

# Kanana Private Concession

Located in the south eastern “heart” of the Delta, bounded by the Boro and Xudum rivers, adjoining the south western edge of the Xo flats.

The concession is 94.8 square kilometres in extent.

## HABITAT:

A large part of the concession comprises permanent Delta with its typical mosaic of reedbeds, stands of papyrus, channels and small occluded lagoons, and small islands forested with typical Delta trees and shrubs, often with an open spiky grass area in the centre where the salts pumped out by tree transpiration are accumulated. In the north western corner lie two lagoons that contain the largest and most active heronry in Southern Africa. The heronry is approximately 100 hectares in extent and is the most important southern African breeding site for Pink Backed Pelicans.

The south eastern part of the concession lies within the northern most extent of the Khurunaraxa sand tongue. And comprises of adjoining islands large enough for game drives and walking safaris. The vegetation is a patchwork of open grassland and pans, and riverine forest. Kanana camp is located in the south eastern part in an Island forest on the edge of a Xudum offshoot waterway that leads to the heronry.

## WILDLIFE AND BIRDS.

Kudu, Impala, Bushbuck, Sitatunga and Lechwe are year round residents. In addition there is an active Leopard territory that borders the camp and Lions are frequent visitors. All the smaller predators are also represented. Hippo and Crocodiles inhabit the river channels and lagoons. Seasonal visitors are Buffalo and small groups of Zebra and Wildebeeste. Elephant are in residence for most of the year.

All the normal Delta bird species are represented, and, from July through October, the heronry plays host to Pink Backed Pelicans, Reed Cormorants, three types of Herons, Darters, three types of Egrets, Marabout Storks and both Glossy and Sacred Ibis. Pel's Fishing Owl have breeding sights on Islands accessible by boat or Mokoro.

