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]From: Peter Levey [mailto:leveypa@gmail.com]
]Sent: Monday, June 19, 2006 1:51 PM
]To: t4a@overland.co.za;
]Subject: Re: [T4A] New Data: 20060616_18 Punda Maria
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]On 6/19/06, Wouter Brand <eiportne@mweb.co.za> wrote:
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] Your waypoint S22.70134 E31.04747 asked:
] "Punda Milia" - What is this? I could not find this camp.
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] http://www.madmappers.com/pub/t4a/punda_milia.gif (83kb)
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History of Punda Maria Camp:

The name of the rest camp was given in 1919 by the first ranger to be posted to the area, Captain JJ Coetser. He mistakenly named his post Punda Maria in the belief that this was the Swahili name for Zebra
<http://www.krugerpark.co.za/africa_zebra.html> , the first big game he saw on arrival. The correct Swahili name is actually 'punda milia' (meaning Striped Donkey). When the error was pointed out to him, he chose to retain the name, in honour of his wife, Maria, who bore him 12 children. Many years later, Park officials corrected the name, and for a while the rest camp was known as Punda Milia, but in 1981 it was changed back to the original 'Punda Maria'.
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]Peter

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]From: jacob de haan [mailto:jacobusdehaan@yahoo.com]
]Sent: Monday, June 19, 2006 2:15 PM
]To: t4a@overland.co.za
]Subject: Re: [T4A] New Data: 20060616_18 Punda Maria
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]"Punda Milia" means Zebra in Kiswahili, so maybe the waypoint is reflecting a place where Zebra's can be spotted.
]Regards Jacob.

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]From: Ivan Marais [mailto:ivan@mylan.co.za]
]Sent: Monday, June 19, 2006 2:28 PM
]To: t4a@overland.co.za;
]Subject: Re: [T4A] New Data: 20060616_18 Punda Maria
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]> "Punda Milia" - What is this? I could not find this camp.
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]Many moons ago the was Punda Maria. Then some bright linguist decided it should be Punda Milia. They later realised their mistake and changed it back to Punda Maria. This is now the official name
]
]Ivan Marais