



# MUDUMU NATIONAL PARK

## Zambezi Region



### At a Glance

#### Fact File

Proclamation date: 1990  
Size: approximately 737 km<sup>2</sup>  
Permanent rivers: Kwando  
Dry Season: April–October  
Rainy Season: November–March  
Rainfall: 550–700 mm per year, during high rainfall years flooding can be extensive  
Average monthly temperature: 30°C  
Hottest months: October to December  
Best game viewing times: Early am/late pm  
Health: The park is located within a high-risk malaria area. Precautions are essential.  
Park visitor facilities: Ngenda Park Headquarters, Nakatwa Camp Sites, Mashi Crafts Trading Post, Kongola Service Station and shop, Camp Kwando, Namushasha River Lodge and Traditional Village, Lianshulu Lodge and Lizauli Traditional Village.

#### Natural features

Kwando River floodplain and associated grasslands and riparian woodlands. The area is completely flat. The Kwando River forms the western border with Botswana. A fossilised river course, the Mudumu Mulapo, drains the Mopane woodlands.

#### Vegetation

Situated in the Tree and Shrub Savannah Biome, vegetation types such as Northeastern Kalahari Woodlands, Riverine Woodlands and Islands, Caprivi Mopane Woodland and Caprivi Floodplains are found. Mopane (*Colophospermum mopane*), Wild syringe (*Burkea africana*), leadwood (*Combretum imberbe*) and mangosteem (*Garcinia livingstonii*) are common trees.

#### Wildlife

African elephant, buffalo, lion, leopard, spotted hyena, cheetah, African wild dog, hippopotamus, crocodile, sitatunga, red lechwe, roan and sable antelope, eland, giraffe, common impala, Burchell's zebra, blue wildebeest and spotted-necked otter.

#### Five things to do

- Camp at Nakatwa's intimate campsites alongside a Kwando River backwater. Watch out for noisy neighbours - hippo, baboon and cicadas create a bushveld soundtrack. Lions, hippo and elephant add to the ensemble.
- Boost your bird list - 430 bird species have been recorded in Mudumu, including African Fish Eagle, African Skimmer, Western-banded Snake Eagle, cranes, storks, ibis and jacana.
- Go croc-spotting and check for hippos and other evasive river creatures whilst gliding down the river.
- Take a walk in the impressive Mopane forests
- Visit a traditional village in one of the neighbouring communities



#### Tips for your comfort and safety

- Engage in 4x4 all the time off-road to reduce the formation of corrugations.
- It is not advisable to drive in the Mopane woodland during wet season, the roads can be muddy and waterlogged
- Two vehicles traveling in convoy is advisable in the eastern section of the park
- Before you enter the park, make sure you have sufficient petrol, water and other supplies. There is nothing available in the park
- Remember no matter how relaxed animals in the parks may appear they are wild and can be dangerous.

*Relax and enjoy the sounds of the wilderness!*





## Visitor Information



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Reg No: \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Colour: \_\_\_\_\_ Caravan/Trailer Reg No: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Exit: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Persons over 16: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Persons under 16: \_\_\_\_\_

Namibians: \_\_\_\_\_ SADC: \_\_\_\_\_

Other (specify country of origin): \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Firearms: \_\_\_\_\_

Gate Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please read conditions carefully and sign to acknowledge you have read and understand the contents

Visitors assume full responsibility and liability for their safety and conduct and by entering this National Park, visitors expressly and irrevocably waive and renounce all claims against the Ministry of Environment and Tourism and the Government of Namibia for loss, damage or injury however sustained to a visitor whilst such visitor is in the Park

## Regulations

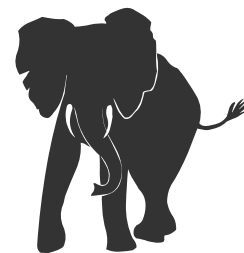
Wildlife is dangerous, can carry disease and can attack humans causing injury or death. For these reasons, it is vital that you respect all wildlife and strictly adhere to a few basic rules in terms of Section 18, 19, 20, 83 & 84 of the Nature Conservation Ordinance 4 of 1975, as amended:

- On arrival in the park, report to the officer in charge or his/her representative;
- Every permit holder shall strictly observe the conditions upon which the permit is issued to him/her and shall comply with any lawful instruction issued by the officer in charge of the game park or his/her representative;
- Every visitor to the park shall, at all times, take reasonable and proper care to the satisfaction of the officer in charge in the use of Government property;
- Visitors are only permitted to overnight in designated campsites or accommodation;
- Visitors may not travel in the park or cross the boundaries of the park after sunset or before sunrise;
- Keep to the marked tourist roads. Do not drive on roads indicated as closed or for staff only;
- Do not drive off the designated roads and tracks;
- Don't drive faster than the general speed limit of 50km/hr;
- Fishing and boating are prohibited in the park;
- Drive considerately and be mindful of others using the park;
- No pets are permitted in the park. No person shall be in possession of a wild animal, or any other animal whatsoever in the park;
- Please keep a respectful distance particularly from elephants grazing or resting between the road and the river. They have right of way;
- Return to the campsite or accommodation within the daylight hours. No night driving is permitted;
- Do not remove any plant or animal from the park. Leave all natural items of botanical, zoological, geological or archaeological interest where you found them. They are part of a unique ecosystem and all have a place in the chain of life;
- Please do not litter or leave toilet paper around. Take your rubbish out of the park with you;
- All firearms must be sealed, and weapons such as catapults, bows and arrows, sling-shots or airguns are not permitted;
- Excessive noise in camps and in the park is not permitted. Radios or sound systems can only be played at the campsites or accommodation;
- Please do not throw away any burning or smouldering objects or leave them at a place where they can possibly ignite or cause ignition;
- Please do not kill, injure or unnecessarily disturb any wild animal in the park;
- Do not roll or throw objects from any height;
- Fires for cooking and warming may only be made at designated campsites or accommodation;
- Please do not contaminate water or tamper with water installations;
- Public entertainment, charging the public any money, holding meetings or disturbing written materials without permission of the game park is not permitted;
- Do not create disturbances for any other people or wildlife;
- Be aware that you enter the park at your own risk.

I declare that I fully understand the conditions of this notice and I undertake to bring them to the attention of all members of my party and will abide by the rules and regulations on this permit.

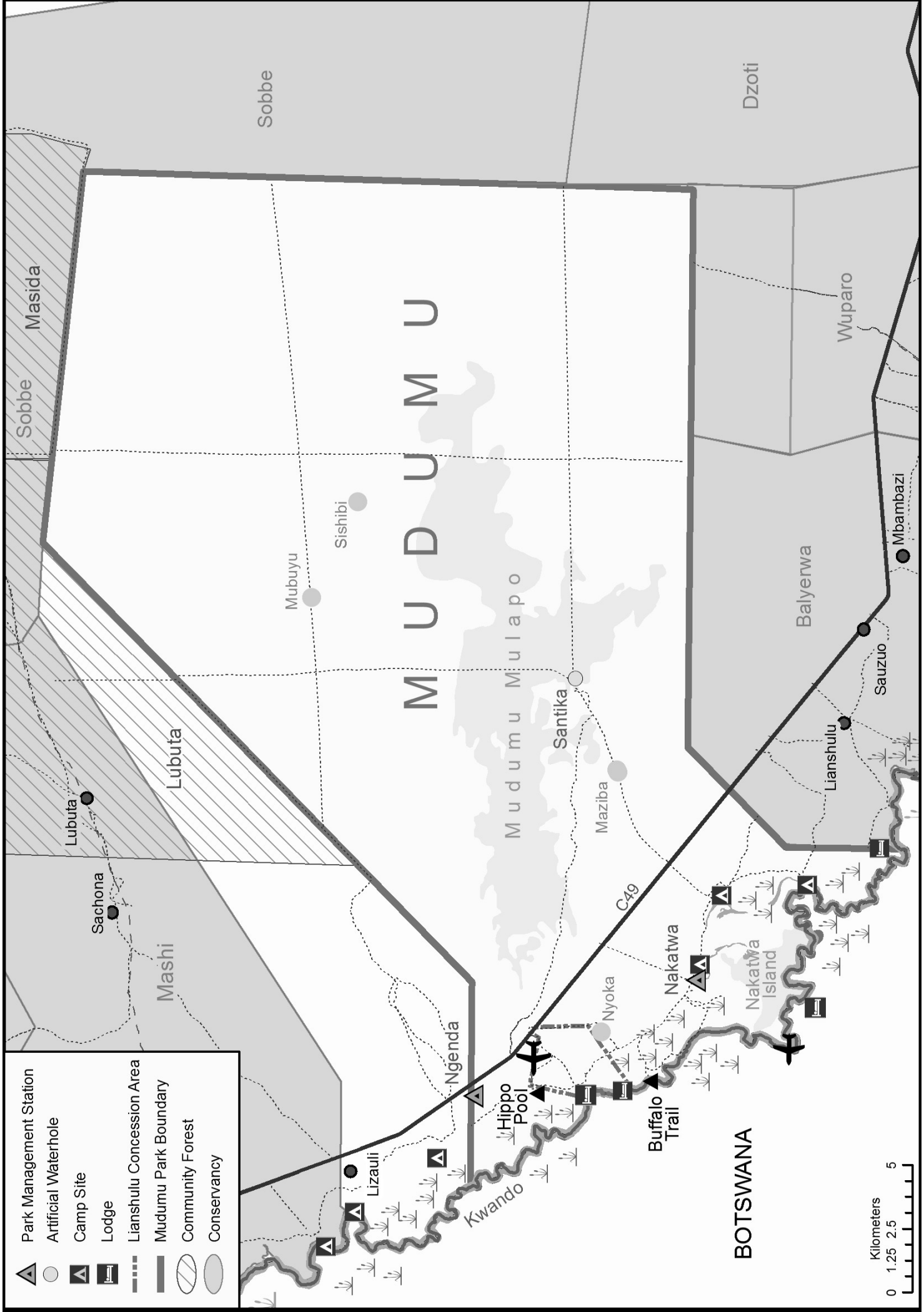
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Signature

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Date



implemented by





- Park Management Station
- Artificial Waterhole
- Camp Site
- Lodge
- Lianshulu Concession Area
- Mudumu Park Boundary
- Community Forest
- Conservancy

