



## Pictus Safaris Trip Report – Zimbabwe & Botswana, 2022

### Abstract

The variety of wildlife within the KAZA landscape needs no introduction, and this tailor-made tour focused on one of its greatest wildernesses, Zimbabwe's Hwange National Park. Weaved into the itinerary were brief stays in the rocky Matopos NP and Botswana's world-famous Chobe NP. Visiting in October is certainly hot work, but compensation can be found in excellent game-viewing throughout the region, and highlights included thousands of elephant in both Hwange and Chobe, great lion-viewing in both of these parks and excellent ungulate diversity in Hwange.

The tour primarily focused on wild dogs, which were narrowly missed in Hwange – although we got these clients a great view in Gorongosa, Mozambique, a few days later. This was a general interest safari rather than one for listing, although we hope this remains a useful resource for mammal-watchers. As such, this itinerary included no batting or rapping, and just the one night drive, and it would be expected that the diversity of carnivores would increase significantly with more nocturnal viewing.

### At a Glance

<b>Dates</b>	September 30 <sup>th</sup> – October 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
<b>Number of Clients</b>	2
<b>Countries Visited</b>	Botswana, Zimbabwe
<b>Key Target(s)</b>	African Wild Dog, Cheetah, Leopard
<b>Total Mammal Species Recorded</b>	33



## Itinerary

Day	Destination	Accommodation
September 30 <sup>th</sup> – October 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2022	Matopos NP, Zimbabwe	Matobo Hills Lodge
October 2 <sup>nd</sup> – October 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2022	Hwange NP, Zimbabwe	Miombo Safari Lodge
October 6 <sup>th</sup> – October 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2022	Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe	Nguni Lodge
October 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2022	Kasane, Botswana	River View Lodge
October 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2022	Tour End	N/A

## Mammal List – 33 species

Species	Scientific Name	Location(s)*
<b>Carnivora – 6 species</b>		
Spotted Hyena	<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>	HNP, CNP
Common Dwarf Mongoose	<i>Helogale parvula</i>	MNP
Common Slender Mongoose	<i>Herpestes sanguineus</i>	MNP, HNP
Black-Backed Jackal	<i>Lupulella mesomelas</i>	HNP, CNP
Banded Mongoose	<i>Mungos mungo</i>	HNP
Lion	<i>Panthera leo</i>	HNP, CNP
<b>Cetartiodactyla – 17 species</b>		
Impala	<i>Aepyceros melampus</i>	MNP, HNP, CNP
Common Wildebeest	<i>Connochaetes taurinus</i>	MNP, HNP, CNP
Topi	<i>Damaliscus lunatus</i>	MNP, HNP
Southern Giraffe	<i>Giraffa giraffa</i>	MNP, HNP, CNP
Hippopotamus	<i>Hippopotamus amphibius</i>	MNP, HNP, CNP
Roan Antelope	<i>Hippotragus equinus</i>	HNP
Sable Antelope	<i>Hippotragus niger</i>	MNP, HNP, CNP
Waterbuck	<i>Kobus ellipsiprymnus</i>	MNP, HNP, CNP
Southern Lechwe	<i>Kobus leche</i>	CNP
Klipspringer	<i>Oreotragus oreotragus</i>	MNP
Common Warthog	<i>Phacochoerus africanus</i>	MNP, HNP, CNP
Steenbok	<i>Raphicerus campestris</i>	MNP, HNP
Common Duiker	<i>Sylvicapra grimmia</i>	MNP
African Buffalo	<i>Syncerus caffer</i>	HNP, CNP
Common Eland	<i>Tragelaphus oryx</i>	MNP, HNP
Bushbuck	<i>Tragelaphus scriptus</i>	MNP, HNP, CNP
Greater Kudu	<i>Tragelaphus strepsiceros</i>	MNP, HNP, CNP
<b>Hyracoidea – 2 species</b>		
Bush Hyrax	<i>Heterohyrax brucei</i>	HNP
Rock Hyrax	<i>Procavia capensis</i>	MNP
<b>Lagomorpha – 1 species</b>		
African Savanna Hare	<i>Lepus victoriae</i>	HNP
<b>Perissodactyla – 3 species</b>		
White Rhinoceros	<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>	Withheld
Black Rhinoceros	<i>Diceros bicornis</i>	Withheld
Plains Zebra	<i>Equus quagga</i>	MNP, HNP, CNP



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<b>Primates – 3 species</b>		
Vervet Monkey	<i>Chlorocebus pygerythrus</i>	MNP, HNP
Southern Lesser Galago	<i>Galago moholi</i>	HNP
Chacma Baboon	<i>Papio ursinus</i>	MNP, HNP
<b>Proboscidea – 1 species</b>		
African Bush Elephant	<i>Loxodonta africana</i>	HNP, CNP

\*MNP – Matopos NP, HNP – Hwange NP, CNP – Chobe NP

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Our destinations in the remainder of 2022, and 2023, include Benin, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Cote d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Gambia, Malawi, Mozambique, Niger, Senegal and South Africa. Spaces remain on small group tours to several of these destinations, and we are able to offer private wildlife-focussed tours to over thirty African countries.