

# The Zambezi Expedition



## Fighting malaria on the river of life

After two years of preparation, Expedition Organizers, German Journalist Helge Bendl and Swiss boating expert Andy Leemann are partnering with the Roll Back Malaria Partnership, six countries from the Southern African Development Community, non-profit institutions and private companies to put a spotlight on the plight of malaria-stricken communities in Africa, suffering 90 percent of the global annual death toll. On 29th March 2008, the Roll Back Malaria Zambezi Expedition launches into a two months voyage to showcase successes and highlight challenges associated with the fight against one of the globe's leading infectious killers.

Starting at the source of the river and finishing in its delta, medical teams will travel more than 2,500 kilometres (1,550 miles) in inflatable boats through Angola, Namibia, Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Mozambique. By exposing the difficulties of delivering mosquito nets and medications to remote areas, the Zambezi Expedition will demonstrate that only a coordinated cross-border action can force the disease to recoil and turn the lifeline of southern Africa into a "River of Life" for those threatened by malaria.



### Key dates and activities

- **Angola**  
27 March – 05 April  
Expedition Launch
- **Zambia**  
06 – 18, 23 – 25 April  
05 – 09 May  
Africa/World Malaria Day  
25 April – Livingstone event with SADC representatives
- **Namibia/Botswana**  
19 – 22 April  
Media visits with communities of agricultural workers, safari staff, and small businesses
- **Zimbabwe**  
26 April – 04 May
- **Mozambique**  
10 - 27 May  
Media visits with communities affected by flooding to demonstrate of how bed nets can save lives in emergency situations

