



# Maramba River Lodge

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The Lodge is hosting the following event in July:-

## Trees for Zambia a reforestation and eco-education project in Livingstone

Join an exciting reforestation project at the mighty Victoria Falls! Through our Trees for Zambia project, Greenpop will be planting over 5,000 trees in Livingstone, in an effort to fight the drastic deforestation in the area – and you can be part of it! We offer you the chance to join us for one, two or three weeks to plant trees, educate children about conservation, learn about environmental issues through a range of workshops, and explore this beautiful corner of Africa!

Join us, watch this video

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iL5e40UL20I&list=PLBE3688AD34880FEF&feature=plcp>

Help make a difference to people's lives.



Companies or individuals can get involved by gifting trees – either indigenous or fruit by contacting the web site [www.greenpop.org/projects/trees-for-zambia/](http://www.greenpop.org/projects/trees-for-zambia/)

### A Lion in Livingstone



In January, a large lion was reported to be roaming the Songwe area of Livingstone. All Lion Encounter and ALERT lions were confirmed to be present – so this was a WILD lion! On the arrival of Dr. Ian Parsons, a wildlife vet and expert in game capture, the lion was tracked, darted and captured. The male animal was found to be wearing a GPS collar and was reputed to have come from Hwange, Zimbabwe. Investigation of the GPS data will ascertain the route the lion took – did it swim the Zambezi River or did it simply walk across the Victoria Falls Bridge?!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the Zambian football team (The Chipolopolo – Copper Bullets)! Although seen by many so-called experts as underdogs, Zambia's thrilling victory over The Ivory Coast proved yet again that, in sport, anything is possible.





As part of St Patrick Day's activities organised by The Wild Geese Society in Lusaka, The Lodge hosted an Irish band for 2 nights. The **Zambian Branch** of this Society has been in existence for nearly 50 years and raises money for the more vulnerable as well as promoting **Zambian/Irish relations**. The name 'Wild Geese' was given to the Irish Brigade of soldiers who joined the French Army in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century. Later Wild Geese fought in the French Revolution, in the American War of Independence and in the Boer War. The music of the band was much enjoyed by the visitors at the Lodge.



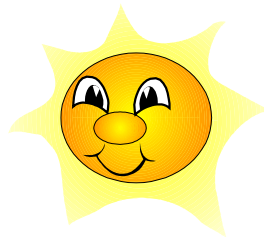
**★ Forthcoming events**

- **MAY- Are you coming to the Africa Travel (ATA) Conference in Victoria Falls town ? Why not cross the Bridge to view the Falls from the Zambian side – an experience not to be missed and spend a night or two at Maramba River Lodge. There is so much to see and do in Livingstone.**
- **July – The American Polocrosse team is visiting Zambia. Last year the Zambian team made it to it's first World Cup - held in the UK. More details in the next Newsletter.**
- **In 2013 The plans for the celebration of The Bicentenary of the birth of David Livingstone from March 19<sup>th</sup> (Livingstone's Birthday) - November 16<sup>th</sup> (date Livingstone first viewed the Victoria Falls), are well underway and were officially launched in Livingstone, Zambia, in February by The British High Commissioner to Zambia, Mr James Thornton, and officiated by The Zambian Foreign Affairs & Tourism Minister, Mr Given Lubinda. Please visit [www.livingstone2013.com](http://www.livingstone2013.com) for further information**



**Weather for this period in 2012**

	April	May	June
Max Temp	30°C	28°C	25°C
Min Temp	15°C	11°C	7 °C
Rainfall	2.4mm	0.6mm	0mm
Humidity	63%	58%	55%



**Exchange Rates**  
 1\$ = 5354 Kwacha,  
 1£ = 8498 K,  
 1Euro = 7,135K,  
 1ZAR = 705K  
 Check changes in the currency due to take place shortly

**When is the best time to see the Falls?**

The seasonal rise and fall of the Zambezi River changes the look of the Falls on a daily basis. The western side of the Falls is lower than the eastern side and therefore carries the most water all year round. Although the Falls are spectacular at high water – March and May, the spray often obscures the waterfall and it is difficult to photograph. Each time of the year has its advantages and disadvantages but it is a magnificent sight all the year round.



**Where is Maramba River Lodge?**  
 4K from the Victoria Falls in the Mosi-oa-Tunya National Park

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**Congratulations**

to Queen Elizabeth II, Head of the Commonwealth of which Zambia is a member, who is celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of her reign in June. Princess Anne will be visiting Zambia on her behalf this year. The logo below was designed by a 10 year old girl and has been adopted as the official emblem of the Jubilee

