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Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2006 9:04 AM

To: t4a@overland.co.za

Subject: Re: [T4A] Safety and 'Not to travel alone' TONY ROBERTSON

Tony,

Off topic.. but I must comment on some aspects of your email. I do this:

1. GOOD way

Tony, I think you missing the point.. man

http://www.madmappers.com/pub/t4a/tony_1.txt (5kb)

2. BAD way.. because you wrote:

>lead by a Group Leader with many years of

>experience, aware of the dangers and competent to deal with them.

Allow me to shift this paradigm for you here and now and for good.

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS * E X P E R I E N C E *

Experience and Stupidity is BUT the two sides of the same coin. *Experience* is BUT your license to do incredible *stupid* things... and *Stupidity* is BUT your license to do incredible *experienced* things.

It is not about 'being EXPERIENCED' it is about 'being INFORMED'..

It is about being 'UN-STUPID'.. it is the ability to avoid having to admit to yourself the cruel and painful truth 'As result of my own stupidity'

The question is NOT.. 'How to handle this or that situation'.. the question is.. 'How to AVOID this or that situation'

Tony, man.. I think you missing the point..

3. UGLY way.. because you wrote:

>Which conveniently leads me to Please can we agree to ban the

>use of any word which does not *INFORM* from the T4A map?

>These words are " Not Recommended, Dangerous, etc.

You mean this. ?

<http://www.madmappers.com/pub/t4a/dangerous3.gif> (167kb)

because Tracks4Africa (T4A data team and 600+ responsible travellers) over the past 7 years are trying their level best to AVOID eco-travel disasters like this:

http://www.madmappers.com/pub/t4a/disaster_2.gif (230kb)

Tony, man.. I think you missing the point.. But this time you're doing it a bit 'dangerously' and possibly 'extremely dangerously' close to discomfort ?.. and

maybe this is 'not recommended'

NEVER doubt this man.. Eco-travel disasters 'happens' because travellers are NOT INFORMED.. or not correctly INFORMED.. or they just don't bother to INFORM themselves == IGNORANCE

But because we've in our Coco-Cola travel party a 'Leader Baboon' and because we've decided by democratic vote that Leader baboon has 'experience'.. we will be ok.

To warm yourself with any head count of ignorance or groups thereof will not reduce the risk of eco-travel disasters.. to the contrary.. it will exacerbate the problem..

and please man.. stop this Cave-Man-Age thinking that 'safety comes in numbers'.. It was true 30,000 years ago.. Today, the only things that come by numbers are ignorance and stupidity.

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