

When the Salmon are Running.

Every year the Lake Nyasa Salmon leap up the Chiwandama Falls to spawn, and it's the signal for the tribal fishing. Some are expert with their hands, but most of the salmon are caught in nets - long handled affairs known as Khombe nets. On peak days up to 3000 salmon have been taken. By Hereditary right Chief Ngombo controls the fishing and owns the nets and to him goes two thirds of the catch. Most of the fish are smoked. When the salmon stop running the fishermen and their families will return to their homes, leaving the Falls completely deserted, but right now there's work to be done.