

Shinde Private Concession

Located within the Okavango Delta on the northern edge, about halfway between Khwai and the bottom of the Panhandle. Our south eastern boundary adjoins part of the western boundary of the Moremi Game Reserve. Our western boundary follows the channel of the Moanachira river system.

The concession is 91.2 square kilometres in extent.

HABITAT:

The habitat comprises the Moanachira waterway, Shinde and Uptree lagoons, and open flood plain dotted with islands of mature trees and shrubs, (Jackalberry, Garcinia and Raintrees dominate with understory of combretum and croton bushes), which extends to the “four rivers” waterway, an offshoot of the Moanachira. North of the four rivers channel the vegetation changes to riverine fringe trees and shrubs lining the channel and mixed open Mopane/Acacia woodland up to the northern border. Shinde camp is located in the south west in a stand of typical island trees and shrubs and on the edge of the Shinde lagoon. Footsteps is located in the north of the concession, on the north side of the four rivers channel close to where there used to be a small seasonal river Bushman settlement.

WILDLIFE AND BIRDS.

Year round resident wildlife includes Sitatunga, Kudu, Bushbuck, Lechwe, Reedbuck, Tsessebe and the ubiquitous Impala. The waterways have Hippo and Crocodile in abundance. There are also a couple of adjoining Leopard territories which are generally occupied, as well as Hyena, Jackal, African Wild Cat and other small predators and prey. There is a patchwork of Lion territories that extend into the Moremi Game Reserve and adjoining concessions that mean that Lions are regular visitors/residents through the year. On occasions, there are sighting of Cheetah (more regular at Footsteps) and Wilddog. Leopard have made the Shinde concession their home for many a generation and show placid traits when it comes to sightings and the presence of the game drive vehicles. The concessions location means that it is a dry season grazing resource for Elephant, Buffalo and Zebra and Wildebeeste. Roan antelope and Eland are occasionally seen by our Footsteps guests.

Most of the normal Delta bird species are represented, with Pels Fishing Owl being a reasonably regular “tick”.

