



100 wild elephants will be resettled in one of largest relocations in history from 9th of September until end of October 2018 from the Sango Wildlife Conservancy to the Rifa Safari Area within Zimbabwe.

(Chiredzi/Zimbabwe) With the kind permission and great support of the Government of Zimbabwe the relocation will take place in Zimbabwe. Under the direction of the Zimbabwean Parks & Wildlife Management Authority as a partner of Sango Wildlife Conservancy and Hemmersbach Rhino Force 100 wild elephants are being relocated.

Over two decades of nature conservation, the sustainable use of wildlife populations and intensive protection against poachers impressively demonstrate how successful nature conservation works in Zimbabwe on Sango Wildlife Conservancy.

"We simply have far too many elephants on Sango," says Wilfried Pabst, owner of the 231.66 square mile Sango Wildlife Conservancy. "Thanks to the support of the Government of Zimbabwe and Hemmersbach Rhino Force, we are able to save 100 elephants from culling," Pabst continues. The giants will be released as a donation into the Rifa Safari Area, more than 700 km away, as part of the "Initiative ReWild" from the Sango Wildlife Conservancy. The entire relocation is funded by Hemmersbach Rhino Force.

The first stage of an extensive plan.

The new home of the elephants is the Rifa Safari Area, a 309 square mile park located in the Zambezi Valley in northern Zimbabwe operated by Hemmersbach Rhino Force, who's CEO, Ralph Koczwar, welcomes the action as clear evidence of Zimbabwe's success in nature conservation. "Hemmersbach Rhino Force is very happy to enable and fund the relocation of the 100 Elephants donated by Mr. Pabst . The relocation is only the first step in the collaboration with the Sango Wildlife Conservancy and Hemmersbach Rhino Force, which is planned to see plains game animals and ultimately rhinos being reintroduced where they once lived. The Save Valley Conservancy, of which Sango is the largest property, has had resounding success in protecting its highly threatened rhino population. Therefore, in future steps and with the Government's approval assumed, surplus black rhinos from the Sango Wildlife Conservancy will be donated and reintroduced to the Rifa Safari Area.

Both Pabst and Koczwar are German philanthropic investors in Zimbabwe and proud to be the catalysts of conservation successes like this for the benefit of the country, its people and their future wildlife heritage.



About Wilfried Pabst

Wilfried Pabst, a German businessman is the owner of the Sango Wildlife Lodge and Conservancy within the Save Valley Conservancy in Zimbabwe.

About Sango Wildlife Lodge and Conservancy

Situated in the South East Lowveld of Zimbabwe, Sango consists of the Sango Wildlife Lodge, the Sango Tented Camp and the surrounding Sango Wildlife Conservancy. The Sango Wildlife Lodge consists of four luxurious cottages and two luxurious tents. 30 minutes by car from the lodge is the Tented Camp consisting of four luxurious tents. Sango Wildlife Conservancy is part of the largest privately owned wildlife conservancy in the world, and provides guests with 60.000 hectares of untamed Africa. The 600 km² traversing land has evolved from its early days as a cattle farm in 1919 to become an exclusive conservation reserve. The pristine patch of land stretches across nine major habitat zones, and boasts diverse fauna, flora and topography, which has seen Sango Wildlife Conservancy become a popular destination since the lodge opened its doors to guests in 2003. Since then Sango Wildlife Conservancy is sure to have a far reaching positive impact as it contributes to numerous conservation initiatives as well as empowerment programs for the local communities. In every sense, Sango Wildlife Conservancy is committed to facilitating the development of neighbouring rural populations through partnering with them on specific initiatives including education, healthcare and business development.

About Ralph Koczvara

Ralph Koczvara, a German entrepreneur is the founder and CEO of Hemmersbach Rhino Force.

About Hemmersbach Rhino Force

Hemmersbach Rhino Force is a direct action conservation army protecting one of the most endangered species on earth. The teams use innovative tactics and technologies to preserve rhino genes, to prevent killing of rhinos and to expose and confront all other illegal activities in the bush of Southern Africa. All activities are entirely self-funded to ensure complete independence and full focus on tackling the issues. After the Hemmersbach Rhino Force took over the Rifa Safari Area, one of the first official acts on the whole area was to ban hunting in order to guarantee an unhindered development of the wildlife population.

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