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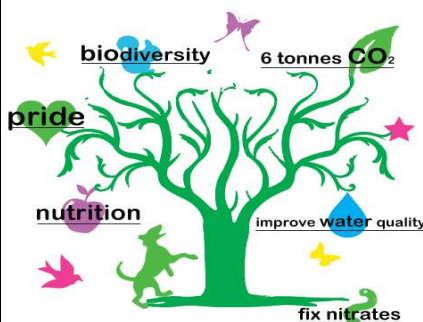
The Minister of Tourism and Foreign Affairs – The Honourable Given Lubinda at the recent Travel Indaba in Durban , with Russell Young, The Managing Director of The Lodge and Theresa Lerner, The Reservations Manager. The Stand was busy and it was good to meet up with all our contacts. There were many positive vibes on what we are aiming to achieve at Maramba River Lodge.



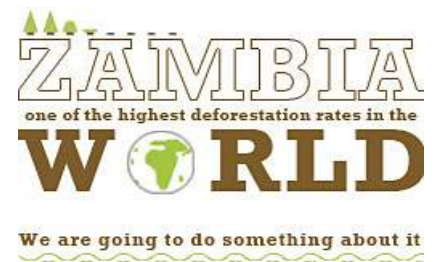
## TREES FOR ZAMBIA

– this project is now upon us! For three weeks starting on July 1st Greenpop is organising an exciting reforestation project in Livingstone, They and the volunteers. with the generous help of Maramba River Lodge who are hosting many of them, will be planting between 5000 and 10000 indigenous and fruit trees within the Victoria Falls World Heritage Site, Dambwa Forest, and at schools around Livingstone.

In addition, they will set up workshops at schools, and with local farmers on sustainable living and conservation issues. This will be the start of an ongoing campaign to make Livingstone a greener and more sustainable environment .



Good things happen when you plant a tree!



**Update on Baby Elephant 'Maramba'** You will remember the rescue of this baby elephant reported in the January Newsletter. Well he is doing fine at the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation supported elephant orphanage in Lusaka. With temperature dropping at night, and without the warmth of the herd, Maramba and his little friend Suni have been grateful for donated horse blankets. The baby elephants are very vulnerable and require round the clock care.



**Riding in Zambia** There are many opportunities for horse lovers in Zambia from one and a half hour trails to all day adventures with picnic meals Overnight trips are also available riding into the teak forests and the wilderness areas, crossing over rivers and camping along the banks. A wonderful way to enjoy the beauty of the area. As you can see from the right

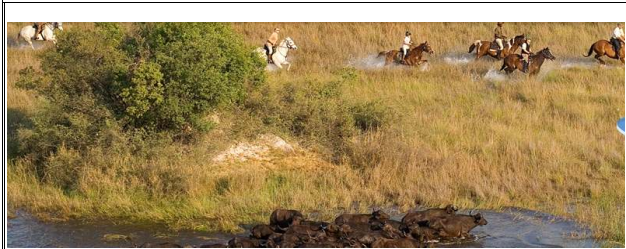


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hand photo of Kira Young, Polocrosse is played on a regular basis in exciting circumstances. As reported in the last Newsletter, the USA team is heading to Zambia on July 17th for a Polocrosse



tournament. This is part of an elite programme to develop players for the 2015 World Cup to be held in South Africa. Apparently the American/Australian style of play is based on the athleticism and agility of the horses which dodge other players with swift changes of speed as opposed to the African style which is based on more deft racquet skills and straight ahead speed. **All details of riding holidays can be had from the Activity Centre at the Lodge**

**Another activity bookable at the Lodge:- Riding the elephants.**



The editor has always frowned slightly at this activity as she felt it smacked of exploitation of these amazing creatures. However, it seems that it enhances the belief that elephants are such remarkable animals in a class of their own. That they should allow people to get so close to them, touch them and indeed stroke them, is a credit to their natures as it is to their trainers' instruction.

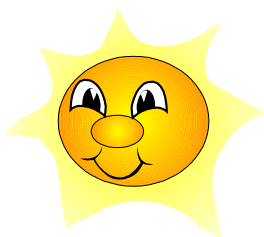
The training techniques used by Zambezi Elephant Trails are based on the “perform and reward “ method as opposed to the controversial “discipline and submission” technique commonly associated with Asian Elephants. It is

hoped that those having the privilege of this experience will be in the forefront in the campaign to protect these priceless animals. The Editor

The Falls – just 4k away from the Lodge is at its best at the moment and White Water Rafting has now started at Rapid 10

**Weather for this period in 2012**

|          | July   | August | September |
|----------|--------|--------|-----------|
| Max Temp | 25.5°C | 29.4°C | 32.5°C    |
| Min Temp | 6.3°C  | 9.2°C  | 14.2 °C   |
| Rainfall | 0.0mm  | 0.0mm  | 10mm      |
| Humidity | 29%    | 26%    | 24%       |



**Latest update for the Celebration of the Bicentenary of the birth of David Livingstone in 2013 :- The provisional programme has now been issued for the events from March to November. Contact [media@livingstone2013.com](mailto:media@livingstone2013.com) and plan early to visit next year.**

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**Exchange Rates**

1\$ = 5,150 Kwacha,

1£ = 8,032 K,

1Euro = 6,421K,

1ZAR =607K

WHEN BOOKING, PLEASE ASK ABOUT THE CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS RE THE DOLLAR AND KWACHA