)

Islands of Siankaba have launched a new website. It's easier to navigate, more informative and shows the Islands uniqueness and individuality as it overlooks the mighty Zambezi River.

It certainly gives one a "taster" to one of the most distinctive features of the lodge giving one the opportunity to see how the excellence of its food and wines have developed a reputation for 'haute-cuisine in the bush' to compliment its first class service.

To see our website, visit: [www.siankaba.net](http://www.siankaba.net)

## Weddings at Siankaba



Siankaba are well known for putting on the "most romantic" wedding ever...

A private secluded island provides the most spectacular views - overwhelming in their beauty and serenity, shimmering sunsets and deafening silence. Romantic, exciting, atmospheric and evocative.

For more information, please contact our Reservations office.



## COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Work on the Mandia school teacher's housing project had slowed down mainly due to a busy season and unavailability of building materials, however just in the last two weeks we have managed to get one out of four houses up to above window level. I have attached some photos for your viewing.



We do currently only have funds to complete 1 house out of 4 houses in the block, so we are continuing to look for sponsorship in order to continue with the building project. If you would like to make a donation, please kindly email: Sonja on [islands@zamnet.zm](mailto:islands@zamnet.zm) or Jayne on [jayne123reeves123@hotmail.com](mailto:jayne123reeves123@hotmail.com) for further information.

We recently had another visit from one of the schools main sponsors, Jayne Reeves, and it has been decided that we are going to start working on upgrading the current classrooms concentrating on the maintenance of them and also introducing more teaching aids in order to improve the standard of education.

### The U Foundation

In July 2008, The U Foundation helped raise over GBP15,000 by doing the London to Paris Cycle Challenge to raise money to build a brick structure for the Siankaba Nursery School together with a play area, ablutions and a kitchen area enabling us to provide the children with a least one nutritious meal each day. Here is a photo of the riders that made it successfully to their destination – Paris!



**We would also like to  
take this opportunity  
to wish you  
“Season’s Greetings”**

Best Wishes from all of us here  
at Siankaba

