



*Just days after his rescue Maramba (front) is on the road to recovery and enjoying milk with his new family*

# GAME RANGERS INTERNATIONAL GRI Newsflash #18



Elephant Orphanage Project  
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## News update from: Elephant Orphanage Project

~To Rescue, Rehabilitate and Release orphaned elephants back into the wild~

Only days after little Musolole was rescued in Sioma Ngwesi, the EOP team was called out to Livingstone to help with another orphaned elephant calf!

Russell Young from Maramba River Lodge had noticed a small elephant wandering along the banks of the Maramba River, Livingstone for a few days. By day 7 it was apparent that the calf had been isolated from his herd and was starting to loose condition. With tremendous support from ZAWA Livingstone and other volunteers the young elephant 'Maramba' was rescued and the EOP team arrived with a crate to safely transport the young bull to Lusaka. On arrival to Lusaka Maramba immediately calmed down as he joined Kavalamanja and Musolole who are being kept at a staging post before their translocation to the Kafue National Park Release Facility.



*Maramba was mildly sedated as he travelled in a well padded crate from Livingstone to Lusaka under the supervision of ZAWA vet Dr Harvey Kamboyi*

Under the age of two years old elephant calves are very vulnerable and require a high level of care, especially if they have undergone periods of starvation and stress. With the ever growing herd of orphaned elephants at EOP we have identified the need to spilt the elephants into two groups: milk suckling calves and post weaned elephants. As the orphans are weaned from milk they need to spend more time in the bush, feeding for themselves and with minimal human contact, the opposite requirement to the young and newly rescued fragile babies who frequently need veterinary support. So for now the three recently rescued orphans will remain in Lusaka until they are healthier and stronger. As always it is always so exciting to witness these orphaned elephants being brought together after their tragic separation from their natal families. Despite all being boisterous bulls, these three young elephants have already helped one another to heal their wounds and emotional scars as they learn to live within a new little family...

Maramba was safely captured with many thanks to ZAWA Ecologist Joreck Chishika, Commercial Officer Richard Mwamba and WPO Munalula Victor. Zambezi Elephant Trails, Lion Encounter: Nicola Leach, Jacqui Kirk, Cara, Britannie Broughton, Leah McEwen, Sabine Hansen and Claire Artingstall. From Maramba River Lodge: Russell and Keira Young, Derick Sikonda, Amon Bihinda, Joseph Mumbika, Safasi Mizi, Michael Mwiya, Jerico Likando and Dominic Nkabika. Well done and thanks to all who helped Maramba – we hope you will come and visit him with his new family!

## APPEAL FOR SCOUTS WIDOWS!

Musolole's rescue was accompanied by the tragic loss of two incredibly brave ZAWA Officers who were fighting against illegal poaching activities in Sioma Ngwesi National Park. Game Rangers International supports anti-poaching in Zambia through its Park Protection & Training Support Programme. In response to this recent tragedy we wish to send out an appeal to all of you to help us to support the widows and families of the brave officers who lost their lives in the line of duty, defending Zambia's wildlife for the future benefit of its people. Please, we kindly ask you to dig deep and help us to assist these grieving families who have not only lost a husband and father, but also their financial support. 100% of all funds raised through this appeal will go to the families.

We would again like to send our deepest sympathies to the families of Stali Musolole and Libakengi Chibenge. To donate please contact Rachael: 0978736025 or [elephantorphanageproject@gmail.com](mailto:elephantorphanageproject@gmail.com) and quote 'Widow & Orphans Fund'

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 **five** 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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