



Darren Williams indulging in euphoria reminiscent of his college days, but without the “Jack” to help things along. Just pure adrenaline ...

fully appreciate the surroundings.


If one is so inclined — as most fly-fishers are — one has to make a conscious effort to divert one’s attention away from the world-class angling to the world-class wilderness embracing anglers on the Okavango. This, I might add, is a most pleasing situation to be in.

But back to the fishing ...

Jen was taking a breather. Darren had just released another engorged tigerfish. The sun was on its way down. With egrets squawking and catfish clapping, Darren turned to me, and rather nonchalantly said, “You know, Keith, I think I am drunk on tigerfishing.” Slightly puzzled, I asked Darren to elaborate.

“This reminds me of my college days,” he went on, “you know, like at a

good shindig when the Jack is flowing and a feeling of euphoria comes over you.” I nodded for him to go on. “The only difference is tomorrow I won’t have a hangover, there will be no feeling of remorse, and I can promise you that I will do it all again!”

I smiled. These few words really encapsulate the addiction many of us have to sportfishing in Africa. And what better place to get your fix than in the Okavango Delta. 

ness, as well as the opportunity to get to know some of its land and arboreal based inhabitants.

I try my utmost to take a holistic approach to both my guiding and angling, often remarking on the wonderful aspects that surround sportfishing in Southern Africa. However, it is hard to reinforce this mindset when fishing the catfish run. The furious action and thrill of the hunt sometimes does not allow one the opportunity to

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