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Geraldine Ingram [00:00:10] Yes, my husband, loves fishing, he's great. And yeah we just started fishing and going to Kariba and fishing and it just progressed from there.

James Thull [00:00:20] So, but what year would've that been?

Geraldine Ingram [00:00:23] Whoa, about 90... about '91.

James Thull [00:00:28] About '91?

Geraldine Ingram [00:00:31] Um, we got together and we were just going to Kariba and fishing and having fun and, and it just turned out that we started fishing tiger tournaments. Yeah and we, we both really enjoy it. We fish all over the place.

James Thull [00:00:47] Wonderful. So coming up on 40 years, then.

Geraldine Ingram [00:00:50] I was hoping to do 40 years for Tiger tournament but my daughter got very ill last year and I had to go to England so I had to break my record.

James Thull [00:00:58] Oh.

Geraldine Ingram [00:00:59] So, but as a lady I've, I've fished 37 years non-stop.

James Thull [00:01:03] That's wonderful. That's amazing accomplishment.

Geraldine Ingram [00:01:05] I started in 197- in 1979 and had to end um... all my trophies are up there. I had to end uh, last year.

Geraldine Ingram [00:01:21] It's been great, em, I find uh, there's been a lot of poaching. A lot of netting. You know, getting caught up in nets, finding fish caught in nets, which is very sad. That would be great if that could die down. Yes, I find- that's what we found. They were coming, throwing nets just right in front of us. If we fish a competition we base a spot. Where you can only catch our limit and then we have to move on. The next thing, people go into our spot. Because they live in Kariba, that's the area. And um, yeah.

James Thull [00:02:04] So maybe netting, poaching of fish.

Geraldine Ingram [00:02:06] Poaching is, is, is, is bad, yeah. You know it would be nice if they could just get on a boat and fish like us with a rod. But they put up these huge, huge nets and they bring in hundreds of fish. So yeah that part is very sad. And it would be nice if it could be brought to a halt, but...

James Thull [00:02:27] Sure.

Geraldine Ingram [00:02:33] Um, pollution [unintelligible] people are very- they're not too bad about that, uh, throwing out, you know, rubbish onto the water and stuff like that, they, they're get pretty good. I can't complain about that part. No, um, there's no change and we have fisheries here. But I think these local fishery- fishermen. Fished for lake harvest here. And, you know, where tilapia and that you buy in the shops comes from. Um, which is a business and you don't- that you don't mind, but the way they... you know, you find fish

stuck in nets fish, that have been trapped and hurt in nets. And when you do fish you get a net wrapped around a prop of your boat. Yeah, that kind of thing is not, not good.

Geraldine Ingram [00:03:27] I fish because I find it relaxing out there. I enjoy it. Yes, and I get- it, it's a great feeling to, to fish. And to fish competitions, it's um- I think everybody fishes a competition to go and win and they've all got that behind them to think that I'd like to win, but whether we do or not is another story. Yes, but I just like it, I think it's quite relaxing out on the water and it's nice just to be out there. Whether I catch a fish or I don't, it's nice to be out there.

Geraldine Ingram [00:04:02] Oh I think so. I think women should- and I think there are a quite a lot of women that do fish with their husbands and their families and they enjoy it. We've, we've got a women's team with the tiger tournaments. And I mean I've been fishing- we've had a ladies team since uh 2- uh 19, uh, '04. Up until I stopped. I've been doing ladies, the ladies team. And yes, the women come and go. Some people- some women don't like it, um, others do. And there's quite a few that do fish with their hubbies.

James Thull [00:04:38] That's great.

Geraldine Ingram [00:04:38] It would be nice if a lot more could be interested. Have the same sport as he has the same interest as their hubby.

Geraldine Ingram [00:04:50] I think everybody's got the same, you know when they come to Zimbabwe they think about Kariba. They think about Yanga for fly fishing and for catching tiger and bream and it's, it's, it's great. It's, it's nice, um, I love deep sea fishing. I do, I go out when I go to, well, when I go to Barra. I enjoy deep sea fishing. And, but I really enjoy tiger fishing, I, I really get a kick out of it. It's great.

James Thull [00:05:23] It sounds like an amazing thing to see on the end of your line, yeah.

Geraldine Ingram [00:05:26] Oh, it's, it's, it's such a lovely feeling when you tuck into a nice big fish.

Geraldine Ingram [00:05:37] They tried to introduce catch and release with the, with the tournaments. They haven't succeeded yet, but um, yeah, it's out there. The word is out and I think people would like it to happen. We've just had a lady now I think she's just caught her- I think it was 15 kg tiger. And she released it which was, was great. And we did have guys come on the boat with us where they had the, the boards that measured- they took a picture of your fish and then you released your fish. I think they do- I think they are doing it with top ten.

James Thull [00:06:13] Okay.

Geraldine Ingram [00:06:15] But they are- they're trying to introduce it yes.

Geraldine Ingram [00:06:23] We had an experience once, we were up in the Gachi in Kariba, fishing, my hubby and I. And I got a nice bream, a really nice bream. And it was really fighting and it reared off into to the hyacinth, the weed that we get here. And my husband said, "keep pulling it, pulling it" and I said "I am, I am". And he said "no" and he leaned over and he grabbed my line and he started pulling my line and I said "be careful". And what had happened was a croc had leached onto my, my fish. And my hubby pulled it

up and as he got right up to the weight it snapped and there was this croc with my fish in his mouth. And he went under the hyacinths. Yes that was quite a day.

James Thull [00:07:10] I bet that's a scary experience, yeah.

Geraldine Ingram [00:07:13] Yeah and even when he was fishing he um, he was bringing his fish in. He was reeling in, reeling in, and the next thing he looked up and there was a croc with his feet back and going straight for the fish.

Geraldine Ingram [00:07:28] I've always said to my husband I'd love to go and catch a Goliath.

James Thull [00:07:33] Goliath?

Geraldine Ingram [00:07:33] Goliath Tiger.

James Thull [00:07:34] OK.

Geraldine Ingram [00:07:36] That is, I know it'll pull me into the water because it's bigger than me. But um, yeah, I've always said that.

James Thull [00:07:43] And where are those located?

Geraldine Ingram [00:07:45] They are in... Pandanica isn't it.