Chief Executive Officer's Report to the 7th Annual General Meeting of the Namibian Chamber of Environment

























































































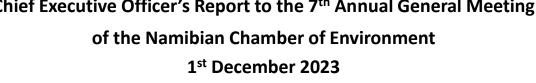












MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT

Provide facilities for particularly field-based NGOs and researchers when in Windhoek — workspace, internet, secure parking, boardroom for meetings and storage space.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY RESEARCH

Establish a policy research Forum to identify, prioritise, research and publish in area of environmental policy and other policies impacting on the environment. There is currently a vacuum in this area and, as a result, environmental planning, policy development and management suffer.

YOUNG NAMIBIAN TRAINING AND MENTORSHIP

Create an annual internship programme and link to the Environmental Policy Research agenda; create incentives for mentoring young Namibians in the grants application process; explore setting up a bursary scheme for postgraduate studies in environment fields.

NATIONAL FACILITATION

Organise conferences, symposia and workshops on topical environmental issues and on research themes, and facilitate Member's positions on international negotiations, treaties and conservation priorities.

GRANTS MAKING

Set up a structured, on-line grants making process, with a grants review forum (pool of experts). The system will provide for transparent on-line grant application, review, management and reporting, with applicants, managers and sponsors being able to "look in" and see progress.

ADVOCACY

Engage with government on policy and legislative issues, development priorities and budget allocations as well as issues of mutual importance to NCE Members and

Support our Founder Sponsors to raise funds within the corporate business sector in Namibia, with overseas busines sector, embassies and high commissions in Namibia and international Foundations. Support a well-placed Namibiar NGO Member to become accredited with the Green Climate Fund on behalf of all members.

FUND RAISING

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

Build and manage Namibia's Environmental Information Build and manage Namibia's Environmental information Service (the EIS — www.the-eis.com) comprising an e-library with references and down-loadable publications, reports and data sets — the largest environmental library in Namibia; citizen science data collection via atlas projects (e.g. mammals, carnivores, snakes, invasive alien plant); and a scientific on-line journal (currently under development).























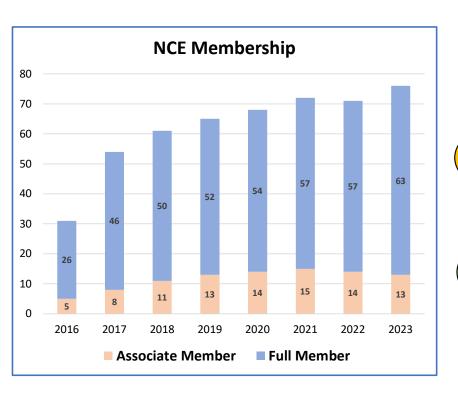


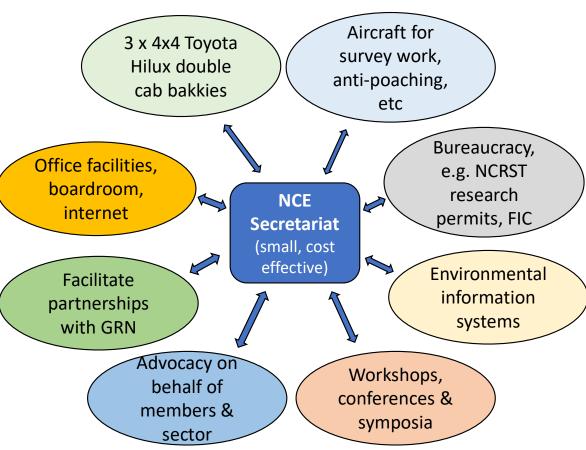






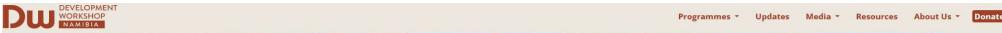
1. Support to Members





2. Environmental Policy Research – AND Action

Strong focus to date – Urban Environment because totally neglected by GRN, NGOs and private sector Helped establish Development Workshop Namibia to address this gap - https://dw-namibia.org/





DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP NAMIBIA

A Partner for Sustainable Urban Development



JANUARY - JUNE 2023

HOUSING FOR ALL

PROGRAMME FOR THE PROVISION OF LOW-COST LAND FOR HOUSING



Proud owner of a house in a DWN project area in Oshakati



INTRODUCTION

Almost 50% of Namibia's urban residents live in informal settlements, and the number is growing every year. Without doubt, Namibia's large and growing housing backlog is one of the country's biggest development challenges. Residents of informal settlements have no tenure rights and therefore cannot invest in their properties to create wealth and pass it on to the next generation. This situation keeps many households in multigenerational poverty traps.

In a related problem, local authorities cannot raise taxes in informal settlements, which even at a low level would help to raise funds for service provision. The lack of services has severe consequences: limited water provision leads to insufficient sanitation facilities and consequently open defecation, while the absence of electricity stifles local economic development.

Pragmatic approaches at a sufficiently large scale are needed if this trend is to be stopped and reversed. Development Workshop Namibia (DWN) therefore supports local authorities with a programme to plan and service low income residential land as an alternative to informal settlement growth. The programme is called "Housing for All".

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JANUARY - JUNE 2023

PROGRAMME FOR APPROPRIATE LOW-COST **URBAN SANITATION**



A local dancing troop celebrates the open defecation free status in Windhoek's Hadino Nghishongwa block.



INTRODUCTION

The safe management of sewage and solid waste is a significant challenge in Namibia's informal settlements, which leads to an elevated risk of disease for children and adults living in these areas. Development Workshop Namibia (DWN) is a pioneer of the urban community-led total sanitation (CLTS) approach in Namibia. Through donor support, especially the European Union (EU), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the German Development Bank (KfW), DWN works with communities through local volunteers to inform inhabitants about safe hygiene practices and support the construction

The first half of 2023 has seen significant developments within the CLTS programme, with local authorities adopting the methodology, and new blocks becoming open defecation free (ODF).

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Welcome to our Data Hub SANITATION CENTRE

This is the platform for exploring our work and following our progress.

DWN is monitoring its interventions across Namibia with interactive WebGIS applications which are updated on a regular bases. Click on one of the below program dash boards and explore our work progress.









Q Sign In



Land delivery dashboard

View the planned new residential neighbourhoods

Evoloro



Follow the implementation of our national low cost urban...

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Early childhood development program

Follow the progress of our early childhood development...

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Tippy taps emergency program

Track the amount of hand washing kits provided to...

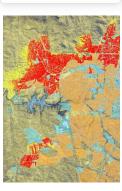
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Shack counts

View the expansion of informal settlements in selected towns

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Publications

Housing For All Sanitation ECD

Housing For All



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Early Childhood Development





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New focus – CBNRM in Namibia because it is in serious decline

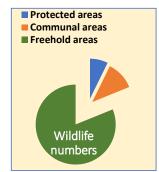
Focus on Strategic Issues - Namibia's 2nd wind and great leap forward in CBNRM

- CBNRM philosophy
- Constraints to land productivity under wildlife
- Social disfunction and governance failures
 - Institutional constraints
 - Livelihoods constraints
- Need to reconfigure support to conservancies and CBNRM

The Vision of New CBNRM must be:

To drive and optimise a wildlife-based economy through strong wildlife management, market diversification, efficiency, good governance and collaboration across landscapes, with the conservancy members being the primary beneficiaries.

Good conservation outcomes will automatically follow – the dividends

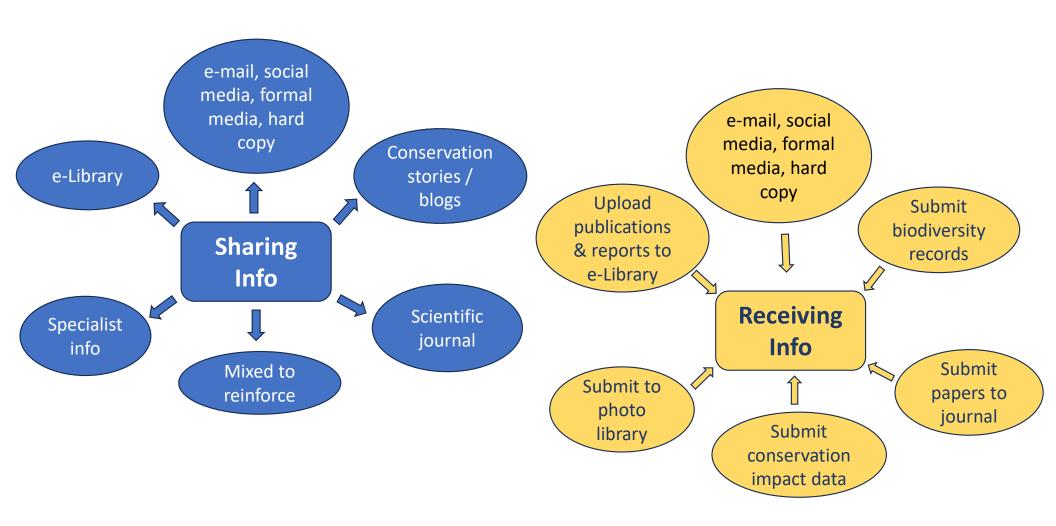








3. Sharing Environmental Information



The Environmental Information Service (EIS)

http://www.the-eis.com/

Environmental Information Service Namibia



eLibrary

A free, online information resource for Namibia



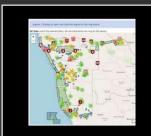
Atlasing in Namibia

Citizen science projects recording biodiversity and cultural heritage



Namibian Journal of Environment

A peer-reviewed, free, open access scientific journal



Environmental Impact Assessment Tracker

Information about EIAs in progress in Namibia



Photo library

A public-participation citizen science photo repository



Birds & Powerlines tool

A tool to assess which sensitive bird species occur in any area



Bird Information System

A collation of data collected on birds in Namibia



Plant Information System

Checklists and information on Namibia's indigenous plants

EIS Namibia is supported and funded by Namibian Chamber of Environment.



EIS Namibia is hosted by Paratus Africa.



EIS Namibia is developed and maintained by JARO Consultancy.



Environmental Information Service Namibia: eLibrary

Namibia's one-stop shop for environmental information



SEARCH the eLibrary



UPLOAD to the eLibrary



ABOUT the eLibrary



CONTACT Get in touch

The EIS eLibrary is a free, online information resource on Namibia

The Environmental Information Service is Namibia's 'one-stop shop' for public environmental information. The eLibrary component includes a large volume and variety of information and new information is added on an ongoing basis.

There are currently 26,534 records in the eLibrary of the following types of resources:

Report: 11,374

Map Data: 2,062

Book: 535

Thesis: 418

Legislation: 205

Map: 101

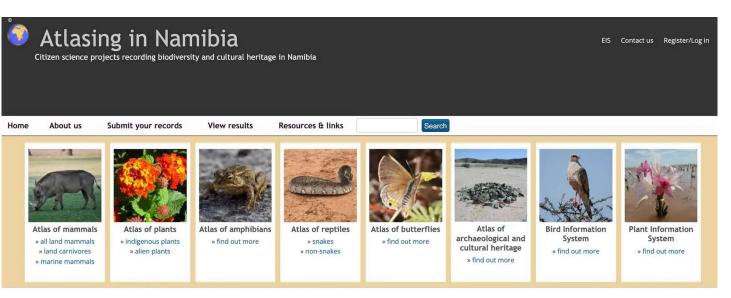
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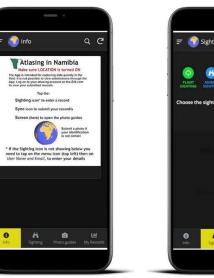
Journal Article: 9,275 Book Section: 1,608

Website: 444

Conference Paper: 381 Presentation: 131



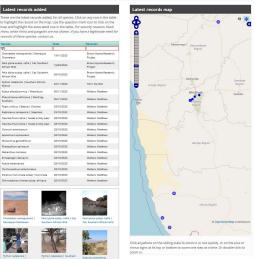




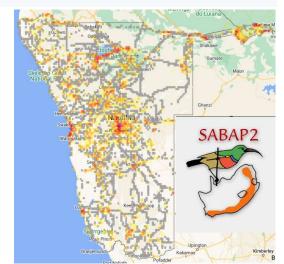


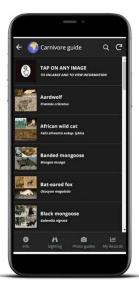
Citizen science in Namibia





Birds via SABAP2 at UCT







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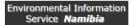
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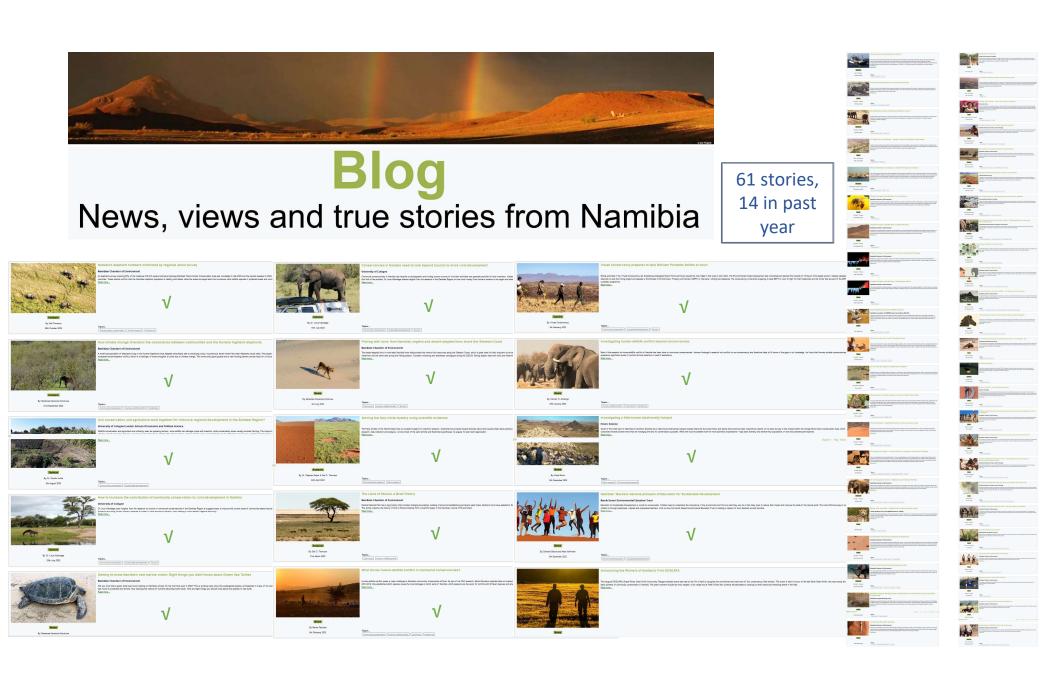




Conservation and the Environment in Namibia



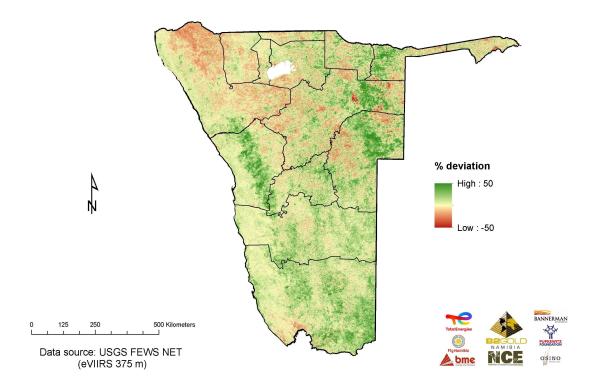




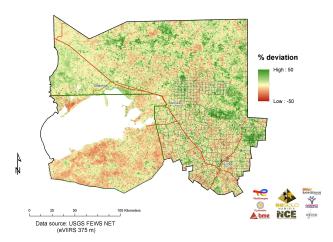
Rangeland condition in Namibia – maps updated every 10 days

Maps used by farmers, parks and wildlife managers, Disaster Risk Management Directorate in Office of Prime Minister (http://www.namibiarangelands.com/products/)

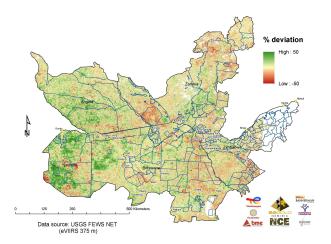
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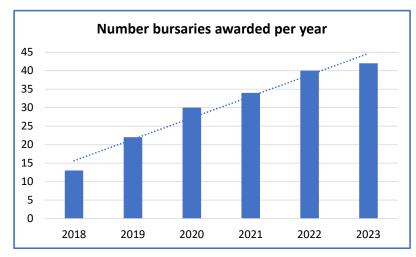
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4. Young Namibian Training & Mentorship



Funds (N\$) invested in bursaries

and internships per year

2020

2021 2022

1,800,000

1,600,000

1,400,000

1,200,000

1,000,000

800,000

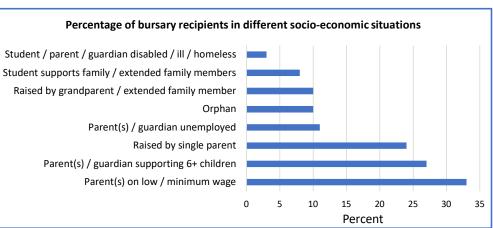
600,000

400.000

200,000

Independent Board of Trustees chaired by Mrs Edla Kaveru

- ✓ Namibian citizen
- ✓ appropriate field of study
- ✓ academic achievements to date
- √ financial need
- ✓ evidence of commitment and passion for the sector
- ✓ leadership potential
- ✓ longer-term goals and plans





Bursaries Offered

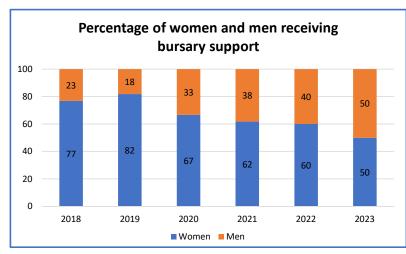
The Namibian Chamber of Environment (NCE) is a membership-based umbrella organisation currently representing 74 environmental NGOs and national programmes. One of the eight NCE strategic programme areas focuses on skills development and mentorship of young Namibians. The NCE has set up a bursary programme to support motivated postgraduate students in a broad range of environment disciplines. In 2023 the NCE supported 42 students with programme support of the NCE su

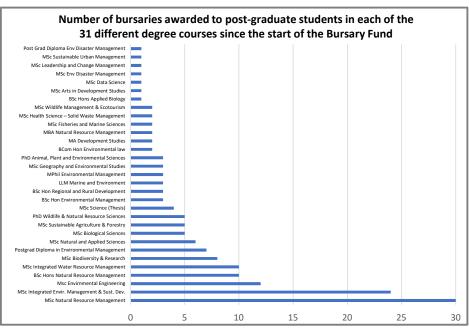
The NCE is offering a similar number of bursaries for the 2024 academic year to individuals who wish to huther their studies in the fields of conservation, environment, and sustainable development, interested applicants should submit a completed application form, a concise motivational letter explaining why they should be one of the selected candidates and provide the required supporting documents. The application form and list of required documents are on the NCE website at http://www.n-c-o.org/nce-bursary-fund. Applications should reach the NCE at admin@n-c-e.org on or before 13 October 2023.

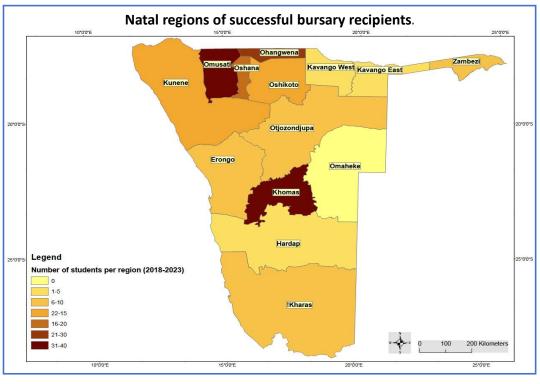
For any queries, please contact us at 061 240 140

No late applications will be considered

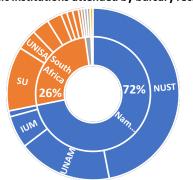








Academic institutions attended by bursary recipients

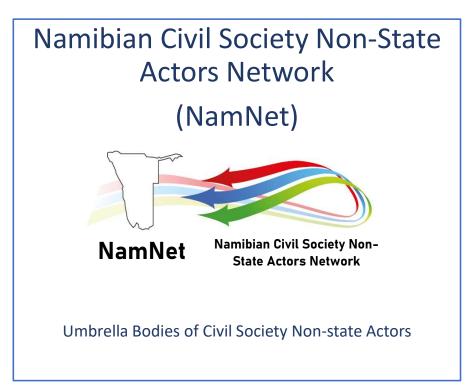


Not a single failure to date!

5. National Facilitation

New institutions





Working Groups



NAMIBIAN WILDLIFE LEAD (Pb) POISONING WORKING GROUP

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The Namibian Wildlife Lead (Pb) Poisoning Working Group (NWLPWG) was established in 2021 and comprises individuals and organisations that work alongside the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) to address the issue of lead toxicity in scavengers, and associated issues, in Namibia.

The issue of lead (Pb) toxicity in scavengers, particularly vultures, has been of concern for many years. The main source of lead is from ammunition, in the body or body parts of animals left in the veld after hunting, harvesting, culling or predator control. The people involved are thus hunters, farmers, harvesting and culling teams and predator control clubs and specialists. Hunting is coming under greater international pressure, so the sector needs to be seen to be progressive, professional and having high environmental standards. There is now a large body of evidence on the levels and impact of lead in scavengers particularly vultures and condors - published in the international scientific literature, as well as good information on lead in vultures in Southern Africa. In addition, more manufacturers are now providing a wide range of lead-free ammunition, including in Southern Africa.

The NWLPWG aims to identify options for how Namibia could address the issue, and to explore the potential for regional collaboration. Most vulture species cover huge areas as they search for food. Individual vultures which have been fitted with GPS backpacks in Namibia have been recorded covering five other countries - Angola, Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe and South Africa, The same has been found for vultures fitted with GPS backpacks in neighbouring countries. Vulture populations are thus not national, but regional and the problem of lead poisoning is thus also a regional one.



NAMIBIAN INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES WORKING GROUP

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The Namibian Invasive Alien Species Working Group (NIASWG) was established in 2022 as a collaborative effort between the Namibian government and non-governmental partners in response to the increasing threats caused by



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The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), under Goal 15 "Life on Land", requires member states to, "by 2020, introduce measures to prevent and significantly reduce the impact of invasive alien species on land and water ecosystems and control or eradicate the priority species. Namibia's Second National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2013-2022 (NBSAP2), under Goal 8, directs that, "by 2018, priority measures are in place

Invasive alien species, both plants and animals, are of considerable concern in Namibia. They have a significant negative impact on indigenous biodiversity, agricultural production and sense of place. The numbers of invasive alien species in Namibia are increasing, as are population ranges and densities. Despite the introduction of alien species into local ecosystems requiring an Environmental Clearance Certificate under the Environmental Management Act of 2007, in practice there is little control and monitoring of alien species entering the country, being sold, distributed and propagated. The situation regarding invasive aliens is largely unregulated in Namibia. Recent actions to control and monitor invasive alien plants have been driven largely by civil society. Most of the work until now has focused on controlling plant species, since these are currently a bigger problem for Namibia than the animal species

Winning the battle against invasive alien species requires a multi-pronged plan of action that involves the public, government, and non-governmental partners. The importance of addressing the growing problem of invasive alien species in Namibia and its increasing urgency prompted a group of ecologists and environmentally concerned individuals, from both government (central and local) and civil society to come together for a brainstorming meeting to discuss and debate the issue and to develop a prioritised Action Plan. The four main prongs of this Action Plan are:

- 1. Prevent the import of potentially invasive alien species into Namibia:
- 2. Stop the spread of existing invasive alien species within Namibia:
- 3. Actively manage, control and, where possible, eliminate existing invasive alien species within Namibia:
- 4. Establish an inclusive institutional mechanism to collectively implement the above Plan.

Visit the Action Plan tab to learn more.







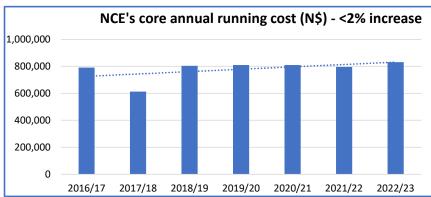


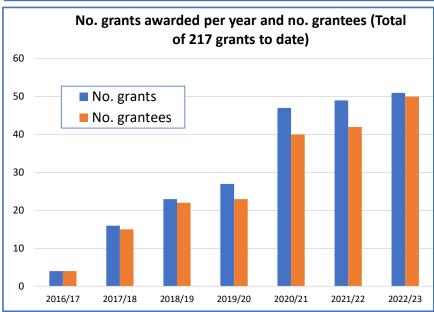
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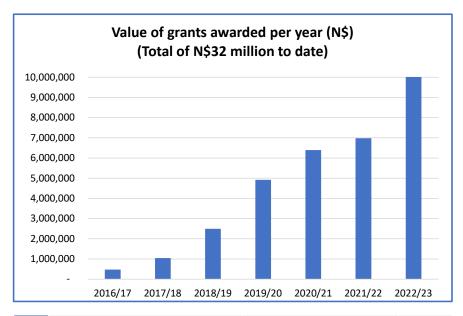
- In-situ leach uranium mining in the Kalahari aquifers
 - Support to Stampriet Basin group
- "Green" hydrogen in national parks (biodiversity versus climate change)
 - Building a consensus
- MEFT minister seemingly on the side of poorly planned developments, not on the side of national parks, biodiversity and good environmental practices
 - Need to challenge his position publicly
- Office of the Environmental Commissioner not performing to standard
 - Meetings
 - Tools
 - Actions (legislation, role of SDAC)
 - Support to sectors (e.g. tourism)

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7. Grants making







128	Rangeland early warning and monitoring system	Agri Ecological Services	40,768
129	Savanna Cap	NUST	103,400
130	Kunene Drought relief	IRDNC	125,000
131	Biodiversity Management	Fitzpatrick Institute, UCT	57,516
132	Plant: EIS	Botanical Info system (H Kolberg)	129,600
133	Black Footed Cat	Black-footed Cat Project (M Kusters)	100,166
134	Carnivore Red Data	JARO Consultancy	24,725
135	Social media and conservation website	Felines Communication and	195,400
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136	Conservation Magazine	NCE	188,805
137	Emergency support Covid 19	Eco Awards Namibia	230,000
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139	NCE Bursaries	NCE Bursary Fund	1,167,034
140	Pangolin Project	Pangolin Rewards	72,000
141	Interns – mentorship programme	Various	48,000
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143	Clean-up Campaign Karibib	DWN	5,565

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- Our partners, including government agencies
- Our grant recipients not a single failure
- Our consultants
- The media who give us excellent support and exposure
- My small team Henriette our Office Manager, and our intern, Robert

Thank you all!

