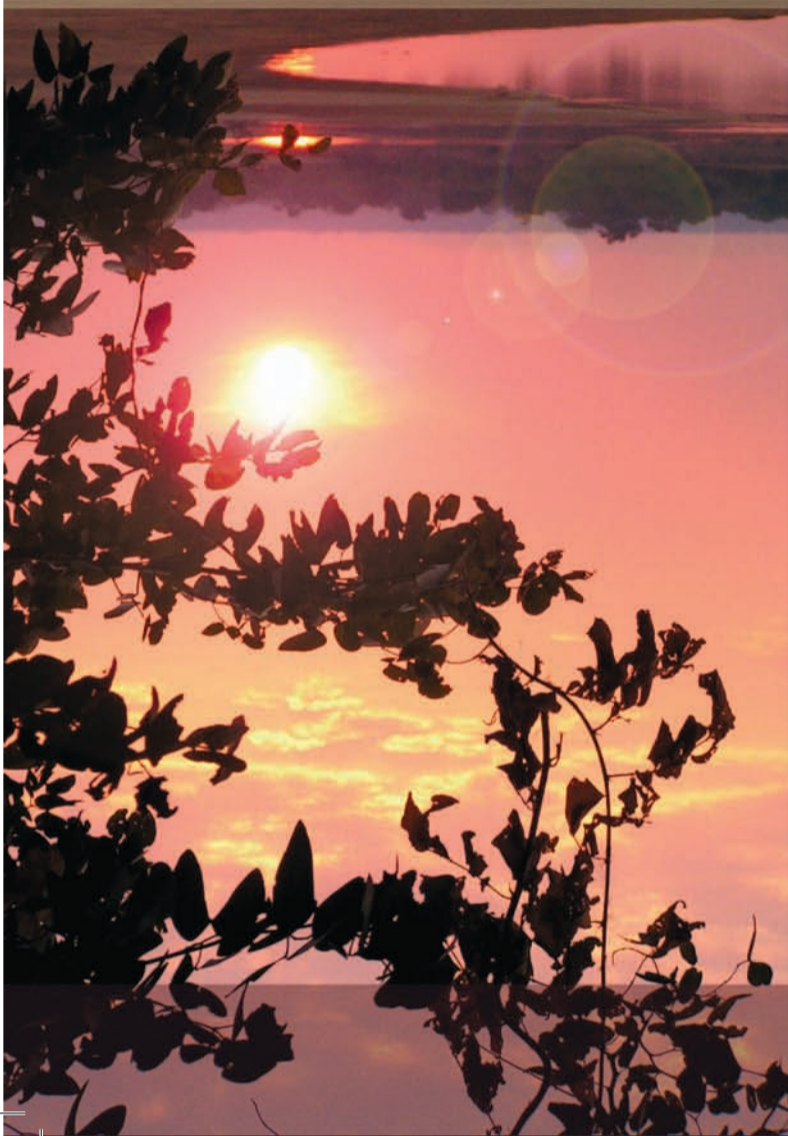


Heritage Conservation Centre

LUANGWA VALLEY



In an area world-famous for its wildlife, people can all too easily come second. With support, we aim to create a Heritage Conservation Centre for the people of the Luangwa Valley which will enable the conservation, investigation and interpretation of their rich cultural and natural heritage – before it is too late.

Our goal is to establish a purpose-built Centre that will provide the people of the Luangwa Valley with a platform, enabling them to at least share the stage with the wildlife of the National Park.

If every visitor to the valley in one year gave us just 10 dollars we would raise the \$500,000/£350,000 needed to build the centre in no time. This includes paying for a full time project manager.

Where are all the people?

The other treasures of South Luangwa

Ancient fossils

Deep in the Luangwa Valley, fossil reptiles more than 260 million years old, the predecessors of dinosaurs and the earliest mammals, have been found along with fossilised trees and leaves from the forests in which they lived.

Early humans, hunters and farmers

More than a million years ago early humans settled in the Luangwa Valley, leaving behind stone tools. Hunter-gatherers painted enigmatic geometric images in the surrounding hills. The first farmers arrived 2000 years ago, bringing pottery and iron.

The Kunda and the Bisa

The ancient traditions, rituals, skills and crafts of these local tribes are still to be found in the Valley - if you know where to look - but traditional ways of life and their artefacts are vanishing quickly. It's a long and fascinating story, from earliest mammal-like reptiles to the Kunda and Bisa people of today.

A heritage centre for Mfuwe

Professor Larry Barham from the University of Liverpool, who has been studying the archaeology of Zambia for the last 15 years, is leading a fundraising campaign to build a heritage centre for the people of Mfuwe and their visitors. Local Chief Kakumbi has generously donated a piece of land to the project, in an area close to the people of the community who will work with Zambia's National Heritage Conservation Commission to run the Centre.

The Centre will be based around three brick-built thatched galleries – natural history, archaeology and history/heritage conservation. It will store, interpret and display collections, but it will also be an important community resource with an internet café, a library, space for craft making and selling, as well as the teaching of traditional skills to a new generation. Electricity, water and sanitation will be provided.



Sadly there is nowhere you can see this wonderful heritage on display.

Contact Larry on l.s.barham@liverpool.ac.uk or visit our website for further information.

Please send your payment with this form to Professor Larry Barham, School of Archaeology, Classics and Egyptology, University of Liverpool, Hartley Building, Liverpool L69 3GS, UK.

Name: _____
 Postal address: _____
 Email address: _____
 Date: _____

I would like to donate \$/£/€ delete as appropriate to the Mfuwe Heritage Centre fund.

Donations:

Donations towards the building of a Heritage Centre in Mfuwe will be administered through the Africa Endowment Fund, University of Liverpool (School of Archaeology, Classics and Egyptology, SACE). For more information on the tax benefits available to American citizens, Gift Aid for UK taxpayers or any other queries please contact Professor Larry Barham at the address below. You may make a donation EITHER by sending a cheque payable to the University of Liverpool using the form below, OR by handing your donation in dollars, pounds, Kwacha or a cheque made out to the University of Liverpool to your lodge manager before leaving [donations will be collected and banked regularly in Barclays bank (Mfuwe) in an account set up solely for this purpose].

THANK YOU on behalf of the people of South Luangwa.

