



Etali the last couple of months.

We had a wonderful season at Etali. Although it was and still is very dry and hot, we had excellent sightings from our waterhole. A herd of about 20 Eland, lots of Blou wildebeest, Zebra, lions entertaining staff and guests for days, chasing everything in sight and the elephants never failing to amaze us with their quiet approach, the noise they can make when they discipline their teenagers and how fast they can disappear in the African bush. We even saw a leopard on two occasions drinking and quickly disappearing again.



We had a wedding on the 29 December and all the guests joined in and enjoyed it with the bride and groom and their special guests.

On the 13 January, when our guests left the lodge, the renovations started in all force.

We turned the lodge inside out, all our furniture on the decks under plastic cover as it is our rainy season, and then Gavin and his team started grinding and sanding the floors. Each and every floor was renewed and whilst all our furniture were on the decks, we decided to fly in painters to repaint the lodge and a carpenter and his team to maintain the doors.



Eduan and Andrew excelled as renovators of kitchens and kitchen equipment. The floors were taken out with power drills, the equipment disassembled, sanded and spray painted and the result looks like a brand new kitchen. Well done guys we really appreciate your effort.

The rest of the team who surprised all the staff who had a break were Lucky, Eric, Stevan, Lazarus for half the time and Willem the other half, Moses who manned the outside reception, Mr Masu, Pule, India. The two ladies who did an excellent job in the laundry Patience (who gave up her leave and assisted us with managing the teams and Rosta. We all were thankful for Bettie who came back earlier and Kingsley who also assisted with his muscle power and helped us getting the lodge sparkling clean.



On the 20th we re-opened with a lodge full of guests from Italy celebrating Mr. Macquat's 75th birthday. The team was "kapoet" however the lodge looked stunning and fresh and still does.

Our return guests enjoy the new feel they ask " did you redecorate?"