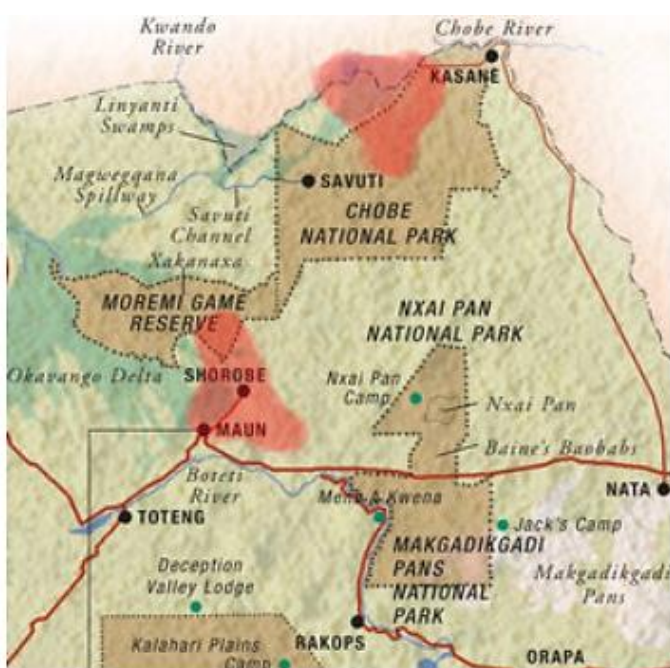


De Grootste Great Migration op het vasteland

In Botswana was weliswaar bekend dat zebra's, wildebeest, buffalo's en olifanten met name in de droge maanden zich ophielden in de buurt van de rivieren Chobe en Kwando-Linyanti en Okavango river om in de regenmaanden zich te begeven naar meer zuidelijke regio's van de Kalahari.

Ongelooflijk maar waar, pas in 2012 hebben wetenschappers een Great Migration van bovengenoemde dieren in Botswana kunnen vaststellen vanaf de grens met Namibia helemaal naar Nxai Pan en -voor wat betreft zebra's- zelfs helemaal door naar de zoutvelden van de Makgadikgadi Pans. Hiermee is feitelijk DE GROOTSTE GREAT MIGRATION ter wereld vastgesteld die zich op de aardbodem jaarlijks voltrekt.



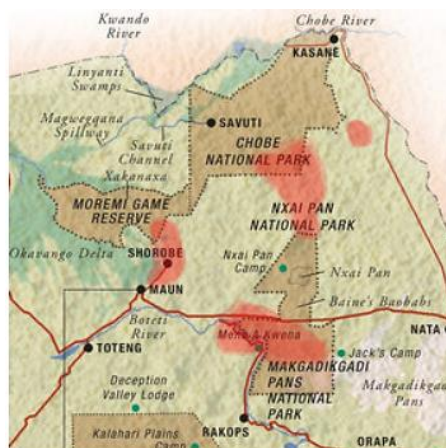
Early-Dec: The rains starts: the herds begin their journey to the open interior of Botswana.



Dec: the herds travel in very directly to their wet-season feeding grounds - although...



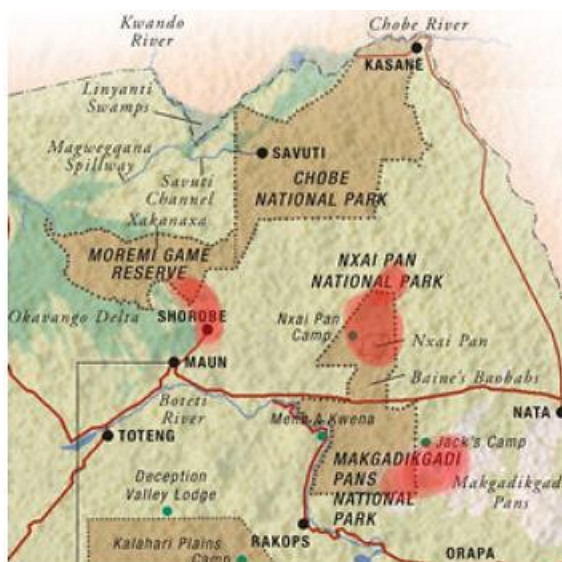
Some of the zebras from Chobe stop over temporarily, en route, at Seloko Plain.



By early Jan: most of the zebra herds have reached Makgadikgadi and Nxai areas.



Jan: zebras which stopped over at Seloko Pan, make the final move to the plains of Nxai Pan.



Jan to March; zebras enjoy the nutritious grazing in Nxai and Makgadikgadi Pans.



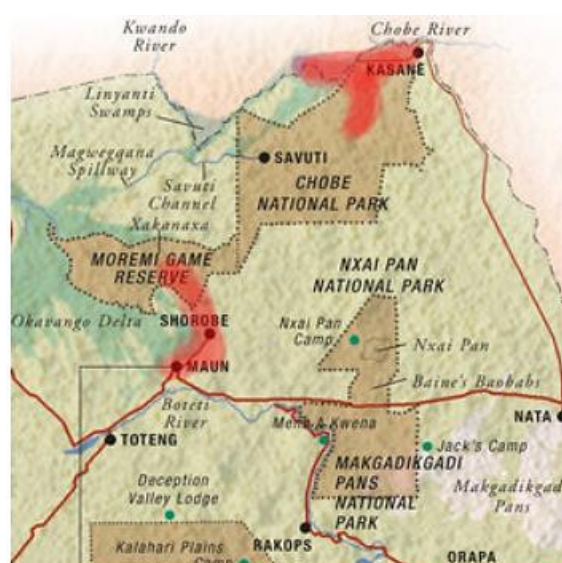
End-Feb: The first herds leave Nxai and Makgadikgadi for the Okavango-Chobe rivers.



By end-March: the last zebra herds are heading north and west.



Mar-Apr their journeys north and west are not as fast or direct as the southward journey.



April to early July zebra herds arrive in the Okavango and Chobe areas.



Jun to end-Nov: dry season herds concentrate besides the Chobe and Okavango rivers.