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The main wildebeest migration is still in the very South of the Serengeti but following last week's rain wildebeest should now begin to move North. Our last group of clients therefore didn't get to see more than a few thousand wildebeest. However here's their Serengeti Saga....

"A huge commotion interrupted dinner, elephants trumpeting, hyenas giggling, and lions growling and roaring. Since it was only just dusk John (our guide) decided it was definitely worth investigating. As we walked to the car three lions ran right between us, no more than five metres away, followed by two more and several shadows slinking past in the bush. All around us lions were growling, the sound was terrifying but awesome...only then did we see John making a break for the veranda and decided to follow. He calmly informed us he was only making sure nothing was eating his dinner... The next half hour was a cacophony of animal shrieks and yells. Later we discovered a lion pride had killed a buffalo and a group of male lions thought a coup was in order. The hyenas saw an opportunity for a free meal while the elephants assumed lions were attacking their young and formed a noisy defensive circle- one of the best animal viewing scenarios we have seen in 10 years of travelling through Africa" Daphne and Ian Australia

CONSERVATION

The spoils of war are often unusual I suppose, but this one seems particularly novel.

Dogs trained to detect landmines from the war-torn years in Mozambique are being used to track and monitor lion, leopard and other predators.

The scheme is already being field tested near Ruhaha National Park but hopefully the idea will take off and be used for a variety of conservation applications in similarly remote and un-researched areas.

Apparently the dogs have to have a huge capacity for play if they are to be suitable for such work since then both the 'work' and the reward can be ... more play with their favorite toy.

A fascinating half day trip in Arusha at the end of a safari can be to visit these dogs and their very committed trainers.

PLANNING AHEAD

After starting our Luxury Lightweight Camp at Christmas we have now added kayaking to our portfolio of activities.

Kayaking can be combined with our lightweight camp or you can kayak on the Indian Ocean whilst staying at lodges along the beach.

The Indian Ocean is pleasant all year as it is a warm and relatively peaceful ocean. However taking account of the ancient knowledge of Arabic trade winds can make things more comfortable.

Booking now for October to March would mean kayaking in the kaskazi - the warm, calm northern trade wind blowing off the Arabian Desert.