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Conservation Success at Singita Pamushana Heralds an Astounding Increase in Rhino Statistics



20 March 2017 - [Singita Pamushana Lodge](#) overlooks a lake in the remote reaches of the Malilangwe Wildlife Reserve in Zimbabwe, comprising 38 different habitats and ecological zones in 130,000-acres of pristine land. Virtually untouched, the Malilangwe Wildlife Reserve holds one of the highest concentrations of black rhino in Africa and fourteen species of eagle. Singita Pamushana Lodge is the ecotourism arm of this 130,000-acre reserve, and its role is to help foster the sustainability of the wildlife and broader ecology, while enabling guests to share the magic of the lodge and the Malilangwe Wildlife Reserve. This conservation success is productive of the successful collaboration between Singita Pamushana and The Malilangwe Trust, working collectively to protect and manage this extraordinary wilderness.

Singita and the Malilangwe Trust's primary focus is conservation work and community upliftment. From a conservation perspective, the aim is to restore and maintain historic biodiversity, and a component of this is a series of specific wildlife re-introductions. The initiatives in place in the area

have met with great success and each guest who visits Singita Pamushana makes a positive impact to this incredibly beautiful land and dynamic community.

CONSERVATION AT MALILANGWE WILDLIFE RESERVE: WILDLIFE INTRODUCTIONS

Between 1996 and 1998, 27 black rhino and 15 white rhino were introduced onto the reserve. Recruitment of both species during the time since reintroduction has been at a rate of 9% and since 2007 not one rhino has been lost. In 2015, 8 black rhino were successfully translocated to Moremi Game Reserve from Malilangwe, as part of a government-to-government move, and 35 white rhino to other Zimbabwean protected areas between 2005 and 2013. Additionally, 52 elephants were translocated to Bulyebe Valley Conservancy in 2008, and 1414 buffalo have been translocated since 2010 to restock other reserves in Zimbabwe. Lichtensteins hartebeest (specially protected in Zimbabwe) were identified as a key species for reintroduction, and in 1996/1998, 30 were reintroduced to Malilangwe. The number of lichtensteins hartebeest currently sits at 126.

Furthermore, conservation work is not limited to wildlife and natural systems, but also extends to the cultures of the communities indigenous to the areas in which the lodges operate. Malilangwe has had a long history of human occupation, from the early hunter-gatherers to the more recent agro-pastoralists. One of Singita Pamushana's objectives is to understand how these people interacted with the environment and also with each other. To this end, several archaeological studies have been conducted, and preservation of rock art and other sites of cultural interest is an important focus of the conservation work. In addition, Kambako Living Museum of Bushcraft has been set up in the adjacent communal area to preserve the vanishing bushcraft skills of the local Shangaan people.

Note to Editors:

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Singita is a conservation company preserving African wilderness for the past two decades. Through an exceptional safari experience with 12 award-winning lodges and camps across South Africa, Tanzania and Zimbabwe, Singita is able to partially fund the protection and preservation pristine land and existing wildlife populations, not to mention help create economic independence within local communities surrounding the reserves.

Travellers choose to stay at Singita because of the expansive space and beauty of the reserves, limited guest and vehicle numbers, extraordinarily consistent game viewing and the exceptional care that is taken of each guest during their stay. Guests leave a Singita safari being transformed for a lifetime and having made a contribution to the legacy of Africa.

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