



NNF Newsletter

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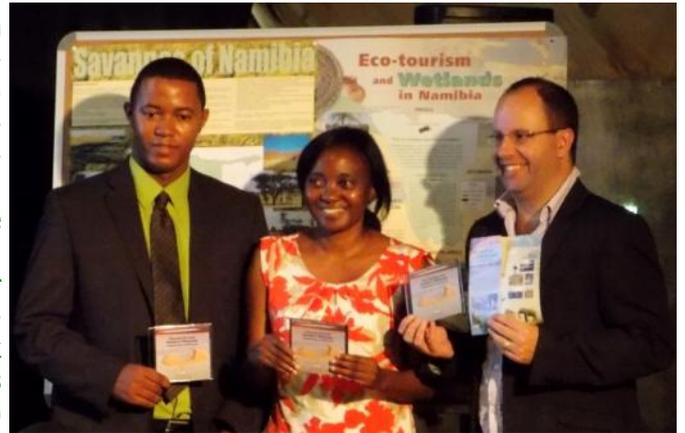
Promote sustainable development.

Conserve our biological diversity and natural ecosystems.

Promote the wise and ethical use of natural resources.

Launch of Wetlands and Eco-tourism Materials & Biomes of Namibia Posters

On the 7th February 2013 the Namibia Nature Foundation (NNF) and the Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET) jointly launched the promotional brochures, a documentary DVD on wetlands and 2 Biomes of Namibia posters. The event took place at the Vintage Café with representatives from MET, NNF, the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Nedbank Namibia's the Go Green Fund, various non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and the media in attendance.



Above : Kenneth Uiseb, Louisa Mupetami and Julian Fennessy at the launch.

The NNF, MET and the Ramsar Convention Secretariat undertook a project on wetlands and eco-tourism in 2010, with the main objective of assessing the current and potential role that wetlands play in eco-tourism, exploring ways of raising the profile of a number of targeted pilot wetlands and associated eco-tourism and job-creation opportunities and their contribution to poverty alleviation. As part of the outcome for this project, promotional materials in the form of brochures, posters and a video on wetlands and eco-tourism were developed. The posters launched were for savannah and desert biomes which support most of the economic activities in our country. The two biomes posters were supported by a number of organisations including the NNF, Go Green Fund of Nedbank Namibia, NamibRand Nature Reserve and Namibia Environment and Wildlife Society (NEWS).

On behalf of the Deputy Minister of Environment and Tourism, Honourable Pohamba Shifeta, Louisa Mupetami delivered the message stating that "the outcome of the project on wetlands and eco-tourism in Namibia demonstrated that wetlands are indeed important contributors to tourism development". The event took place a few days after the World Wetlands Day, 2nd February which was cele-

brated under the theme of "Wetlands for Water Management" with the slogan "wetlands take care of our water".

According to the final report on Wetlands and Eco-tourism from 2012, Wetlands are Namibia's most rare and threatened ecosystem. There are four wetlands in Namibia that are included in the List of Wetlands of International Importance under the Ramsar Convention, which includes the Orange River Mouth (shared jointly with South Africa), Sandwich Harbour, Walvis Bay and Etosha Pan. Wetlands are extremely important for mammals, fish, terrapins and dragonflies, and riparian vegetation species. Water birds such as herons and egrets, ducks, geese, and waders use wetlands throughout their lifetime. Naturally-functioning wetlands provide a range of under-appreciated benefits and services for people's livelihoods and well-being, including food, fibre, flood protection, water purification and cultural values as well as water supply.

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Go Green 2013

Three projects have received provisional approval from the Go Green Fund this year. These projects are as follows:

- *Assessment of offshore fisheries dynamics in Lake Liambezi: potential for development of an offshore fishery,*
- *Namibia Giraffe Conservation Status Assessment ,*
- *Population and Conflict Assessment of the African wild dog (Lycaon pictus) with focus on the greater Mangetti complex, Kavango region, north –east Namibia.*



Together with Nedbank Namibia, the NNF manages the Go Green Fund and associated project activities. The fund has supported various projects from the conservation of rare and endangered species to environmental education as well as climate change initiatives. To date, the Go Green Fund has granted more than N\$3.5 million to more than 35 environmental projects, in almost all the regions of the country. The Go Green Fund aims to support both individuals and organisations with projects geared towards a more sustainable future. The selection of projects is done by a neutral board, the fund administered by the NNF, and the performance of projects is monitored and evaluated on a regular basis.

Financial Management at the NNF

Over the years the Namibia Nature Foundation (NNF) has provided financial management to various projects ensuring the correct and effective use of financial resources. Currently NNF manages funds for about 35 projects, which include the Millennium Challenge Account (MCA) Human Wildlife Conflict (HWC) and Indigenous Natural Products (INP), Wild Dog project, Go Green Fund as well as the Community Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM) sub-projects. NNF efficiently manages funds for these projects through accurate recording of financial transactions to show how funds have been used, providing valuable information about how the project is being managed and whether it is achieving its objectives. NNF monitors the use of funds by drawing up financial plans for various projects, thereafter reconciling the projects' accounting records in a clear and timely manner from which monthly projects financial report are derived allowing all stakeholders to assess the progress of that particular project. The NNF manages funds for projects in a transparent and consistent manner, maintaining accountability in all projects' financial events.



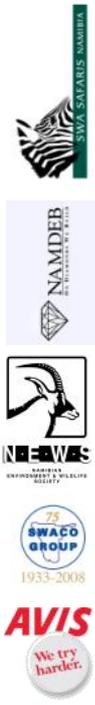
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NNF would like to welcome Sandra Cregan (*Left*), to the organisation. She is a volunteer through the Australia Volunteer for International Development (AVID). Her main activities at the NNF will be focused on Fundraising, Organizational Development and Marketing.

Paulus Iita has joined NNF as an intern for the Africa Adaptation Project (AAP), on the Aus Community Garden Project for the next 2 months. He will be in the field in Aus for the next 3 weeks - providing technical advice, assisting with training, and organizing the garden project. He will then assist with project reporting in the office on a part time basis after that. Paulus is a student at the Polytechnic of Namibia pursuing a Bachelor degree in Agricultural Management.

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