

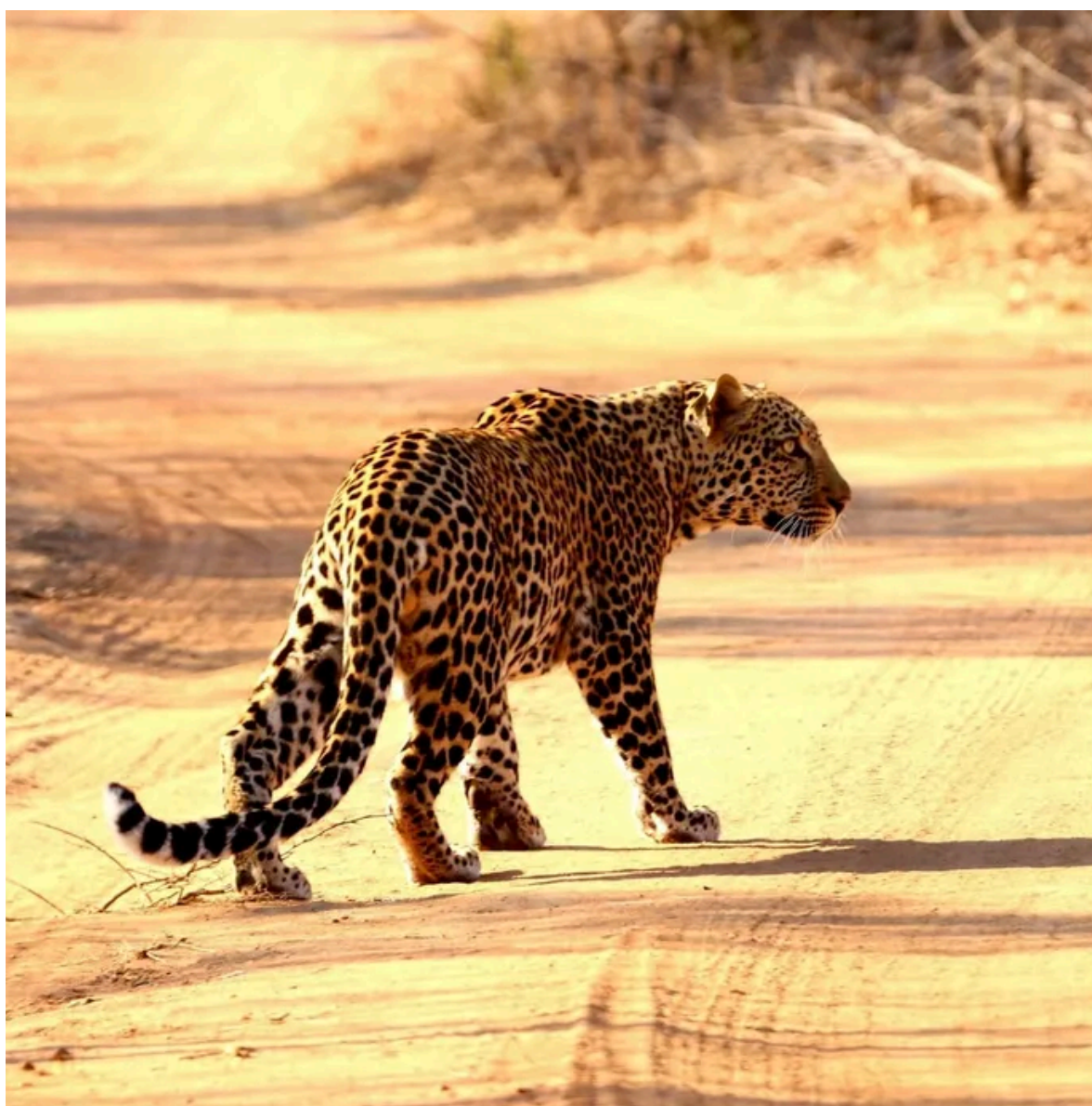


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SAFARI SPRINGS

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Dear Makutsi Friends,

Welcome back to another Makutsi Newsletter! We are so excited to catch you up with everything that's been going on over the last couple of months... Its been a very successful season so far, and the animal sighting definitely haven't slowed down at all! We've also been busy with more improvements and additions in and around camp and have had numerous animals coming into the camp to check it out for themselves.



MAKUTSI MONTH-BY-MONTH

JULY

We are always working towards making your home away from home cosier and more comfortable for our guests... In July this meant we brought in some new lighting and decor to our restaurant area. We can't wait to share our homely African ambience with you while we are all seated together, sharing meals and exciting safari stories.



We hope that these meals we get to share with you are also enhanced with delicious organic vegetables! As many of our long-term guests may be aware Makutsi used to have two very large gardens to grow our own produce. Unfortunately, during- and post-Covid we had to scale back on this project. We are however very pleased to inform you all that we have begun sustainably reinstating our vegetable garden and a lot of the veggies on your plates are home-grown with love here in the bush!

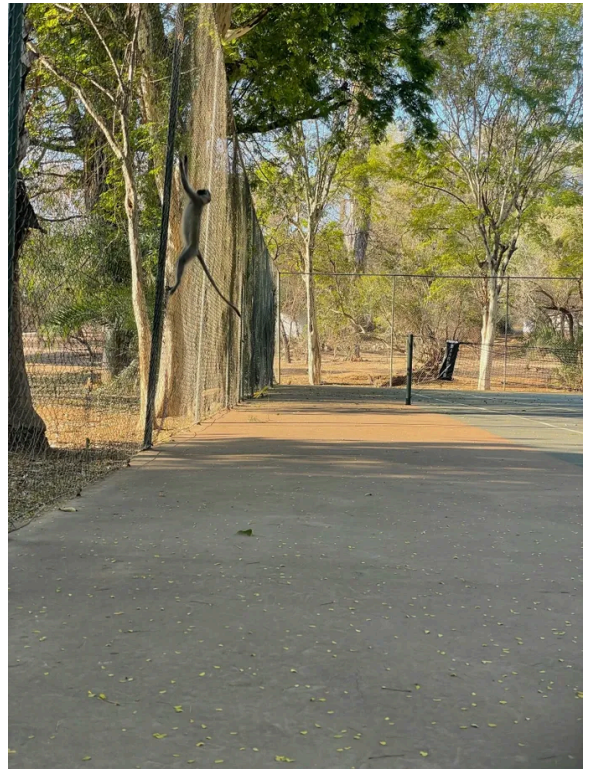
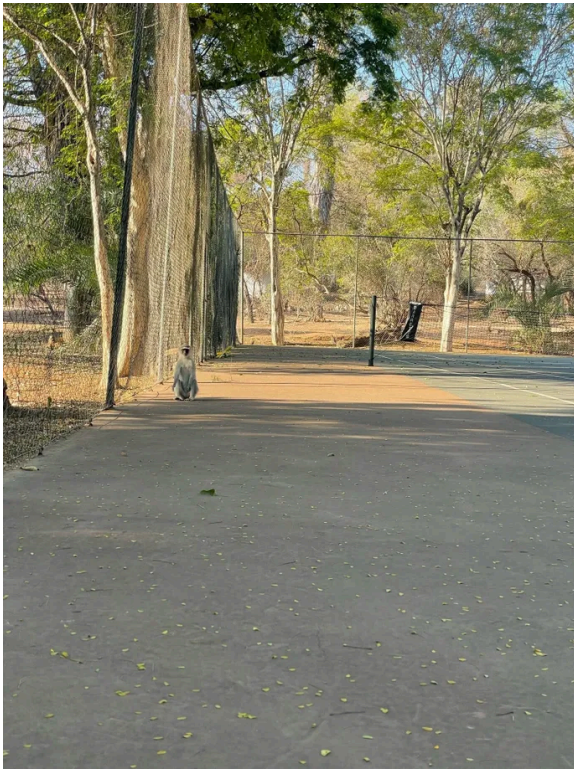


AUGUST

Another little addition to the Makutsi Camp was an outdoor chess set. This means that both kids and adults alike have another activity to enjoy, along with the Tennis, Table Tennis and Swimming of course! The tennis court and equipment have also received some upgrades and improvements and waiting for you... There are not many places where you would be able to set up the chess, go for a dip or play a set of tennis alongside an audience of Nyalas, Impalas and Vervet monkeys so we invite you to come and try it out for yourself!

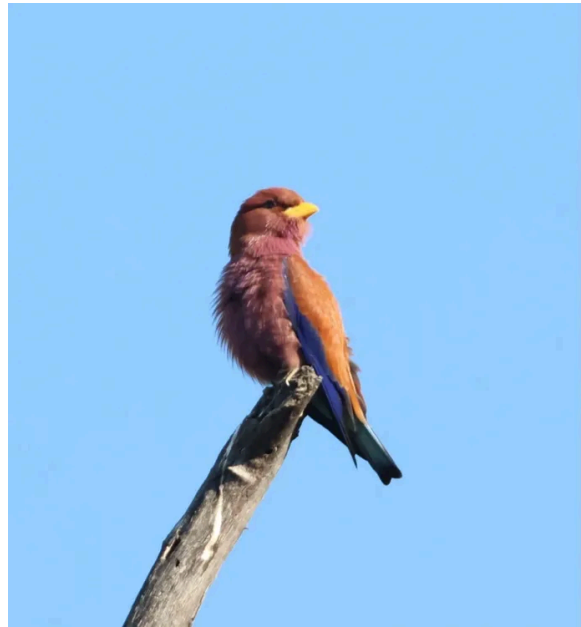






SEPTEMBER

It's officially Spring here in the bush and we certainly feel the extra spring in our step as the days warm up again! Despite a few chilly mornings and evenings as the weather transitions, we are already seeing slightly longer days and warmer nights... and definitely a lot more action around the outdoor pool as everyone comes to cool off in between game drives. The warmer weather also means the gradual return of many of the migratory bird species back to bush... a lot to look forward to on your trip to Makutsi!



A Hippo has made itself at home in our Hippo Hide over the last few weeks and is also seizing every opportunity to cool off on these warm days!



MAKUTSI... AND BEYOND!

As many of you already know, the Classic Makutsi Package also delves a little deeper into the areas surrounding the Makutsi Game Reserve. Along with several Game Drives on the Reserve, we also have the opportunity to explore even further and show you two iconic features in our little slice of heaven... the Blyde River Canyon and Kruger National Park.

KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

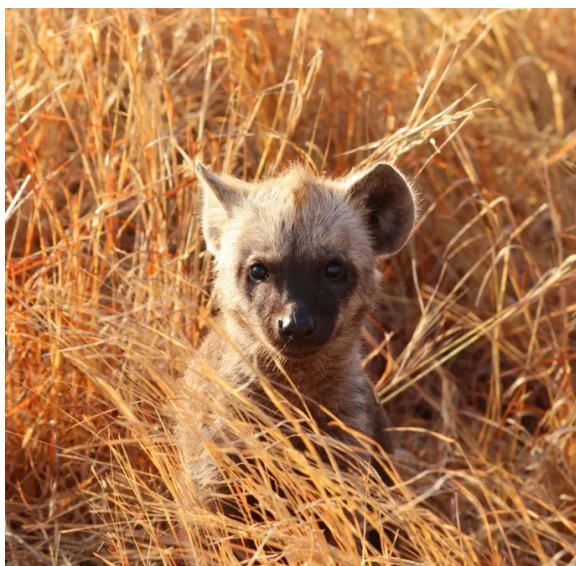
This iconic South African flagship nature reserve was first established in 1898 as a means to protect wildlife and preserve the many different species and biospheres that call this park their home. The expansive size of Kruger - nearly 2 million hectares leaves much room for exploration and gives us ample opportunity to see different ecosystems and additional species, as well as vast populations of species such as elephants moving through the park. This is a massive reason why we love sharing this park with our guests - to show you a different perspective of the animals and to enhance your overall impressions of South Africa.



Our Kruger Day trips start bright and early as we depart Makutsi on our adventure.... this means we will have more time to spot some animals and gives us beautiful sunrise opportunities along the way.



Our recent trips to the Kruger have been very lucky and have had some truly awesome sightings! We are so excited to share a few of these with you:



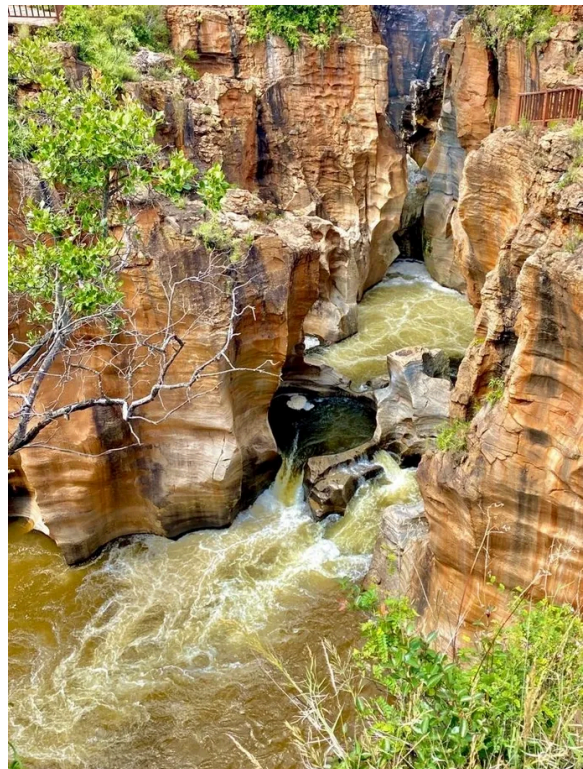
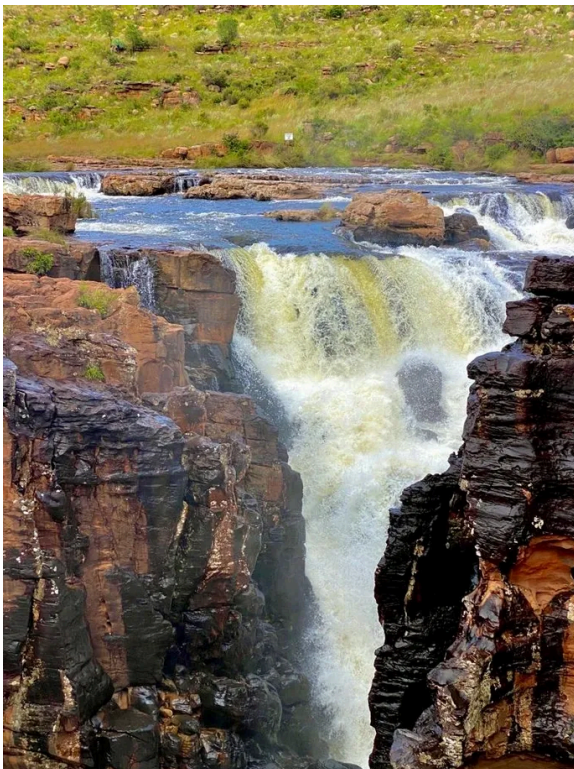
BLYDE RIVER CANYON

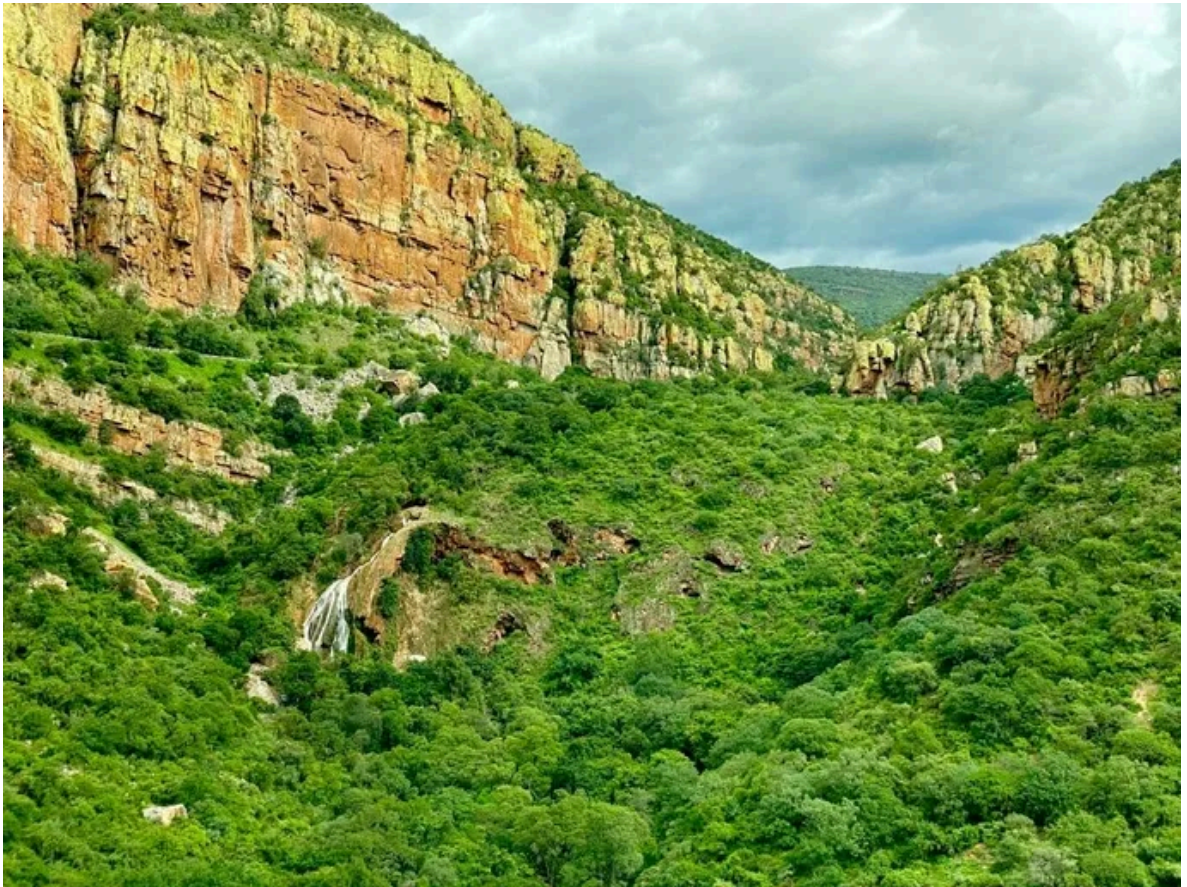
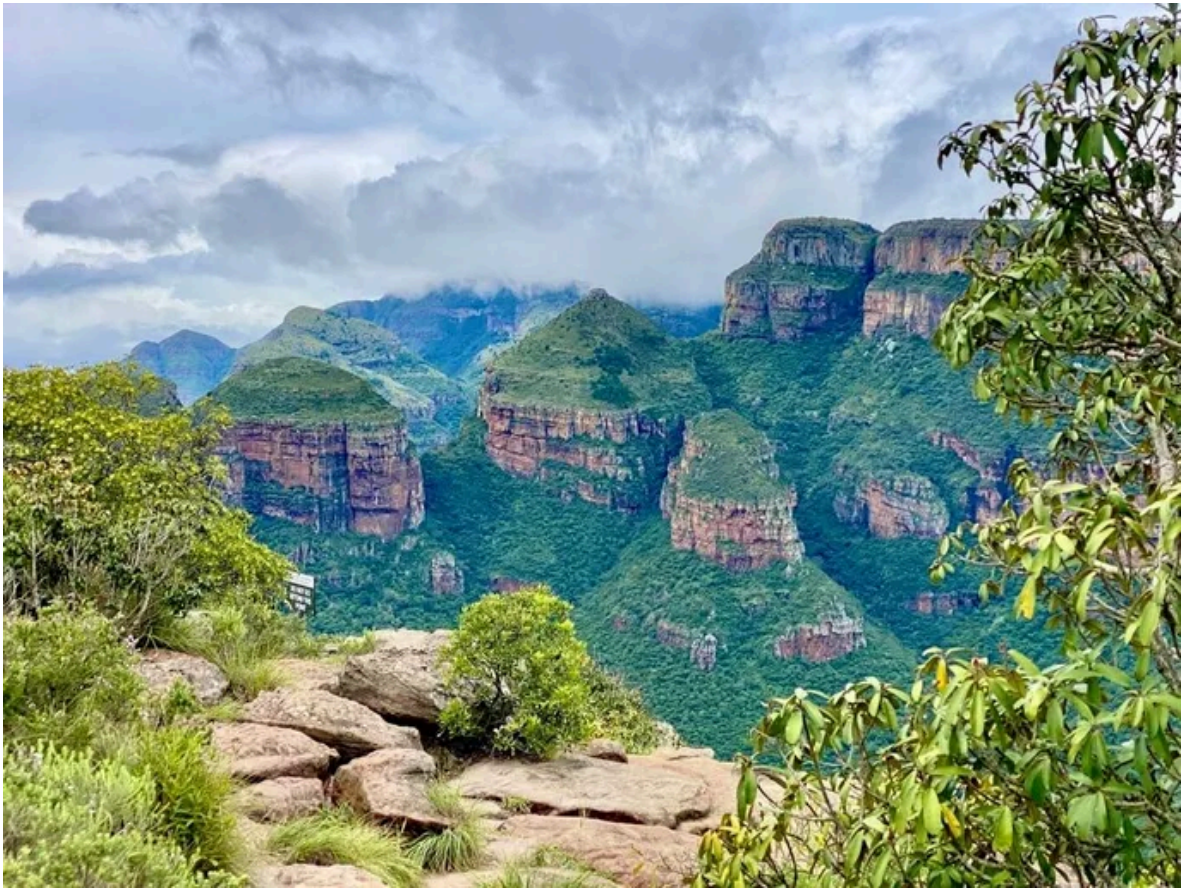
Gorgeous mountain and canyon scenery may not be the first thing you think of when you hear "South Africa" but our relatively close proximity to the Blyde River Canyon means

that we can also share this side of our world with you. When you join us on the day tour along this scenic route, we will enjoy some backdrops from different viewing points and stops.



Let's take a look at some of the postcard-worthy photos we've managed to capture on some of our trips along the Canyon:





CHECKING IN WITH THE JACKALS

Many of our recent guests have been very lucky to spend a bit of time at the new Jackal den, located just outside the Makutsi Main Camp. After few moments of silence sitting at the den, some soft howls and whelps can often be heard and then an ear or nose may pop out of the hole and then we get to spend some time with the curious jackal pack. We have seen as many as 6 new pups playing around the den... definitely a great opportunity for some entertainment and adorable photos!



DID YOU KNOW:

- *These jackals are called Black-Backed Jackals - one of three jackal species found in Africa.*
- *They are known to be very vocal and often we are graced with the siren of the "Jackal Choir" while out on drive or sitting around Makutsi Camp in the evenings.*
- *Jackals tend to mate for life and form life-long pairs. We are very pleased to see the pair that calls Makutsi it's home is successful and that we have the opportunity to watch these youngsters grow up around our camp.*





We hope to see you very soon so that you too may get to experience some moments like these and more with us! Wishing you many happy travels...



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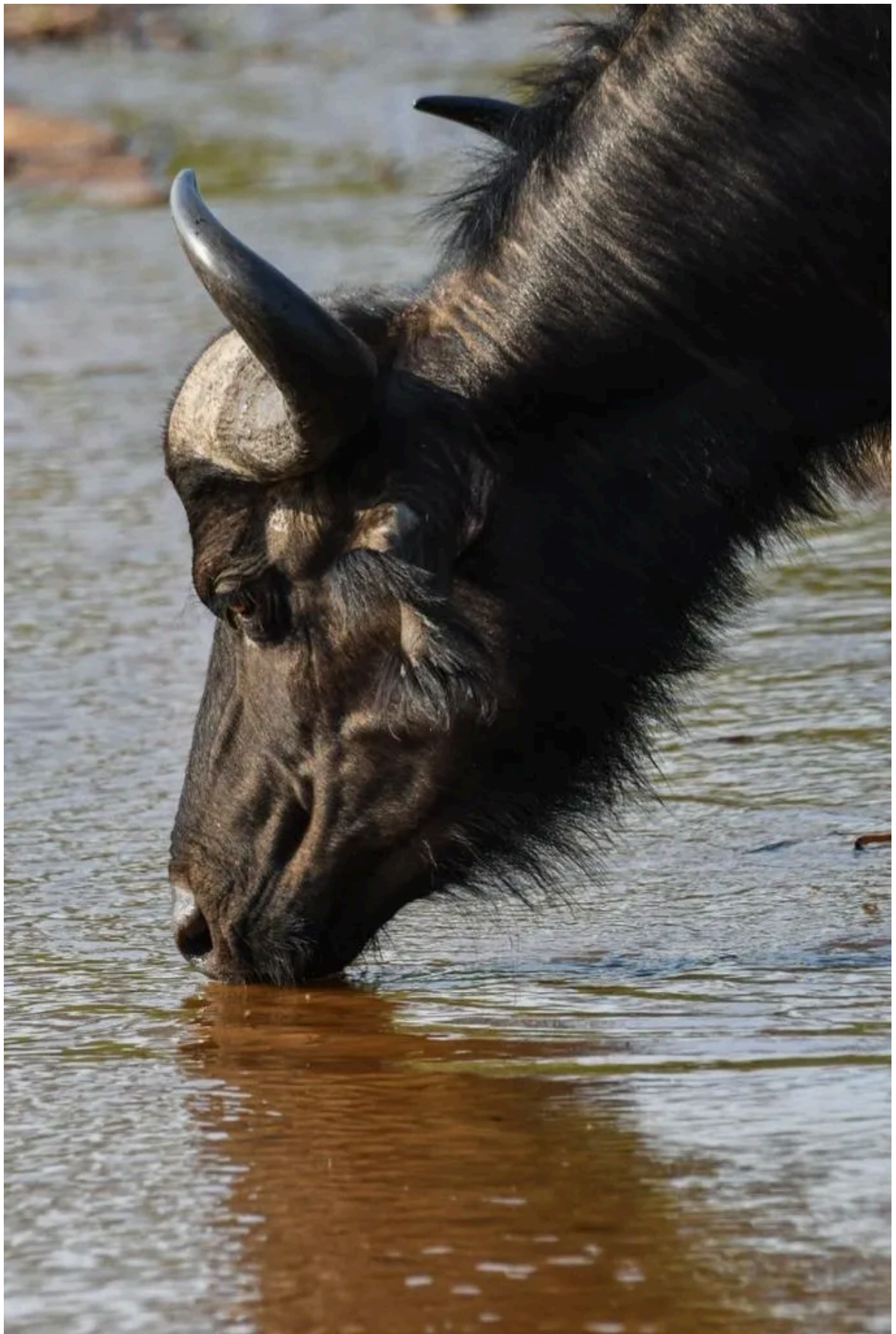
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See you soon!

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