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The Rains finally gave up mid-April and although the grass was still very high, making it difficult to see much game, the fishing upstream was fantastic. Some nice-sized Yellow-belly and other Bream were pulled in, using Rapalas, and promptly found their way into the frying pan. We convinced some South African guests from Cape Town to sample our Kafue delights. Initially proclaiming river fish to be 'too strong tasting', they soon changed their mind.

Austin and his team have done a great job on the campsite (800m upstream from the lodge). Four separate camping areas have been clearly designated. These have river-sand bases to erect tents on, and are set out under large riverine trees, overlooking the river. Two clean, spacious ablution blocks with hot showers, braais and washing bays for dishes are available to campers.

As the water table slowly drops, the building team are going great guns with brick-making. Soil from the area is simply pressed through a hydroform brick mould (see photo) and once dry, the bricks are baked for two weeks, producing an extremely hard and attractive brick. These will be used initially to build chalet No.5, and then some unique braai areas at both the lodge and campsite.

Once again, we will be hosting the Zambia Sport Fly Fishing Competition towards the end of June. What better endorsement?!

We now have two ali fishing boats available for hire. With the river level starting to drop, it may be an idea to leave your 'baby' at home and use ours instead, especially if yours has a deep hull which might snag on the rocky outcrops that are numerous along our stretch of the river.

Birds currently in and around camp:

6 resident Black-backed Barbets (*Lybius Minor*)
2 Wattled Cranes on Chamafumbo dambo (*Grus Carunculatus*)
Pells Fishing Owl (*Scotopelia Pezi*)
Numerous African Finfoot (*Podica Senegalensis*)
Lizard Buzzards (*Kaupifalco monogrammicus*) – mating now
African Fish-eagle (*Haliaeetus vocifer*) – hassling anglers and stealing fish
African Goshawk (*Accipiter tachiro*)
African Hawk-eagle (*Hieraaetus spilogaster*)
Tropical Boubou (*Laniarius Aethiopicus*)
Swamp Boubou (*Laniarius Bicolor*)

Animals:

Nightly leopard and lion calling both sides of the river. Lion & leopard frequently walk through camp.
Resident hippo

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N.B. Prior booking essential