



MAKUTSI
SAFARI SPRINGS

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Dear Makutsi Friends,

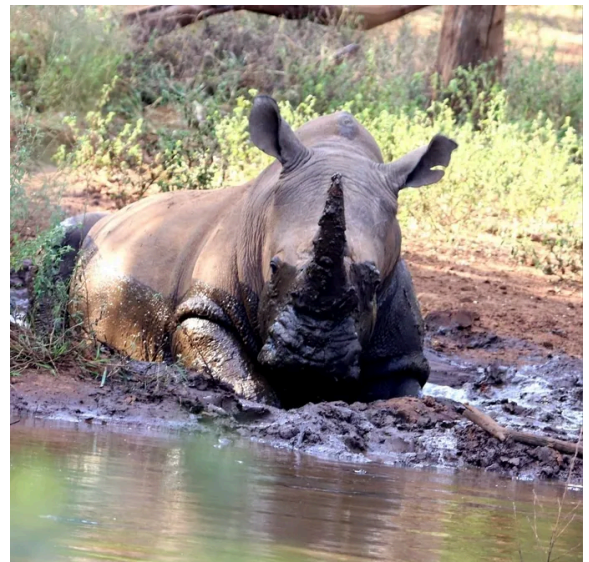
We hope you've had an excellent start to 2024 and that you've experienced many happy travels!

It's been very busy on Makutsi recently, so first we want to take a moment and thank all of our guests for your loyalty and unwavering support! We cannot wait to share some of the highlights we've experienced so far, with you... Let's have a look at what's happened in the last 3 months, catch-up with the Makutsi Cheetahs, celebrate some sunsets and reflect on how we can spend the "golden hour" on Makutsi.



JANUARY

In between the summer rains, we welcomed some sunshine and heat. On the days when it got a little bit too hot, guests and animals alike needed a little cool down - whether this means a mud-bath with some Rhinos or some relaxing time around the pool.





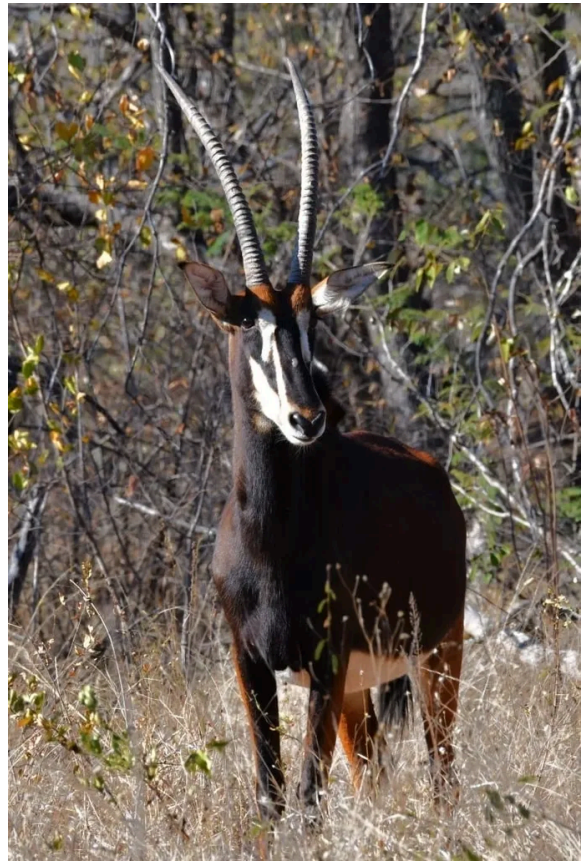
FEBRUARY

The heat continued into February, bringing with it Valentine's Day... and it's safe to say love was in the air here on the Makutsi Game Reserve.

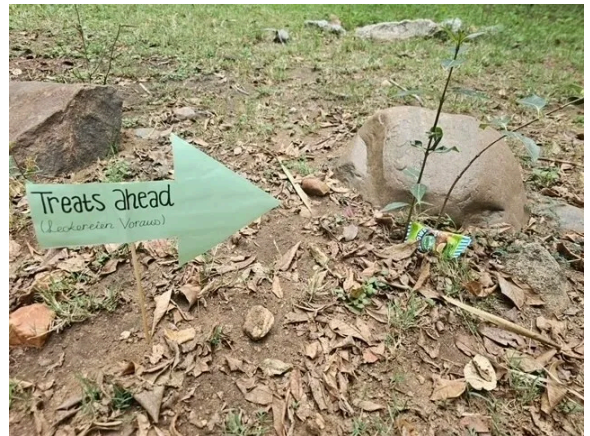


MARCH

March brought with it two main reasons to celebrate being here in the bush; Easter, as well as our Makutsi family growing a little bigger! We welcomed our newest additions this month - a Sable calf as well as a Rhino calf joined the herd in the Northern property. We were able to "capture" the little rhino calf with the camera lens, but not the little sable antelope. That's why we're sending a picture of the proud dad.



Easter "Makutsi-Style" meant that all the Makutsi kids joined in on an easter-egg hunt, through Makutsi Main Camp, amidst the Palm trees and Nyala antelope. We swiftly sought for all the Easter treats, while the Vervet Monkeys peeked at us from the overhead branches, hoping we would forget something for them! Who knows....Maybe you'll be joining us for the celebrations next year? We can hardly wait!





CATCHING UP WITH THE CHEETAHS



Cheetahs are world-renowned as the fastest land mammals, travelling up to 120km/h. So it's always very exciting when we can spend some time with these cats. Many of our guests have been lucky to join us on our Cheetah Research Drives, where we focus on

spending time with our two Cheetahs in the Northern Makutsi Property - Mavara and Rita.

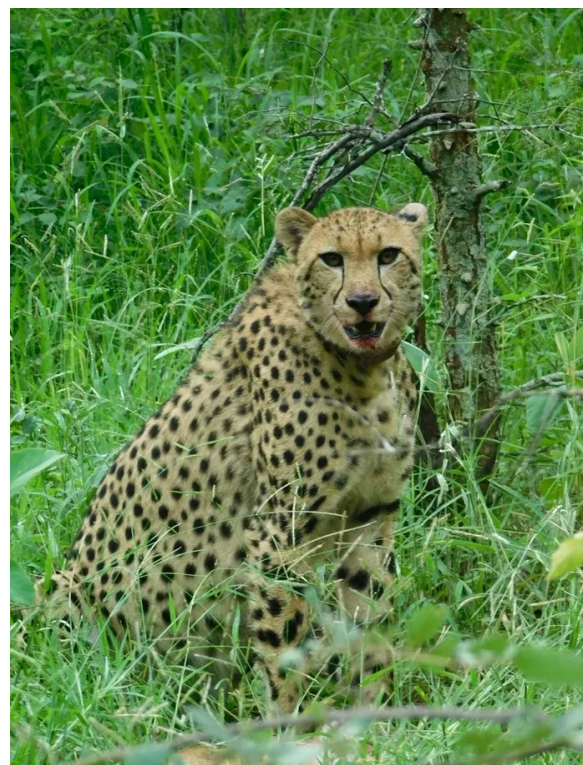
While Mavara has been on Makutsi for a few years now, we were all very excited to have Rita join us in August 2023 and are extremely pleased at how quickly she has settled into the Makutsi Game Reserve.

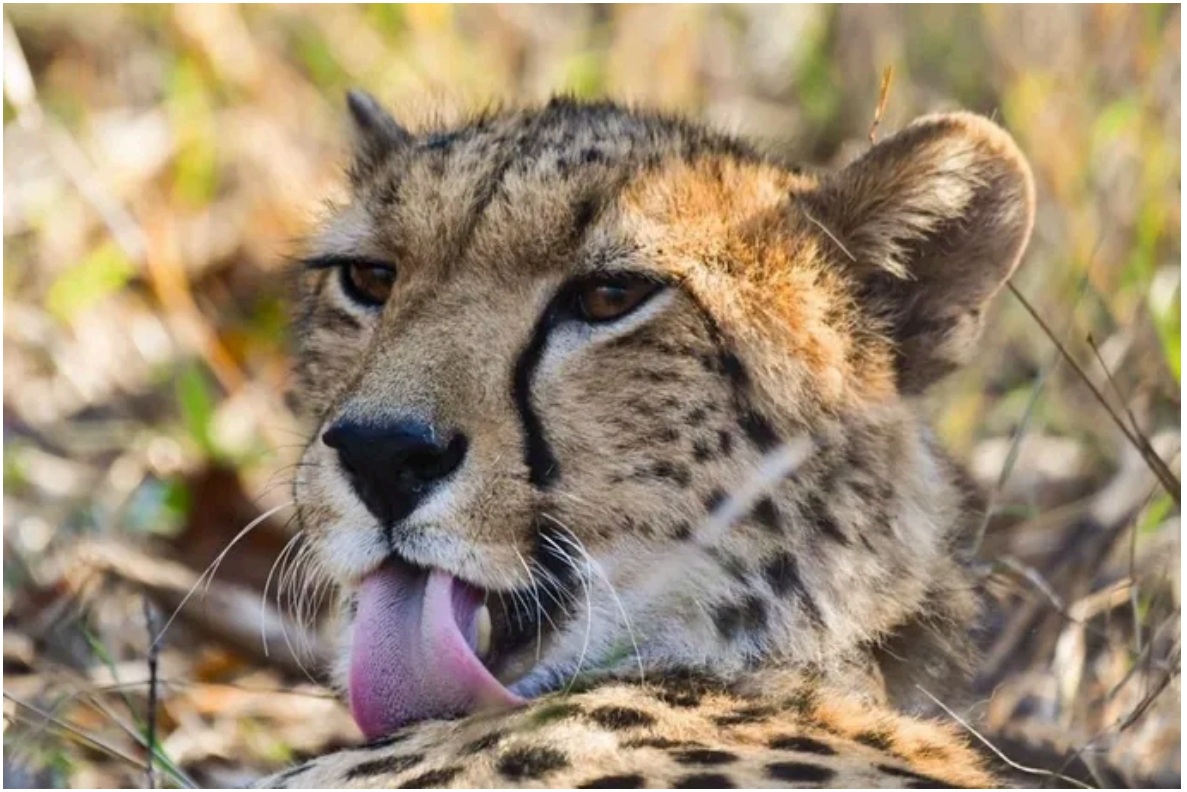
We first released her into a smaller, fenced-off area of the reserve so she could become acclimated to her new environment. After a few weeks we released her into the larger northern reserve and she wasted no time showing everyone how ready she was to make Makutsi her home - making her first kill only two days later!



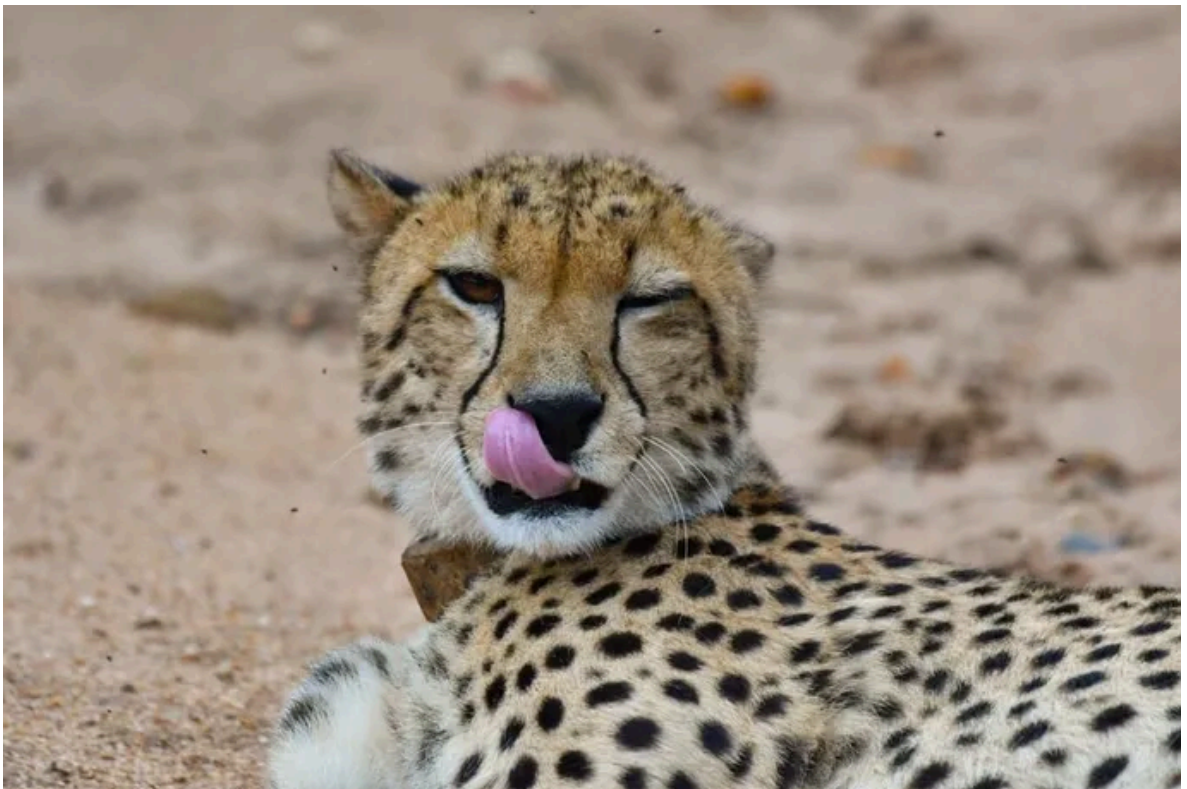
On the Cheetah Research Drive, we track the Cheetahs using a Telemetry device linked with the trackers in the Cheetahs' collars. This enables us to get a better indication of where they can be found and we can approach them on foot - to encounter them from an entirely different perspective as they groom themselves, walk about or rest under the Acacia trees...

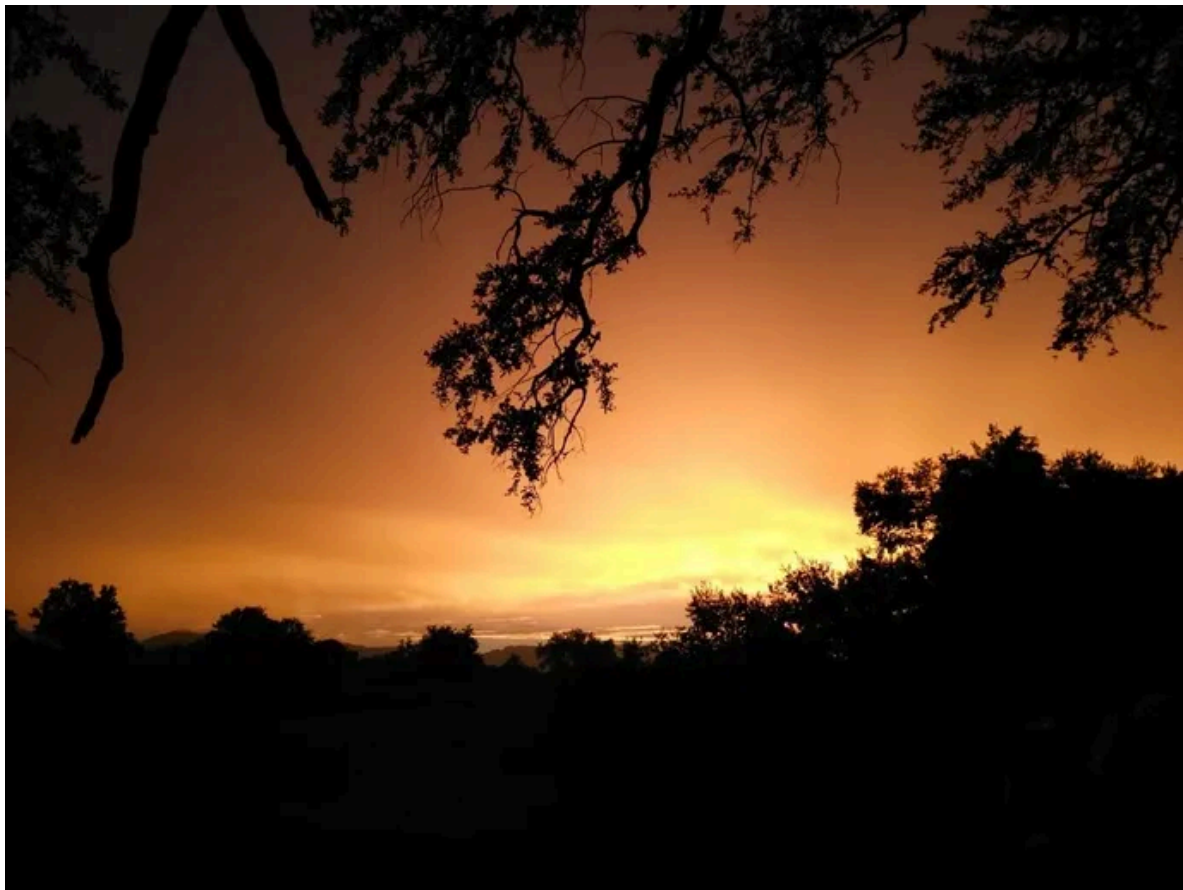
A few weeks ago a group of guests were also very privileged to follow Rita on a hunt and then witness her catch an Impala antelope!





We have also seen Mavara and Rita together on a few occasions and have our fingers crossed that we'll be welcoming some Cheetah cubs in the near future!





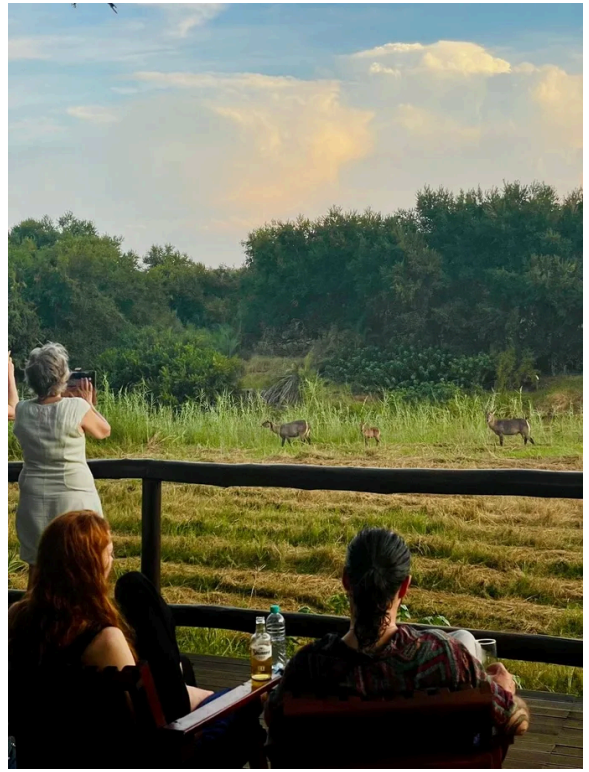
...AND THE SUN SETS ON ANOTHER GLORIOUS DAY IN AFRICA

As this newsletter draws to an end, we want to take a moment to reflect on the different ways you can end off your days on Makutsi.

A major highlight is always the Simba Safari - an afternoon and evening game drive. In between the search for animals big and small, we also take the time to celebrate you being here with us, with a Bush Sundowner! We love sharing the bush with you, especially while we pop some champagne and take in all the views!

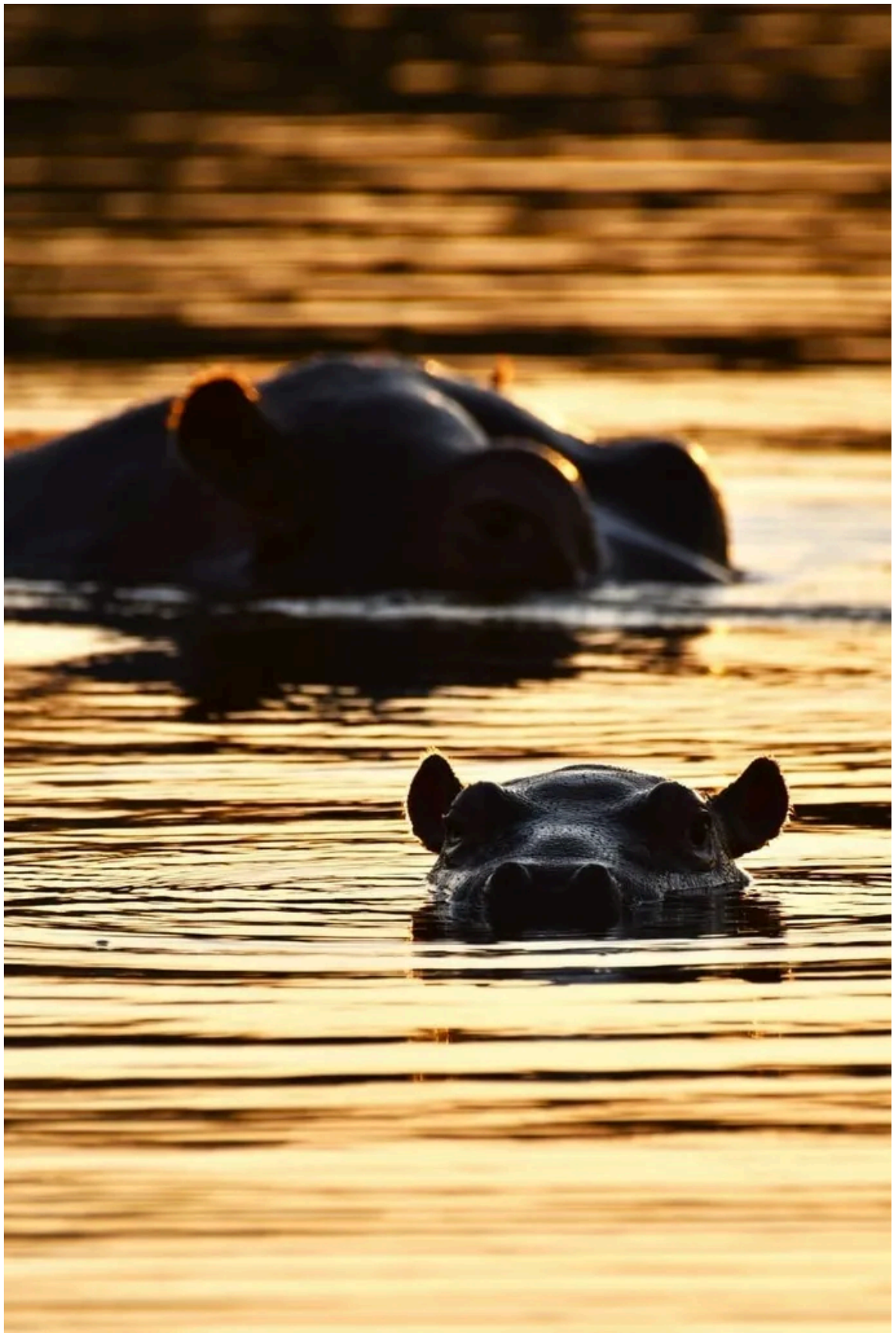


Another option, if you're not out on drive, is to relax out on the River Lapa deck, perched on the banks of the Makhutswe River. Our guests have been very lucky recently, not just with awesome animal encounters, but also with some pretty spectacular sunset scenes... sipping cocktails as the cicadas chirp in the distance and the Hadedu Ibis birds also siren their farewell to another day well spent in the African bushveld.





Thanks again to you all for your support and for being here to share these special moments with us... we can't wait to see what adventures await and hopefully you'll be here to experience them with us!



If you are considering a visit to Makutsi, please contact us to find out about availability & prices.

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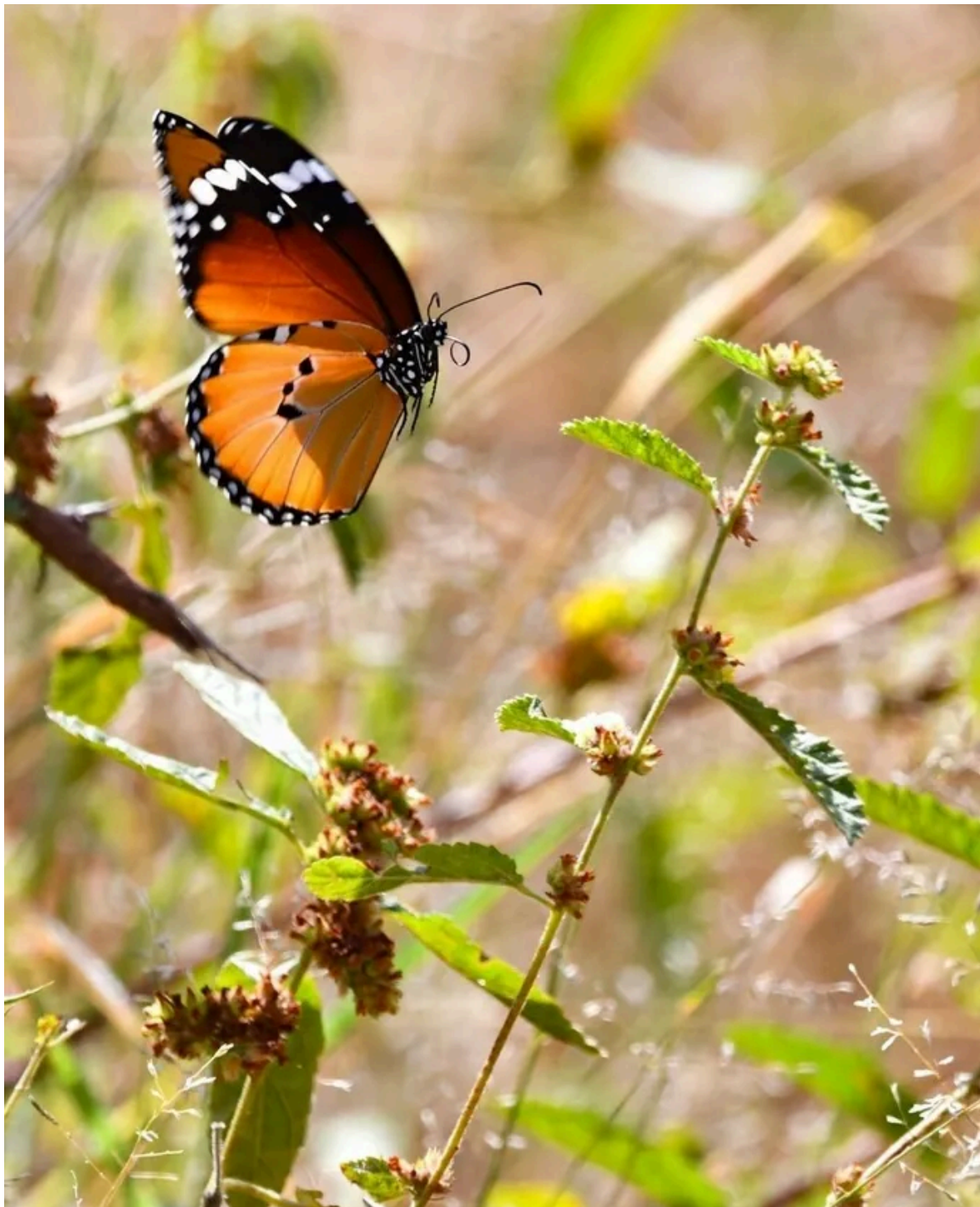
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