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ZIMBABWE AND THE PANDEMIC – JANUARY 2021

Whilst we all watch the developments in the world relating to the COVID pandemic and might have genuine concerns about travel to our hunting destinations, we felt that we should highlight some facts to enable you all to make the right decisions when choosing your travel.

As at 22Jan21 the current COVID figures for ZIMBABWE are as follows:

Total population – 14,987,040
Total Coronavirus cases to date – 30,047
Total Coronavirus related deaths to date – 917
Total recovered to date – 19,569

According to WORLDOMETERS Zimbabwe is rated #146 in the world in terms of Coronavirus cases/1M population!

ZIMBABWE's Coronavirus infection rate is 2,037/1M population!

by comparison;

USA – 76,455
Spain – 55,671
South Africa – 23,316
The World Average – 12,675

By pandemic standards Zimbabwe is one of the safest countries in the world to be in right now!

All of the above statistics are for infection rates for citizens within the general populace, including heavily populated urban areas.

OUR COVID PROTOCOLS

By LAW in Zimbabwe all "tourism facilities" require certain protocols to be enforced so as to ensure the lowest possible risk to our foreign clients. These include;

- rigorous daily sanitation procedures
- daily vehicle sanitation
- all camp staff, scouts, rangers and trackers are COVID tested prior to commencing work at the beginning of the season
- any movement into and out of the concession area is prohibited
- re-supply is kept to a minimum with minimal travel into Victoria Falls or the surrounding areas

MATETSI UNIT ONE is 46,000 hectares (100,000 acres) in extent and is entirely uninhabited except for our camp!
The RISK of contracting the COVID virus under these circumstances must be extremely low indeed

ZIMBABWE TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS

The Zimbabwe Health Authorities require a PCR test which has been done within 48hrs prior of arrival in the country. No quarantine required. The same is required for departure and COVID PCR testing is done in Victoria Falls at a cost of US\$60/test. Results take up to 4 hours

FLIGHT OPTIONS

Whilst the traditional USA routes from Atlanta to Vic Falls via Johannesburg might not be so attractive any more there are a number of alternate airlines who operate regular services into Zimbabwe. The main operators are Ethiopian Airlines, Kenya Airways, Ethiad and Emirates who are CURRENTLY servicing routes out of USA, Europe and Russia. We can recommend the services of a local travel agent who would be more in touch with what might be available in these disrupted times.