

PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT &
WILDLIFE FROM EXPLOITATION

A call on ALL schools in Namibia
to enter a Comic Writing Competition

Join the fun & express
yourself by entering the

COMIC CONTEST

2023

Help us create AWARENESS and speak up
against criminal activities that threaten the
sustainable usage of our natural resources!



Read more
inside!



DID YOU KNOW: the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment is a human right?

Crimes against the Environment and Wildlife affect our right to a healthy environment.

Exploitation of our natural resources threatens the healthy ecosystem and biodiversity of any environment.

This increases the effects of climate change and the environment is not able to sustain our livelihoods.

Help us create public awareness and speak up against these criminal activities that threaten our future!



You too can get involved!

Just create your own story about crimes against the environment or wildlife and show how they affects us.

Show us the consequences of such crimes and show us how to prevent these crimes from happening.

Your story can be real or imaginary – as long as your story shows us what you understand is a crime against wildlife or a crime against the environment and what the consequences for both the wrongdoer and the affected community/citizens are.

Your comic should not be more than 12 pages long.

Entries should be in the English language. Entries in vernacular must have an English translation provided.

Entries must indicate clearly the contact details for the entering school as well as the names of scholars who created the comic.

What must you & your school do?

- Present your story in the form of a comic.
- Use your own imagination and creativity!
- The comic will be used to inform the Namibian public on this important issue.

Your comic could focus on any of the following issues:

- Wildlife conservation,
- prevention of wildlife crime,
- the legal, social and environmental impacts of wildlife crime,
- illegal harvesting of protected plant species and/or timber,
- sustainable management of our natural resources in the context of ensuring community livelihoods

Show us the rights Namibian citizens have to a healthy environment.

Your comic should not be more than 12 pages long.

Entries should be in the English language.

Entries in vernacular must have an English translation provided.

Entries must indicate clearly the contact details for the entering school as well as the names of all scholars that participated in the comic.

Who can enter?

All government and private schools in Namibia.
Pupils between 14-18 years of age can participate.
Groups such as ecoclubs or individuals may enter.
Each entry will be entered in the name of the school.
A school can submit more than one entry.
It is always wise to get guidance from your teacher and to involve your community.



Prizes are given as follows:

- * the winner will receive a prize to the value of N\$ 30 000
- * the second place will receive a prize to the value of N\$ 15 000
- * the third place will receive a prize to the value of N\$ 5000

NOTE: Prizes are given to the winning school and not to the students
All three comics will feature on the LAC webpage and may be considered for publication subject to the discretion of the LAC.

How do you enter?

All you have to do is to submit your comic to us between

01 August 2023 and 31 October 2023.

You can send it by email to

info@lac.org.na or to our **PO Box 604, Windhoek.**

When drafting your comic, think about the Sustainable Development Goals too.



QUALITY
EDUCATION



LIFE
BELOW WATER



LIFE
ON LAND

Remember to provide your contact details too.

1. We need to tackle crimes against our environment and our wildlife!
2. The competition starts on **1 AUGUST 2023** and all Namibian Schools are invited to participate.
3. Students create their own stories and how to address the crimes relating to the environment and / or to wildlife.
4. Schools enter their students' comic into the competition.
5. The issues are cross cutting and students should involve all departments in school (art, language, biology, history, etc.).
6. Deadline to submit your comic is: **31 October 2023.**
Email to info@lac.org.na or send your entry to our PO Box in time.
7. No entries shall be accepted after 00:00 on the 31st of October 2023.
8. Entries will be judged by a panel consisting of experts with backgrounds in environmental, legal and educational affairs.
9. Winners to be announced early **December 2023.**
10. All comics entered to the competitions become the property of the LAC.

For more information on wildlife crime and environmental protection, see the website of the LAC under www.lac.org.na and or call us under 061 223356.

Did you know?

The Namibian state has the duty to protect the welfare of its people by maintaining the ecosystems, essential ecological processes and biological diversity of Namibia and to utilize the living and natural resources on a sustainable basis and for the benefit of all Namibian citizens, both present and future.



▶ The Environmental Management Act is passed to ensure that environmental issues are considered before permission is granted to conduct activities that may effect the environment and biodiversity.

▶Any person found in possession of controlled wildlife products such as ivory or rhino horns without a permit has committed a crime. If convicted, the person may be ordered to pay a fine of up to N\$ 15 Million or be imprisoned for up to 15 years. The fines under the Controlled Wildlife Product and Trade Act were adjusted in 2017.

▶People who attempt to kill wildlife animals without a permit, even if not successful, have committed a crime under the Nature Conservation Ordinance.

▶ A Traditional Authority constituted under the Traditional Authority Act has the duty to ensure that its members use the natural resources at their disposal on a sustainable basis. This means, in a manner that conserves the environment and maintains ecosystems for the benefit of all people in Namibia, today and in future.

▶ ... Wildlife crime and other environmental crimes as illegal timber harvesting are often committed by organized crime syndicates that engage in money laundering and racketeering. An organized crime syndicate is a well organized and structured group with clear leadership and involved in different criminal activities such as money laundering, drug, animal and human trafficking, vehicle theft, etc. When caught, these criminals may be sentenced additionally under the Prevention of Organized Crime Act. They may be fined up to N\$100Million or imprisoned for up to 30 years.