

Project Update: September 2015

A non-profit organisation, African Parks Network (APN), took over management of Liwonde National Park (LNP) from 1st August 2015. With this, a new era began in the park's history. APN will strive to rehabilitate the rich wildlife heritage of LNP, resurrect infrastructure and better social ties with communities. The youngest member of the population, a 4.5 month old baby rhino was darted and treated of her serious snare injury on 4th August 2015. Post-treatment monitoring confirmed lessening lameness and increased agility. We hope these to be promising signs of a speedy recovery. Current, dry season vegetation minima offer relatively good visibility for monitoring and easy access to the various corners of the rhino sanctuary. Camera traps are used around some of the remaining watering points, frequented middens and trails. In a rotational scheme, we attempt to gather as much descriptive security, ecological and behavioural information on each individual of the population as possible.

