



# GAME RANGERS INTERNATIONAL

## GRI Newsflash #15



### News update from: GRI's Conservation Awareness Programme

*Inspiring greater Environmental Awareness and Understanding through education and wildlife sensitisation at local and regional levels*

#### Muzovu Project Success – Round Two school visits reach 2500 children!!

This quarter's theme for Round Two of the Muzovu Project was 'living with wildlife' – with an aim of encouraging ways of living safely and happily alongside wildlife. It also focused on dispelling local negative myths about certain species of wildlife such as chameleons and owls. This helps pupils to better understand these animals so that they can be protected and not destroyed. In little over a month, the GRI-CAP team, supported by volunteers Sarah and Bridget, saw a total of 16 schools and a record number of pupils – approximately 2,500! This extraordinary effort would not have been possible without the boundless enthusiasm and tireless support from our volunteers and GRI's Community Liaison Officer, Britius Munkombwe.

#### GRI-WECSZ Teacher Training Workshop Success

Round Two of the Muzovu Project also featured a teacher training workshop, hosted by Patrick Shawa from Wildlife and Environmental Conservation Society of Zambia (WECSZ). The workshop trained teachers in setting up Chongololo and Chipembele Clubs at their schools. The session also gave them ideas for



environmental teaching materials and setting up environment club activities and events. The workshop was a great success with representation from 14 out of 19 of the target schools. This involved a great deal of effort from many of the teachers as some schools were over 40km away. GRI-CAP, in partnership with WECSZ, is helping to bring environment and conservation awareness into these rural schools by encouraging the organisation of Chongololo and Chipembele Clubs and bringing in additional education resources. This workshop was an important next step to bringing the environment to centre stage in the schools and after school clubs. The schools have shown real enthusiasm for the clubs, with many initiating exciting activities including art and drama as well as tree planting exercises.

### News update from: GRI's Park Protection & Training Support

*Providing welfare, training and operational support to wildlife officers on the front line of endangered species protection*



*Building relations with local fisherman*

We are very pleased to report that, as part of the bigger picture of conservation surrounding the Elephant Orphanage Project and the need to secure a safe Release Area for Zambia's orphaned elephants and all other wildlife species in Kafue National Park, Game Rangers International has recently launched a Patrol Boat on Lake Itzhi Tezhi. The lake forms the northern buffer to the Release Area and provides sanctuary and a vital lifeline to many species in the Park, including the recovering populations of elephant. It also provides livelihood for many local fishermen and their families. All this must be protected in a sustainable way. The GRI Patrol Boat will be used to

support the Zambian Wildlife Authority and the local communities in their ongoing commitment of securing Lake Itzhi Tezhi and the integrity of Kafue National Park.

This joint initiative between GRI and the Zambian Wildlife Authority has been made possible by the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation ([www.davidshepherd.org](http://www.davidshepherd.org)) and the International Elephant Foundation ([www.elephantconservation.org](http://www.elephantconservation.org)), whom we are extremely grateful to for their ongoing support. We would also like to say a BIG thank you to River Rat Marine and the Genesis Group of Companies for all their support locally. We thank you all for your ongoing support of GRI conservation projects.

GRI is dedicated to wildlife conservation in Zambia through four vitally important projects: Conservation Awareness Programme, Park Protection & Training Support, Community Outreach Programme and the Elephant Orphanage Project. With the increase in our support to the communities bordering KNP and with three suckling orphans in our care we are in need of your support more than ever!

To help make a difference to Zambian wildlife with a cash or in-kind donation please email us at [elephantorphanageproject@gmail.com](mailto:elephantorphanageproject@gmail.com) or call Rachael on +260-978-736025 or donation's can be made online by clicking this link <http://www.davidshepherd.org/help-us/donate/> and choosing 'Zambia' from the drop down menu - 100% will go to the project.

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