



Dear Friends and Colleagues,

2015 has been a memorable year in the further implementation of the GLTFCA.

Massive donation to aid environmental crime fighters
Mozambique's environmental law enforcement efforts have received a substantial boost, when South Africa recently donated millions to support the rangers and police corps who dedicate their efforts to the war against wildlife crime cause every day. [Click here](#) for more on this story.

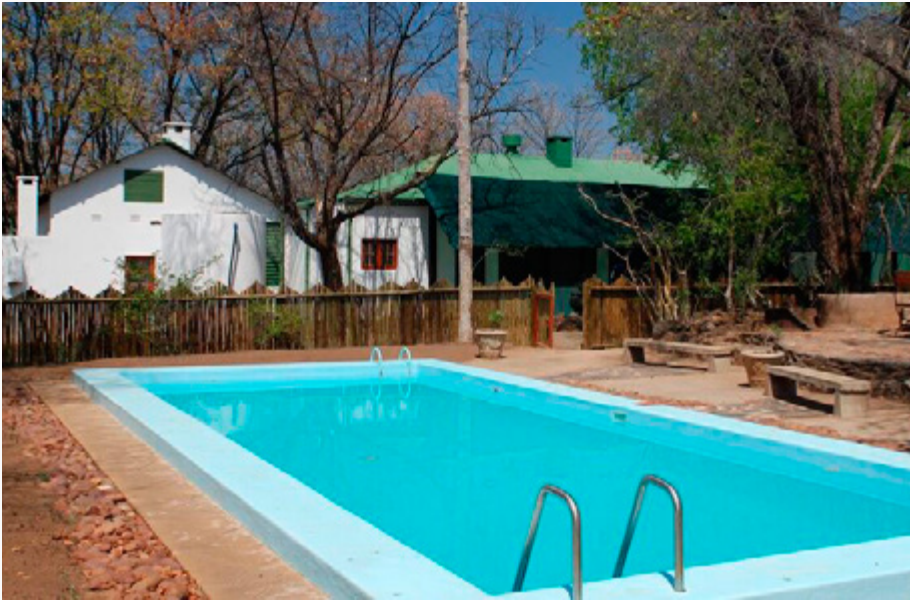
Several groundbreaking initiatives, activities and programmes were initiated this year including the following:

- Establishment of the Limpopo National Park – Kruger National Park Joint Park Management Committee (JPMC) and wildlife crime bilateral. This is the first JPMC to be established as part of the GLTFCA Institutional Reform Strategy;
- Initiating a process to develop an Integrated Livelihoods Diversification Strategy for the GLTFCA. This process is supported through a collaborative partnership between the USAID funded RESILIM Programme, the Peace Parks Foundation (PPF) and the GLTFCA;
- Further development of the GLTFCA through the initiation of a process to formalise the various private concession areas in Mozambique bordering Kruger National Park and Gonarezhou National Park, and the launching of the Zinave National Park restoration project funded by PPF;
- Launch of the GLTFCA website, Facebook site, and Newsletter;
- Facilitating the implementation of a feasibility of the then proposed Shingwedzi Cliffs Adventure and Trails Camp, which has subsequently moved to a site within the Madonse concession area; and
- Development of an Elephant Management Plan for the South East Lowveld Area in Zimbabwe, which aims to support the implementation of an integrated regional approach.



Strategy to improve lives beyond park boundaries takes shape

Sharing benefits of the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park with those that live around it has been an important objective since its inception, and a strategy of how to attain this is taking shape. This follows after a series of meetings in November to thrash out details of how communities living on the borders of the protected areas can benefit from conservation. [Read more...](#)



New accommodation options in Kruger beckons

If you're into staring at age old baobab trees, driving under the shade of fever trees and nyala berries, being awoken by a crescendo of birdsong and searching for scarce species such as tsessebe and roan, Pafuri is the place for you. This November, SANParks opened new accommodation options for those looking to explore. [Read more...](#)

Apart from these, the GLTFCA continued with the implementation of the following:

- Final activity of the initial PPF funded wildlife translocation programme between KNP and LNP, which started in 2001 with the translocation of 25 elephants from South Africa to Mozambique;
- Pafuri Cross Border Trail and Shangane Festival, which this year was hosted jointly by Chief Maluleke from the Makuleke Clan and Chief Sengwe from the Sengwe Clan. This initiative, which was originally initiated by Wilderness Safaris in partnership with the GLTFCA, is now operated by ReturnAfrica in partnership with the GLTFCA, the Chiredzi District Council and Malipati Community Development Trust; and
- Cross-border predator research initiative, which has been providing the GLTFCA with astonishing results on the distribution of key predator species across the GLTFCA landscape.



Rangers receive a royal hand

The fight against poaching and illegal wildlife trade was given a touch of glamour when Prince Harry visited the Southern Africa Wildlife College. But, he had more than well-wishes to share. The prince arrived with news of significant help from United for Wildlife on the way. [Read more...](#)

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing interest and support in the GLTFCA, and keep on encouraging you to share your stories and experiences associated with this exciting initiative with us.

This could be done by sending contributions via email to piettheron01@gmail.com.



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