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Nkala 'to stay' at the 'place to rest'



Elephant Orphanage Project
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Welcome to the latest ele calf to join the herd at the EOP Lilayi Elephant Nursery. 3 month old Nkala was rescued last weekend from Kafue National Park...

Nkala was discovered by the local community wandering alone and distressed among their cattle at 2am last Sunday. Through GRI's community radio show the local people of Nkala Game Management Area had an understanding of our work and contacted GRI to initiate the rescue. By 7am GRI and ZAWA units were mobilised to begin the rescue. With incredible help and cooperation from ZAWA, Area Warden Moonga helped the EOP Team to assess the health of the elephant before transporting him to *Camp Phoenix*. This little elephant was very tired, thirsty and hungry but on the whole fighting fit and in relatively good health.

Due to his young age plans were made quickly to translocate him to *Lilayi Elephant Nursery*, this was achieved through the very generous help of Royal Air Charters and support from the ZAWA Ngoma Unit and Itezhi Tezhi District Commissioner.

With support from UNZA vet Dr Haachilala, Nkala was mildly sedated throughout the very smooth flight to Lusaka, amazingly he was even settled enough to happily munch on some browse (he is currently teething so chewing on branches although at this age he is totally milk dependant).

Thanks to the support from LILAYI we were able to land only 5 minutes from the Nursery. Nkala was speedily driven to his new home where he ventured out into the boma area investigating his new surroundings.



At such a young age Nkala is incredibly vulnerable and is currently adjusting to a massive life change: losing his mother and family, as well as adapting to a new diet... This is critical time for him and he is under very close observation. We are very pleased with his progress to date, but will feel like anxious mothers for some time yet...

Currently Nkala can be viewed daily at 11:30 only for 15 minutes. The other orphans are available for viewing from 11:45 to 13:00. Please stop by the Lilayi Elephant Nursery to share this unique experience. GRI is 100% donor funded and we can't save these orphaned elephants without your help! Please help us to support little Nkala. Donations can be made online at <https://www.justgiving.com/Game-Rangers-International-EOP>



With huge thanks to... Nkala community, ZAWA Area Warden Mr Moonga, Ecologist Mr Chifunte and WPO's, Dr Mutinta Haachilala, Rob Stacey and Royal Air Charters, Brendan Raisbeck and all at LILAYI, the Miller family, GRI staff and volunteers and all the other supporters who have been involved with this rescue.

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