

“The presence of an elephant quietyens your soul and excites your heart.” ~ Jabulani

HERD Elephant Foster Parent Memberships offer an opportunity to contribute towards the ongoing costs of one (or more) of the elephants at Hoedspruit Elephant Rehabilitation and Development (HERD).



HERD FOSTER MEMBERSHIPS



BRONZE FOSTER MEMBERSHIP USD50 (6 months) or USD100 (12 Months)

Your Bronze membership fees go towards the cost of food for one day of a month for your chosen elephant, for six or twelve months. Your membership will include a printable certificate and a monthly update about the HERD in general and a brief update about your fostered elephant.



SILVER FOSTER MEMBERSHIP Annual Contribution of USD500

Your annual Silver membership fees go towards the cost of food for four days of a month for your chosen elephant, for twelve months. Your membership will include a printable certificate, a brief general monthly update as well as a six-monthly private update about your fostered elephant. You will also receive a monthly update about the HERD in general.



GOLD FOSTER MEMBERSHIP Annual Contribution of USD1000

Your annual Gold membership fees go towards the cost of food for eight days of a month for your chosen elephant, for twelve months. Your membership will include a printable certificate, a brief general monthly update as well as a four-monthly private update about your fostered elephant. You will also receive a monthly update about the HERD in general.



PLATINUM FOSTER MEMBERSHIP Annual Contribution of USD2000

Your annual platinum membership fees go towards the costs of medicine, cleaning, maintenance of the Jabulani stables and towards a portion of food costs. Your membership will include a printable certificate, a high-resolution image, a t-shirt with your fostered elephant on it, a personal bi-monthly update about your fostered elephant, as well as a monthly update about the HERD in general.

Please note where certain elephants are more frequently requested to be fostered, other elephants are often not chosen to be fostered. HERD will ensure that the surplus of funds for one particular elephant are allocated across those not fostered.

MEET THE HERD

TOKWE



Tokwe is the Matriarch of the Jabulani herd. Born in 1988, she led the way for the original herd that were rescued from Zimbabwe. She is exceptionally kind, patient, accepting and nurturing, always leading by example and an excellent decision maker. Tokwe is the biological mother of Pisa and Limpopo and adoptive mother of Kumbura and Timisa.

JABULANI



Jabulani, a bull estimated to be born in 1997, was found abandoned, injured and stuck in the mud of a silt dam. Nurtured and hand-reared by the team at HESC, he soon met his new family, the rescued herd from Zimbabwe. Jabulani is a loving and playful elephant who loves attention. He is very active and curious, always paying careful attention to everyone around him.

SEBAKWE



Born in 1985. Male. One of the rescued herd from Zimbabwe. The dominant male of the herd. Well known as the Amarula elephant, having been featured in their marketing campaigns. Sebakwe is the tallest and widest elephant of the Jabulani herd. He is tender, loving and very protective of the herd.

FISHAN



Fishan is a bull born in 1989 and one of the rescued herd from Zimbabwe. He is third to Sebakwe in the dominance of the herd. Fishan is extremely intelligent and has a lot of patience with the younger elephants. In September 2018 Fishan broke his leg and has recovered well but has a slight limp in his front left leg. He is a brave and kind elephant bull that has won many people's hearts around the world.

SETOMBE



Born in 1985. Female. Setombe is one of the rescued elephants from Zimbabwe. She is the largest of the females and the oldest of the herd and has the wrinkliest of all the herd's skins too. Sadly she does not trust easily, and we have very little information about her formative years as to why. Due to her nervous disposition, she could not be the herd Matriarch. She is a wonderful mother to her daughter Klaserie and has a special bond with Sebakwe, the dominant bull.

BUBI



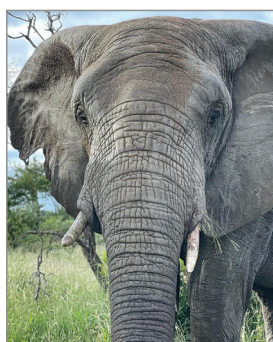
Bubi is one of the females of the rescued herd from Zimbabwe, born in 1993. Sadly she lost her mother to poachers at a very young age. Bubi has exceptional manners and expects the same from her peers. She is Zindoga's mother, and an incredible allomother to orphaned albino calf, Khanyisa, who she loves very much. Her favourite pastime is swimming; she can spend hours in water. Bubi has the longest eyelashes of the herd.

SOMOPANE



Born in 1987. Male. Somopane is one of the bulls that we rescued from Zimbabwe. He is the most intelligent of the herd and an exceptional mediator, always showing immense patience and resolve in situations. He loves time on his own, away from the herd, preferring the quiet and calm of the bush, his happy place. His sense of smell is phenomenal.

LUNDI



Precious Lundi, born in 1989, is mother to Mambo, and an exceptional adoptive mother to orphaned albino calf, Khanyisa, providing her with ongoing guiding support and protection. Tokwe, the matriarch, finds much relief from Lundi's love and support, and they are the best of friends. Lundi's approach is calm and loving but quite strict with the younger elephants.

LIMPOPO



Limpopo was the first calf born to the rescued herd, in August 2006. Tokwe, the Matriarch, is her mother. Her arrival was a particularly emotional one for everyone, being the firstborn and a sure sign of a healthy and happy herd. Much like her mom, Limpopo is protective and caring to her younger siblings, and very accepting of wild orphans too.

ZINDOGA



Born in October 2007, Zindoga, a youthful bull, was a surprise addition to the herd, as his mother Bubi showed no signs of being pregnant. Zindoga is a great leader amongst the younger elephants, who have great respect for him. He often challenges the older bulls, especially Jabulani, but never oversteps his boundaries.

MAMBO



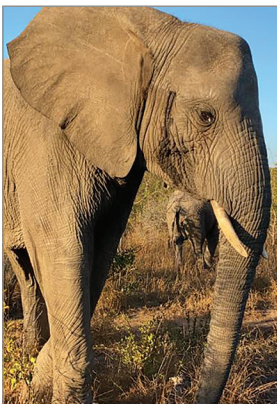
Born in August 2009, Mambo a young bull, was the fourth baby born to the herd. Lundi is his mother. Well-known for his naughty ways and his playful antics, Mambo comes alive when in the company of others, as he loves attention. As he gets older, he continues to challenge the older bulls, often reminded of his place in the herd.

KLASERIE



Klaserie was the second calf born to Setombe in February 2007. She is a larger framed elephant with pronounced wrinkles, like her mother. Klaserie's nature is much like her mother's too, she is very easy going and relaxed, taking everything in her stride without too much fuss, nor need for attention. Klaserie is often by her mother's side.

KUMBURA



Kumbura was rescued in 2009, an orphaned female calf found alone on the border of South Africa and Botswana. She had become separated from her herd and was alone for some time before being rescued. Due to her traumatic start in life, she is quite a nervous elephant and does not trust easily, yet she is very considerate and loving sister and allomother to Timisa and Khanyisa who are both orphans too.

PISA



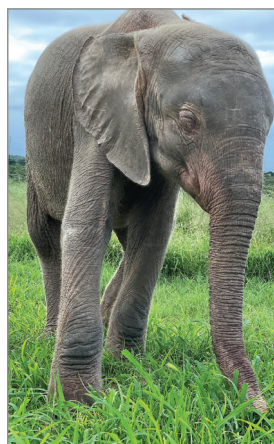
Pisa is the Matriarch, Tokwe's, second daughter, born in November 2009. Her sister is Limpopo with whom she holds a strong bond. Her name means 'heat' as she was born in the bush after Tokwe showed no signs of going into labour. This little fighter walked 4km's back to the stables on one of the hottest days of the year. Her self-confidence continues to shine, as does her independence.

TIMISA



Timisa is a young cow that was rescued in November 2016. She was found alone in the Kruger National Park and estimated to be just under two years old at the time. It is suspected that her mother had died two weeks before they found her. Timisa was introduced immediately to the Jabulani herd who accepted her unconditionally. She is a courageous and independent little elephant, who has found a lot of strength from the sisterly role she plays with orphaned calf, Khanyisa.

KHANYISA



Khanyisa is a rare albino calf, who was found trapped in a snare in January 2020, with terrible injuries. Our team at HERD rehabilitated her and she is gradually integrating with the Jabulani herd, though she will still rely upon her carers to provide her with her essential milk formula until she is weaned at approximately four years of age. Khanyisa means "Light" or "Sunshine" in the local Shona language. Her story has captured the hearts of many people around the world.