MUDUMU NATIONAL PARK
Zambezi Region

At a Glance

Fact File

Proclamation date: 1990
Size: approximately 737 km²
Permanent rivers: Kwando
Dry Season: April–October
Rainy Season: November–March
Rainfall: 550–700 mm per year, during high rainfall years flooding can be extensive
Average monthly temperature: 30°C
Hottest months: October to December
Best game viewing times: Early am/late pm
Health: The park is located within a high-risk malaria area. Precautions are essential.
Park visitor facilities: Ngenda Park Headquarters, Nakatwa Camp Sites, Mashi Crafts Trading Post, Kongola Service Station and shop, Camp Kwando, Namushasha River Lodge and Traditional Village, Lianshulu Lodge and Lizauli Traditional Village.

Natural features

Kwando River floodplain and associated grasslands and riparian woodlands. The area is completely flat. The Kwando River forms the western border with Botswana. A fossilised river course, the Mudumu Mulapo, drains the Mopane woodlands.

Vegetation

SITUATED in the Tree and Shrub Savannah Biome, vegetation types such as Northeastern Kalahari Woodlands, Riverine Woodlands and Islands, Caprivi Mopane Woodland and Caprivi Floodplains are found. Mopane (Colophospermum mopane), Wild syringe (Burkea africana), leadwood (Combretum imberbe) and mangosteen (Garcinia livingstonii) are common trees.

Wildlife

African elephant, buffalo, lion, leopard, spotted hyena, cheetah, African wild dog, hippopotamus, crocodile, sitatunga, red lechwe, roan and sable antelope, eland, giraffe, common impala, Burchell’s zebra, blue wildebeest and spotted-necked otter.

Five things to do

- Camp at Nakatwa’s intimate campsites alongside a Kwando River backwater. Watch out for noisy neighbours - hippo, baboon and cicadas create a bushveld soundtrack. Lions, hippo and elephant add to the ensemble.
- Boost your bird list - 430 bird species have been recorded in Mudumu, including African Fish Eagle, African Skimmer, Western-banded Snake Eagle, cranes, storks, ibis and jacana.
- Go croc-spotting and check for hippos and other evasive river creatures whilst gliding down the river.
- Take a walk in the impressive Mopane forests
- Visit a traditional village in one of the neighbouring communities

Tips for your comfort and safety

- Engage in 4x4 all the time off-road to reduce the formation of corrugations.
- It is not advisable to drive in the Mopane woodland during wet season, the roads can be muddy and waterlogged
- Two vehicles traveling in convoy is advisable in the eastern section of the park
- Before you enter the park, make sure you have sufficient petrol, water and other supplies. There is nothing available in the park
- Remember no matter how relaxed animals in the parks may appear they are wild and can be dangerous.

Relax and enjoy the sounds of the wilderness!
Wildlife is dangerous, can carry disease and can attack humans causing injury or death. For these reasons, it is vital that you respect all wildlife and strictly adhere to a few basic rules in terms of Section 18, 19, 20, 83 & 84 of the Nature Conservation Ordinance 4 of 1975, as amended:

- On arrival in the park, report to the officer in charge or his/her representative;
- Every permit holder shall strictly observe the conditions upon which the permit is issued to him/her and shall comply with any lawful instruction issued by the officer in charge of the game park or his/her representative;
- Every visitor to the park shall, at all times, take reasonable and proper care to the satisfaction of the officer in charge in the use of Government property;
- Visitors are only permitted to overnight in designated campsites or accommodation;
- Visitors may not travel in the park or cross the boundaries of the park after sunset or before sunrise;
- Keep to the marked tourist roads. Do not drive on roads indicated as closed or for staff only;
- Do not drive off the designated roads and tracks;
- Don’t drive faster than the general speed limit of 50km/hr;
- Fishing and boating are prohibited in the park;
- Drive considerately and be mindful of others using the park;
- No pets are permitted in the park. No person shall be in possession of a wild animal, or any other animal whatsoever in the park;
- Please keep a respectful distance particularly from elephants grazing or resting between the road and the river. They have right of way;
- Return to the campsite or accommodation within the daylight hours. No night driving is permitted;
- Do not remove any plant or animal from the park. Leave all natural items of botanical, zoological, geological or archaeological interest where you found them. They are part of a unique ecosystem and all have a place in the chain of life;
- Please do not litter or leave toilet paper around. Take your rubbish out of the park with you;
- All firearms must be sealed, and weapons such as catapults, bows and arrows, sling-shots or airguns are not permitted;
- Excessive noise in camps and in the park is not permitted. Radios or sound systems can only be played at the campsites or accommodation;
- Please do not throw away any burning or smouldering objects or leave them at a place where they can possibly ignite or cause ignition;
- Please do not kill, injure or unnecessarily disturb any wild animal in the park;
- Do not roll or throw objects from any height;
- Fires for cooking and warming may only be made at designated campsites or accommodation;
- Please do not contaminate water or tamper with water installations;
- Public entertainment, charging the public any money, holding meetings or disturbing written materials without permission of the game park is not permitted;
- Do not create disturbances for any other people or wildlife;
- Be aware that you enter the park at your own risk.

I declare that I fully understand the conditions of this notice and I undertake to bring them to the attention of all members of my party and will abide by the rules and regulations on this permit.

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Signature

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Date