

2018 : Translocation of Elephants ;

Malawi, like most other countries, had a major wildlife poaching problem.

Elephants and Rhinos were the main targets of the international criminal rings, but the “lesser” animals were not spared either. Without proper management coupled with corruption within Government departments, the “bush meat” trade caused other species to be decimated. In 1970, the Zebra population in Kasungu National Park (which borders Zambia) was recorded at 4000. A recent game count revealed that there are only 9 left. **All is not lost though.**

The Malawi Government with the support of donors, have appointed organisations like Africa Parks who are slowly revitalising these precious nature reserves. The elephant translocation issue illustrates this commitment as the article appearing in the Guardian Newspaper suggests.

Experts in Malawi will move 500 elephants 185 miles across the country to a sanctuary that will act as a ‘reservoir’

This may be used to restore some elephant populations in other parts of Africa where the threatened species has been heavily poached.

The massive relocation, slated for completion next year, will involve darting the elephants from a helicopter, hoisting the slumbering animals by crane and loading them in crates on to trucks for a ride of about 185 miles (300km) to Malawi’s Nkhosakota wildlife reserve.

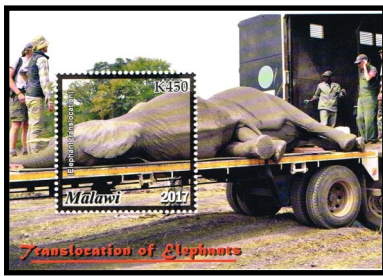
The relocation by African Parks, a non-profit group based in Johannesburg, comes amid increasing pressure on wildlife across much of Africa and especially on elephants, which have been slaughtered in large numbers to meet growing demand for ivory, mostly in parts of Asia.

“There’s a paradox in Africa where elephants are in steep decline in certain places” but require population management in better-protected areas where their numbers are growing, said Andrew Parker, operations director at African Parks.

In Malawi, Parker said, “surplus elephants” stripping large tracts of vegetation and coming into conflict with communities at two wildlife parks, Majete and Liwonde, will move to Nkhosakota, a park of 700 sq miles (1,800 sq km) with more space and security.

African Parks manages all three reserves. Nkhosakota currently has fewer than 100 elephants; Malawi has up to 1,500 elephants in total. Africa has about 470,000 elephants, down from between 3 million and 5 million in the early 20th century, according to the WWF conservation group.

The elephants in Malawi will be moved in small groups in a first phase in July and August, and again in a similar period next year. The Dutch Postcode Lottery, which supports the charity, is a key funder of the \$1.6m (£1m) relocation.



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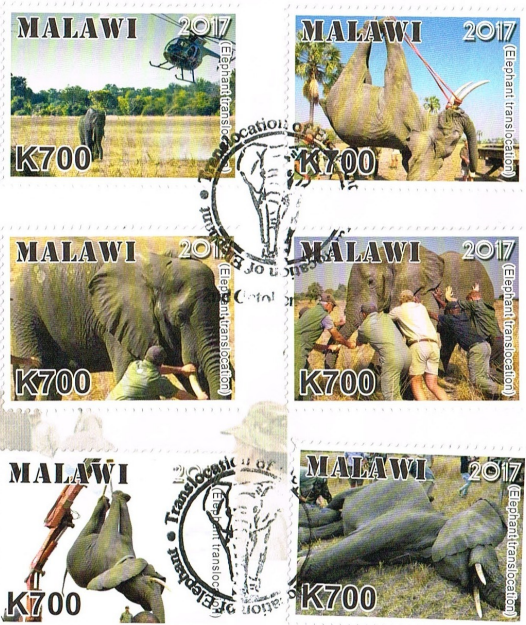
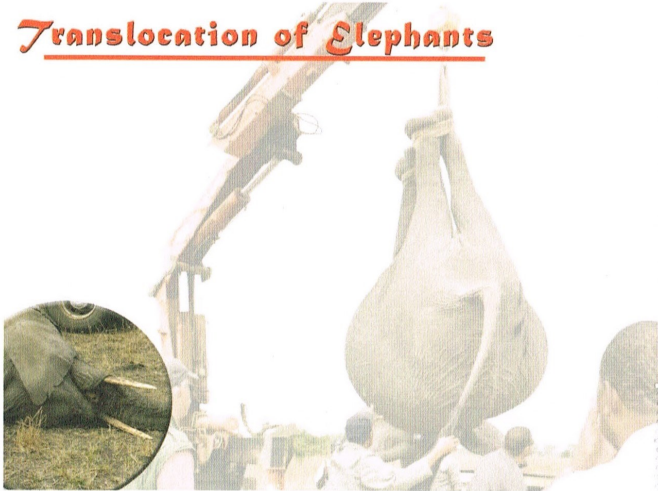
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The stamps are arranged in a 2x3 grid. Each stamp features the text 'MALAWI 2017' at the top, 'K700' at the bottom, and 'Elephant translocation' on the right. The stamps depict various stages of elephant translocation, including being hoisted by a crane, being moved by a helicopter, and being moved by a truck.



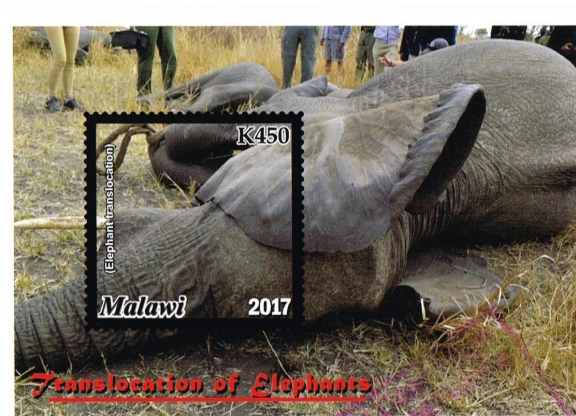
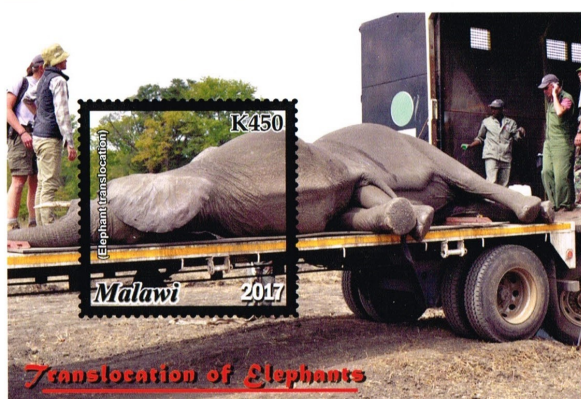
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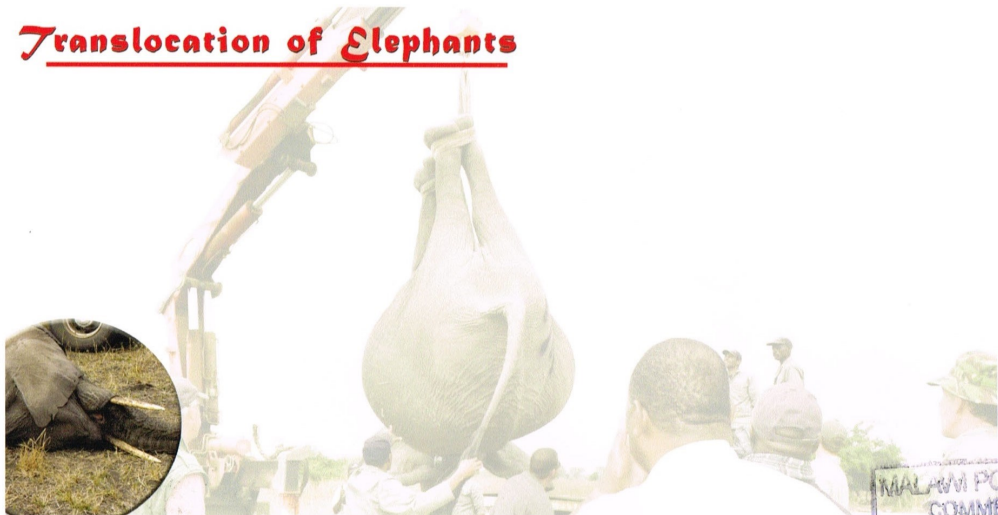
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Mushrooms of Malawi



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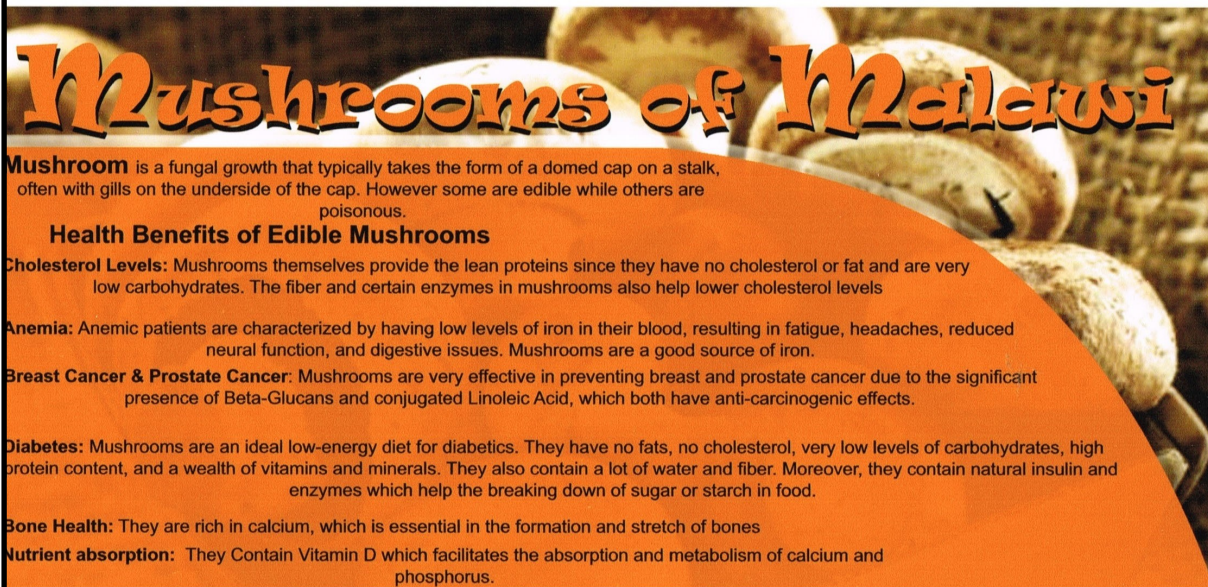
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Mushroom is a fungal growth that typically takes the form of a domed cap on a stalk, often with gills on the underside of the cap. However some are edible while others are poisonous.

Health Benefits of Edible Mushrooms

Cholesterol Levels: Mushrooms themselves provide the lean proteins since they have no cholesterol or fat and are very low carbohydrates. The fiber and certain enzymes in mushrooms also help lower cholesterol levels

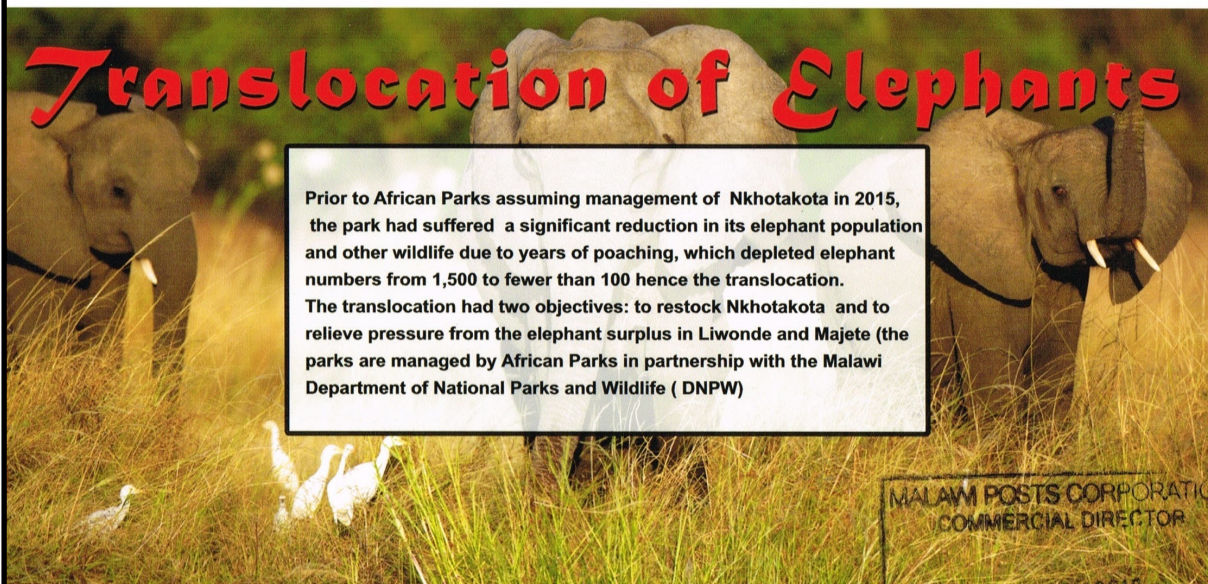
Anemia: Anemic patients are characterized by having low levels of iron in their blood, resulting in fatigue, headaches, reduced neural function, and digestive issues. Mushrooms are a good source of iron.

Breast Cancer & Prostate Cancer: Mushrooms are very effective in preventing breast and prostate cancer due to the significant presence of Beta-Glucans and conjugated Linoleic Acid, which both have anti-carcinogenic effects.

Diabetes: Mushrooms are an ideal low-energy diet for diabetics. They have no fats, no cholesterol, very low levels of carbohydrates, high protein content, and a wealth of vitamins and minerals. They also contain a lot of water and fiber. Moreover, they contain natural insulin and enzymes which help the breaking down of sugar or starch in food.

Bone Health: They are rich in calcium, which is essential in the formation and stretch of bones

Nutrient absorption: They Contain Vitamin D which facilitates the absorption and metabolism of calcium and phosphorus.



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Prior to African Parks assuming management of Nkhotakota in 2015, the park had suffered a significant reduction in its elephant population and other wildlife due to years of poaching, which depleted elephant numbers from 1,500 to fewer than 100 hence the translocation. The translocation had two objectives: to restock Nkhotakota and to relieve pressure from the elephant surplus in Liwonde and Majete (the parks are managed by African Parks in partnership with the Malawi Department of National Parks and Wildlife (DNPW))

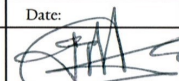
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