

## Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp

### **Protocol & Caution to Avoid Conflict with Lions**

The waterhole at Hoanib Skeleton Coast Camp will attract most wildlife species, including lions and elephants. Care must be taken to avoid interactions and conflict when animals move through the camp to access the waterhole.

All the lions that live along the lower Hoanib River have been fitted with radio collars. The Research Centre will inform Management when lions are nearby the Camp. Regular positions of lions and all other marked carnivores will also be available at the Research Centre.

### **General Protocol**

#### Daylight Hours

Management must check with the Research Centre on the whereabouts of lions and other marked animals, and inform all staff accordingly.

All staff should be vigilant when they go about their duties. All sightings of wildlife must be reported to Management and in turn to the Research Centre.

#### Night Time – from sunset to sunrise

Vehicles must be used to transport staff between the Staff Village and the main lodge.

When walking anywhere between buildings and accommodation in the Camp, all staff **MUST** carry the following:

- a) flashlight of at least 100 Lumens,
- b) whistle to attract attention in case of an emergency (whistles will be issued by the Desert Lion Project).

A Guide must accompany all guests when walking to and from their rooms. The Guides must carry the following:

- a) flashlight of at least 200 Lumens,
- b) whistle to attract attention in case of an emergency,
- c) handheld radio.

All guest chalets must be equipped with an emergency air-horn.

## **Protocol when are lions close to Camp**

### *Daylight Hours*

Management must check regularly with the Research Centre on the whereabouts of lions and inform the guests and all staff accordingly.

During these periods the staff should be extra vigilant before they go about their duties. All sighting of lions must be reported immediately to Management and in turn to the Research Centre.

In the event that lions visit the waterhole or when they are resting in view of the Camp, the Night Time Protocol should be activated (without the use of flashlights).

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Guests must be informed of the lions and requested not to leave the safety of their chalets.