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**IRRIGATION BASED AGRICULTURAL AND THE CULTIVATION
OF GENETICALLY MODIFIED MAIZE ON FARM OLD
SMITHFIELD, OSHIKOTO REGION**

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT SCOPING REPORT



Assessed by:



Assessed for:

Adrenalin Safari CC

December 2023

Proof of Public Consultation

Notified IAPs

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Mr. Rust	Farm Windpoort FMB/0054/100002 and Farm Windpoort FMB/0054/100002
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Notification Letter



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To: Interested and / or Affected Party 12 March 2023
Re: Environmental Assessment and Environmental Management Plan for Irrigation Based Agriculture Activities on Farm Old Smithfield, Oshikoto Region

Dear Sir/Madam

Geo Pollution Technologies (Pty) Ltd was appointed by Adrenalin Safari CC to undertake an environmental assessment for irrigation based activities on Old Smithfield FMB/01233, in the Oshikoto Region (see location map on page 2). The assessment will be conducted according to the Environmental Management Act of 2007 and its regulations as published in 2012.

Project: Environmental Scoping Assessment and Environmental Management Plan for Irrigation Based Agriculture Activities on Groot Boston, Oshikoto Region

Proponent: Adrenalin Safari CC

Environmental Assessment Practitioner: Geo Pollution Technologies (Pty) Ltd

The Proponent has collectively cleared approximately 70 ha for irrigation by means of centre pivot and drip irrigation systems. The main crops cultivated are vegetables, maize, apple and mangoes. Irrigation is from one production boreholes in line with a water abstraction permits as issued by the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform. Pending the outcome of the environmental assessment and hydrogeological specialist assessment, an application to increase the total water abstraction per year, may be submitted.

The environmental scoping assessment will include all infrastructure and operational activities associated with the agricultural activities on the farm. This include land clearing, soil preparation, planting, pest control and fertilizer use, harvesting and support services such as electricity supply, staff accommodation and fuel storage.

Interested and affected parties or neighbours are invited to register with the environmental consultant, to receive further documentation and communication regarding the project, or to provide comments related to the project, for inclusion in the assessment. Please register or submit comments at:

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Should you require any additional information please contact Geo Pollution Technologies at telephone 061-257411.

Sincerely,

Geo Pollution Technologies

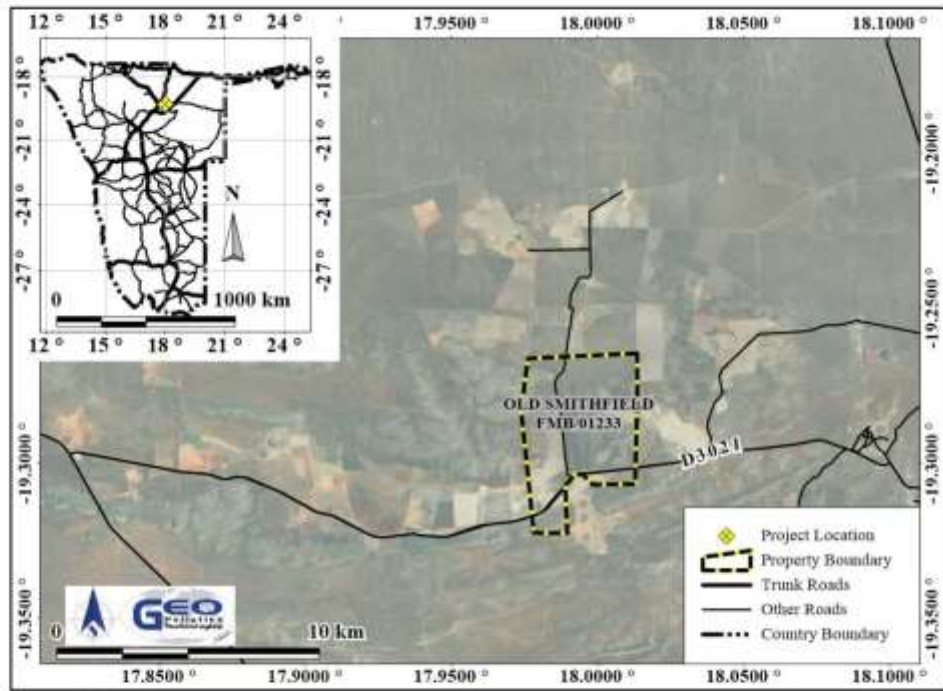
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Project Location

Background Information Document

**ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR
IRRIGATION BASED AGRICULTURE ACTIVITIES ON FARM OLD
SMITHFIELD NO 1233, OSHIKOTO REGION**

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT



Prepared by:



Prepared for:

Adrenalin Safari CC

March 2023

1 INTRODUCTION

Geo Pollution Technologies (Pty) Ltd was appointed by Adrenalin Safari CC (the Proponent) to undertake an environmental assessment for irrigation activities on the Farm Old Smithfield FMB/01233 in the Oshikoto Region (Figure 1-1). Currently the Proponent irrigates a combined area of approximately 70 ha from production boreholes on. Pending the outcome of an environmental assessment, the total water abstraction per year, may be increased. Crop cultivation focus on vegetable, maize, apple and mangoes production which is mainly irrigated by means of centre pivot and drip irrigation systems.

An environmental clearance certificate (ECC) for the operations is required as per the Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 (EMA). A scoping environmental assessment report (SR) and an environmental management plan (EMP) are proposed to be submitted to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism's Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) in support of an application for an ECC. The environmental assessment will include all operational activities associated with the agricultural activities of the Proponent.

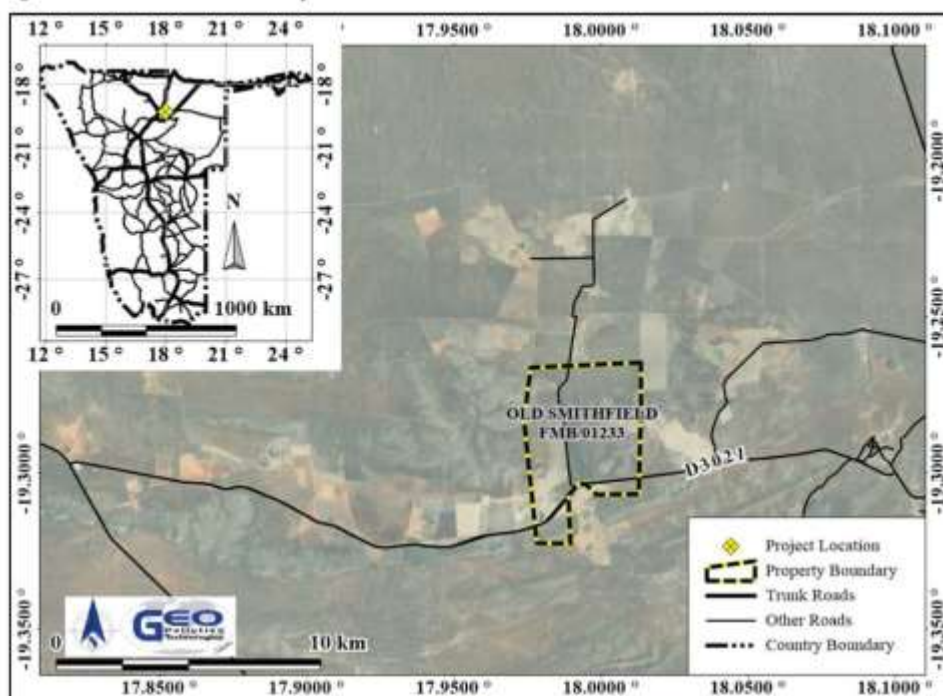


Figure 1-1 Project location

2 PURPOSE OF THE BID

With this background information document (BID), GPT aims to provide interested and affected parties (IAPs) with information about the project and interact with them regarding it. All IAPs are therefore invited to register with GPT for the project in order to:

- ◆ Provide GPT with additional information which should be taken into account in the assessment of impacts;
- ◆ Share any comments, issues or concerns related to the project; and
- ◆ Review and comment on the reports (SR and EMP).

3 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Activities associated with the project have been divided into the following phases: planning, maintenance/construction, operational and the decommissioning phase. A brief outline of expected activities for each phase is detailed below.

3.1 PLANNING PHASE

While planning for operations, construction / maintenance activities and decommissioning of the farm, it is the responsibility of the Proponent to ensure they are and remain compliant with all legal requirements. The Proponent must also ensure that all required management measures are in place prior to and during all phases, to ensure potential impacts and risks are minimised. Typical planning activities include:

- Obtain permits and approvals from local and national authorities including Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform.
- Make provisions to have a health, safety and environmental coordinator to implement the EMP.
- Ensure provisions for a fund to cater for environmental incidents (e.g. pollution) and ecological restoration are made.
- Ensure all appointed contractors and employees enter into agreements which include the EMP.
- Establish and/or maintain a reporting system to report on aspects of construction activities, operations and decommissioning as outlined in the EMP.

3.2 CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PHASE

Some construction activities will form part of the development of the farm. Maintenance continues on a daily basis and may also include some construction activities. Maintenance include minor repairs to infrastructure, general upkeep of buildings, servicing of vehicles, etc.

3.3 OPERATIONAL PHASE

The main operational activities pertains to land clearing and preparation, planting, water abstraction and irrigation, pest control and harvesting. High value crops are produced in the form of vegetables, maize, apples and mangoes. Historically, areas of the farm were cleared for a combination of dryland and irrigation-based crop cultivation. However, current areas being irrigated, by means of centre pivot systems, amount to approximately 70 ha. Historically cleared areas for crop cultivation, excluding the existing and potential irrigation areas, amount to approximately 60 ha. Active rangeland improvement was and is continually conducted over portions of the farm. All areas which have undergone rangeland improvement (through bush-thinning) amount to approximately 235 ha. Water for irrigation is abstracted from one production borehole located on the farm. Operations also include activities typical of farming, inclusive of management of support services such as electricity supply, waste handling and domestic effluent disposal.

3.4 DECOMMISSIONING PHASE

Decommissioning is not foreseen during the validity of the ECC. Decommissioning will however be assessed. Should decommissioning occur at any stage, rehabilitation of the area may be required. Decommissioning will entail the complete removal of all infrastructure including buildings and underground infrastructure. Pollution present on the site, if any, must then be remediated.

3.5 PRELIMINARY IDENTIFIED IMPACTS

During the environmental assessment all components of the environment will be considered, however only those components which are being impacted on significantly, or are deemed to be sensitive, will be assessed. These include the following:

- Health and safety risks
- Soil and groundwater pollution
- Over abstraction of groundwater
- Fire risks
- Waste and effluent generation and disposal

- ◆ Traffic
- ◆ Noise
- ◆ Visual impact
- ◆ Ecosystem and biodiversity impacts
- ◆ Socio-economic contributions

4 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

GPT invites all IAPs to provide in writing, any issues and suggestions regarding the development. This correspondence must include:

- ◆ Name and surname,
- ◆ Organization represented or private interest,
- ◆ Position in the organization,
- ◆ Contact details, and
- ◆ Any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which you may have in the approval or refusal of the application.

All contributions become public knowledge and will be circulated along with the reports as per the EMA requirements.

The comments, inputs and suggestions will also be submitted to the DEA along with how any issues have been addressed in the SR. The public participation process will remain ongoing during the environmental assessment.

The project team may be contacted on the contact details below



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Your Rights as an IAP according to the Environmental Management Act, No7 of 2007, Government Notice No. 30 (Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations)

Section 23. (1) A registered interested or affected party is entitled to comment in writing, on all written submissions made to the Environmental Commissioner by the applicant responsible for the application, and to bring to the attention of the Environmental Commissioner any issues which that party, believes may be of significance to the consideration of the application, as long as -

- (a) comments are submitted within 7 days of notification of an application or receiving access to a scoping report or an assessment report;*
 - (b) the interested and affected party discloses any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which that party may have in the approval or refusal of the application.*
- (2) Before the applicant submits a report compiled in terms of these regulations to the Environmental Commissioner, the applicant must give registered interested and affected parties access to, and an opportunity to comment in writing on the report.*
- (3) Reports referred to in sub regulation (2) include (a) scoping reports; (b) scoping reports amended and resubmitted; (c) assessment reports; and (d) assessment reports amended and resubmitted.*
- (4) Any written comments received by the applicant from a registered interested or affected party must accompany the report when the report is submitted to the Environmental Commissioner.*
- (5) A registered interested or affected party may comment on any final report that is submitted by a specialist reviewer for the purposes of these regulations where the report contains substantive information which has not previously been made available to a registered interested or affected party.*

Section 24: The applicant responsible for an application must ensure that the comments of interested and affected parties are recorded in reports submitted to the Environmental Commissioner in terms of these regulations, and comments by interested and affected parties on a report which is to be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner may be attached to the report without recording those comments in the report itself.

NEWS IN SHORT

Hippo meat aids vulnerable community

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CONSERVATION INITIATIVE: A report on the first-ever synchronised and coordinated aerial survey of Africa's largest savannah elephant populations will be made public by May/June. PHOTO: KAZAANZI ZAMBEZI TRANSFRONTIER CONSERVATION AREA

KAZA elephant survey report public in June

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-TUPENDO HAUDOLA

BLASTS 'ARCHAIC' LAW

Lobby group pushes for decriminalisation of sodomy

The LGBTQI umbrella network hosted a media information-sharing workshop last week-end.

JEMMAH NDEBELE WINDHOEK

The Diversity Alliance of Namibia (DAN) has reiterated its stance on what it called the "archaic" sodomy law.

Sodomy is criminalised by the Roman-Dutch common law of Namibia, which was inherited from South Africa at independence.

While the sentence for those found guilty under this law is not clear, currently, the legislation - along with the common law crime of "unnatural sexual offences" - criminalises consensual sexual acts between men. DAN, an umbrella network of over 10 LGBTQI human rights organisations in Namibia, made its stance clear at a media information-sharing workshop held at Heja Lodge last weekend.

A report detailing considerations from a panel discussion held early last year was also launched at the two-day media convening.



THE TIME IS NOW: The Diversity Alliance of Namibia launched a report on a discussion it held last year on the sodomy law. PHOTO: JEMMAH NDEBELE

"Decriminalisation is not only for the repeal of the sodomy offence, but also to grant legal footing to LGBTQI persons to engage with different sectors, including economic empowerment, access to legal services beyond health, voting and civic participation in politics - especially when the person does not conform to the particulars given on their identity document.

"Discrimination [against these persons occurs] daily and is unrelenting, across services and sectors in all aspects of life" the report read.

'The time is now'

Programme facilitator and activist Abigail Solomons said the time is now for media practitioners to join hands with the community and push for the decriminalisation of sodomy in the country.

"The lives of our gay children are at stake here."

"The time is now" is not just the launch of a report, but of an era. The time for change is the present. This is an important year for the community. We are living in history. Moreover, the workshop saw members of the LGBTQI commu-

nity airing their disdain about the lack of media coverage, further urging media practitioners to be more mindful about the way stories regarding the community are covered, and their use of language when doing so.

Additionally, the role the media plays in the decriminalisation of the sodomy law was also highlighted.

Economic exclusion

Members of the LGBTQI community emphasised the fact that they are economically excluded.

"We should understand that we cannot have a healthy, equal, equitable economy within the country if we do not have a healthy society - if we live in a society that does not want to unlearn their modes of oppression.

"So, this is why I think Namibia should strive for economic inclusion. When I speak about economic inclusion, I mean ensuring there is structural change that allows LGBTQI persons to be able to fully, equitably and equally participate in the economy."

"We are all serious about this country," one of the community members, who preferred to remain anonymous, said.



HOUSING: The construction of 70 affordable National Housing Enterprise homes is underway at Okahao.



PROGRESS: Okahao mayor Cornelia Iyambula. PHOTOS: ENZO AMBELE

OKAHAO MAYOR APPLAUDS DEVELOPMENT

ENZO AMBELE OKAHAO

Okahao mayor Cornelia Iyambula says she is satisfied with the influx of commercial entities at the town.

The town council will make land more affordable to attract investors in order to speed up development, she added.

Okahao was proclaimed a town in 2005 and the council started operations in 2006, with the mandate of providing services to residents.

In an interview with Namibian Sun this week, Iyambula said development in the town is progressing, fuelled by council, corporate institutions and the business community.

The town has about seven developmental projects underway, which includes the upgrading of a section of Fidel Castro Street from gravel to bitumen stand-

ard - to the tune of N\$1.2 million.

The recent upgrade of the town council's office added additional office space for a NaTis centre, which enabled the town to provide vehicle registration and licence renewal services.

"Our NaTis office will start offering testing for learners' licenses within the coming two weeks as we have just received equipment," Iyambula said. She added that the council is set to add new vehicles to its operational fleet to improve service delivery.

Boosting economy

According to the mayor, the council recently allocated land for the construction of the International University of Management's (IUM) Omusati Region campus. "This campus will boost the economy of the town as students will now be based in Okahao for ter-

tiary education," she said.

"We have taken all our council staff members for training to ensure that we have a common understanding of the system in terms of organisational strategies and objectives," Iyambula noted. Meanwhile, the town council is planning on revising the Elhao Cultural Expo, which could not take place for the past three years due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The expo, which - according to council - has the potential to drive raise funds and create a platform for the youth to showcase their skills or sell their products, is scheduled to take place from 26 June to 2 July.

Junias Jakob, the town's CEO, called on the youth to participate in the expo as it will enable them to expand their existing businesses and also network with other entrepreneurs.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSIGNMENT: BROADBAND BASED AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES ON VAKKOSCH FARM IN ARECHUA, OSHANOTO REGION

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The environmental assessments will be conducted according to the Environmental Management Act of 2007 and its regulations as published in 2012.

The Proponents engage by means of onsite visits, stakeholder systems and deep interviews. Water for these purposes is abstracted from production boreholes. All relevant operational activities will be included in the assessments.

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NEWS IN SHORT

Namibia 'must interrogate greenwashing'

There is a lack of harmony between the policies and international treaties Namibia has signed and the country's ability to actually reach targets set out by these instruments.

This is according to political scientist and author Professor Andre du Pisani, who spoke at a recent panel discussion on corruption and greenwashing. "We are required to follow and sign off on all these international agreements and we say we will meet these targets, but we know in our hearts of hearts that we would not be able to," he said.

He urged Namibians to move away from Western traditions and towards people-based, sustainable development with a focus on eco-friendliness.

Meanwhile, anti-corruption activist Professor Chuma Nwankwo said when Namibians look at the topic of greenwashing, they must ask themselves at what point they would assess whether an entity entering their industries is really a green enterprise. Greenwashing occurs when an organisation spends more time and money marketing itself as environmentally-friendly than actually minimising its environmental impact.

- JEMIMA BEUKES

FMD control measures lifted in Zambezi

All control measures for foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) were lifted in the Zambezi Region last week.

According to the agriculture ministry, these restrictive measures were imposed in the region as a result of an outbreak which occurred in Mbalalante in the Karibe South constituency last October. "The last confirmed case was reported on 29 November 2022 and according to Namibia's FMD contingency plan, restrictions in the infected zone can be lifted three months after the last confirmed case," the ministry's chief veterinary officer, Dr Albertina Shilongo, said.

"All FMD restrictive measures that were imposed as a result of the outbreak are therefore lifted with immediate effect." She added that, to date, a 92% mass vaccination of cattle in the affected area has been achieved.

- ELIANE SMIT

OTHER AIRLINE 'SIMPLY COMPETITIVE'

Etosha hopes to fly by June

Fly Etosha plans to be up and running within a few months.

OGONE TLHAGE WINDHOEK

Fly Etosha says it intends to be airborne by June if all its ducks are in order.

These are the sentiments of representative William Ekandjo, who said the company has every intention of becoming operational soon, "despite an earlier bid by local aviation company FlyNamibia to challenge" its plans. FlyNamibia has since abandoned its objections.

According to Ekandjo, Fly Etosha ticks all the boxes in terms of

the regulatory requirements to become an airline.

FlyNamibia's complaint was simply due to the competitive nature of the aviation sector, he said.

Documents were submitted through FlyNamibia and Westair's attorneys, Ellis and Partners, opposing an application by Fly Etosha for a non-scheduled air transport service licence.

According to the documents, Ekandjo failed dismally to provide sufficient proof that he will be able to render a safe, satisfactory and reliable air service in respect of continuity, frequency, punctuality, reasonable charges and general efficiency.

Focused

"We are focused on what we are



AMBITIOUS: Fly Etosha representative William Ekandjo. PHOTO: NAMIBIA MEDIA RELATIONS

doing. This is a field we know very well, so we didn't even bother [with FlyNamibia's opposition] because we are going in for competition," Ekandjo said.

"We satisfy all requirements," he added. "Funds, one could say 'OK, it's not enough,' maybe, but what amount [would be enough] because we could raise all the funds."

The team behind Fly Etosha was equally up to task, he said.

"Regulatory requirements, we are top class. We have been running these requirements for so many years. We shall make sure that this airline shall fly all over the world within two years," he added.

Ekandjo admitted that Fly Etosha may not immediately acquire all aircraft types it deemed necessary for its operations, but said this was not a concern for it to get operational approval.

"Equipment, those aeroplanes are available everywhere. Maybe the ones we are crying for the most, maybe they are difficult to get simply because of the demand for those aircraft."

'I coined the name'

Ekandjo further alleged that he initially coined the name FlyNamibia.

"I had the paperwork for FlyNamibia. All by surprise, I heard you have to get away from that name because that name was registered as a trademark and I foresaw that this thing is going to take long."

"If I am really aiming to have an air service licence by this year, an airline that must take off this year, I think I must give that a break," he said.

SARDAROV'S SCHOOL A BEACON OF HOPE

JEMIMAH NDESEBE WINDHOEK

Russian billionaire and Marula Game Ranch owner Rashid Sardarov's pledge to build a combined school to the tune of N\$40 million has transfused the lives of farmworkers with hope.

The construction of the school will be privately funded by Sardarov. "My client will spend N\$20 million per year in expenditures, salaries, administration, learners' care, tuition, boarding and clothing, etc," lawyer Sisa Namandje said.

He added that the school will essentially be for the children of farmworkers. The school - which will teach grades 0 to 12 - will carry all costs on behalf of learners.

"We are building the school for 140 workers' children, because it has happened so often that we lose good workers because there is no support for their children who do not live on the property. Currently, we are busy with the architectural work and we hope to start construction at the end of this month

and have it complete by next year," the ranch's general manager, Johan Kotze, said.

Orphan programme

Meanwhile, Namandje and Kotze said Sardarov is looking into an orphan programme, which will take in selected learners from all 14 regions of the country and cover the cost for their welfare and academic expenses.

"At this stage, the school will only be for workers' children and selected orphans. The idea is to break the cycle of workers' children being separated from their parents without the parents having to worry about costs," Namandje said.

Dorobab residents have shown great excitement for the new development, despite the initiative being limited to employees' children.

"We would also like our kids to attend the school and stand a chance at having a future brighter than what we currently have. We hope that this school can bring change to our community," community representative Aileesha Ainaab said.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT: IRRIGATION BASED AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES ON VARIOUS FARMS IN ARIKARA, OSHANOTO REGION

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The environmental assessments will be conducted according to the Environmental Management Act of 2007 and its regulations as published in 2012.

The Proponents engage by means of centre pivot, micro-sprayer systems and drip irrigation. Water for these purposes is abstracted from production boreholes. All relevant operational activities will be included in the assessments.

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"Ous het dit op 'n mooi manier probeer doen, deur vergaderings en samewerkingsoostel-le, maar daar het niks van gekom nie.

"Toe ons begin moeilik raak omdat niks gebeur nie en al die gemeenskap se werk in hul gewone verloop word, toe word dit 'n politieke kwessie. Dit een rede waarom ek my intussen begin ontreek het."

HULP GEWEIER

"Ous het met 'Droom vir Outjo' se geïd 'n professionele hidrolog aangestel, wat vir die munisipaliteit gewys het waar boorgate gesink behoort te word. Die eerste van die boorgate lewer 'n volhoubare 60 000 liter per uur. Hulde rig dit egter net nie in nê, se Verster.

"Ous het aangebid dat die gemeenskap die pompe koop en die koste word van die

munisipale tariewe verhoel, maar hulle wil nie ons hulp hê nie. Intussen moet die mense modderwater drink.

"Hulle het eerder 'n plaaslike boukontraakteur gekry om hierdie einste gat aan te wys en te boor. Hye kan 'n boukontraakteur so iets vir 'n hele dorp doen? Dit nie 'n bougat op 'n plaas nie. Toe boor hulle die gat op die verkeerde plek.

"Ek het intussen gesien die munisipaliteit bet in 'n kennisgewing die gemeenskap gevra om geduldig te wies omdat die een boorgat modder pomp."

Verster se die boorgat, wat nou modderwater lewer, pomp andersins net sowat 8 m³ of 8 000 liter water per uur.

Hye se die munisipaliteit se die rede vir die gevreesde waterontbrekings is dat die bestaande boorgate se water vlak glo 30 tot 40 meter laer is omdat die alwifer gesak het.

(Langer oorsprong van die storie op ons webblad)



Freddy

VAN BL. 1

Tog is sy nuwe roete minder gunstig, wat beteken dit sal nie weer kan versterk nie en sal hopelik heeltemal uitruis.

Freddy het egter alle verwagtinge oortref as die langdurigste trapese sikloon op rekord, wat teen gister reeds 38 dae lank was.

Dit is ook een van net vier siklone wat die hele Indiese Oseaan van wes na oos kon deurkruis en boonop 'n U-draai teen die Mosambiese kus kon maak en na die Mosambiek-kanaal terugbeweeg het.

gekomp en die Enso-toestande is nou neutraal, met internasionale klimaatmodelle wat voorspel dat dit tydens herfs neutraal sal bly, se die Australiese Buro vir Meteorologie in hul jongste klimaatvooruitsikking.

Dit volg nadat La Niña-toestande vir drie jaar lank geheers het - wat op sigself ongewoon is.

Daar is egter tekens dat El Niño-toestande later vanjaar kan vorm. Daarom het die Australiese Buro hul jongste klimaatvooruitsikking op 'n El Niño-wag geplaas.

Enso staan vir die El Niño-Suidelike Oseaniese klimaatpatroon en verwys na die interaksie tussen die tropiese Stille Oseaan en die atmosferiese toestande in die gebied, wat gesamenlik 'n invloed op wêreldwye weer- en klimaatpatrone het.

Hoërfhof lewer uitspraak

Roofvoëls bly by N/a'an ku sê

Die voëls sluit in 'n Kaapse aasvoël-kuiken en sy ouers, twee roofarende, 'n bateleurarend, 'n Afrika-grootjagarend, 'n reusooruil en 'n gevlekte ooruil.

PHOENIX EN KIE

Toe hierdie hofsaak begin het, het die Kaapse aasvoël-broeiervogel wat by Rest aangehou was, een eier gehad wat intussen uitgebroei het. Die nege roofvoëls sluit daarom 'n Kaapse aasvoël-kuiken in, met die naam Phoenix.

Kristien Kruger

Die N/a'an ku sê-stigting is nou die permanente tuista van noge bedreigde roofvoëls in-gevolge 'n beslissing van die Windhoekse hoërfhof dat die voëls in hul sorg moet bly.

Dit volg nadat N/a'an ku sê op 18 Julie 2022 'n dringende aansoek teen die ministerie van omgewing, bosbou en toerisme ingedien het met die versoek dat die voëls vanaf die Rare and Endangered Species Trust (Rest) na die stigting se wild-reservaat geneem en daar versorg word.

Phoenix se ouers is tans die enigste broeiervogel in aanhouding in die land. "Phoenix se ouerwings is noodsaaklik vir die wêreldbewaring van hierdie spesie," het N/a'an ku sê in November in 'n mediaverklaring gesê.

Die ander voëls sluit in Phoenix se ouers (Halle en Nesher), twee roofarende (Tom Tom en Aquila), 'n bateleurarend (Ollie), 'n Afrika-grootjagarend (Pirate), 'n reusooruil (Die Boy) en 'n gevlekte ooruil (Poppy).

WETSARTIKEL VAL

N/a'an ku sê is van die mening dat die werk van natuurbehoeders belemmer word deur die onredelike optrede van die ministerie.

"N/a'an ku sê is daar toe verbind om diere wêreld in te dienewys en-behawing te maak," lui die mediaverklaring.

N/a'an ku sê was suksesvol in sy grondwetlike uitdaging van artikel 81(1) van die Natuurbewarings-ordnansie, nr. 4 van 1975. Die artikel het gestel dat die Minister nie verplig word om enige roede te verskaf vir sy weiering van 'n permit, lisensie, registrasie, goedkeuring, toetsomming of vrystelling nie. Die artikel is gevolglik ongeldig verklaar. - kristien@republiek.com.na

Rest het in Oktober verlede jaar toegemaak en wou die voëls aan N/a'an ku sê skenk, maar die stigting kon na bewering nie die vereiste permitte van die ministerie verkry om die voëls te vervoer en aan te hou nie.

Die ministerie het die dringende aansoek teengestaan, maar refter George Coleman het in Julie 'n hofbevel uitgevaardig dat die voëls na N/a'an ku sê vervoer mag word en daar kan bly totdat die hof uitspraak in die saak lewer.

In sy uitspraak Donderdag het Coleman finaal beslis dat die voëls in N/a'an ku sê se sorg mag bly.

"N/a'an ku sê se primêre rede vir hierdie hofaanroek was om te verhoed dat diere misbehandeling met betrekking tot hierdie voëls plaasvind - of dit nou fisieke of sielkundige skade is," het N/a'an ku sê in 'n onlangse mediaverklaring gesê.

Minister Pohamba Shifeta, het in sy geskrewe betoë voor uitspraak gesê die natuur moet eerder sy gang gaan. "Die natuur reguleer homself wanneer dit by siek of bevoerde diere kom. Dis die 'wiel van die lewe'. Besoerders of kruipende voëls dien geen opvoeding- of bewarings-waarde nie."



Die Kaapse aasvoëlkuiken met die naam Phoenix. 1503 ARIST

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The Proponents engage by means of water pivot, micro sprayer systems and drip irrigation. Water for these purposes is abstracted from production boreholes. All relevant operational activities will be included in the assessments.

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Waterprobleme knel Groot Aub stéeds

Die regering is op soek na oplossings vir Groot Aub, waar die vraag na water groter is as wat poorgate kan voorsien, terwyl boerderybedrywighede die beskikbare water besoedel.

Evira Hattingh

Die waterkewessies in Groot Aub is tweeledig. Eerstens oorskry die vraag na water verskaffing uit poorgate tot so 'n mate dat daar nie genoeg water beskikbaar is nie, terwyl dit ook toenemend besoedel word as gevolg van menslike aktiviteite.

Dit aldus die minister van landbou, water en grondhervorming, Calle Schlettwein, tydens die viering van Wêreldwaterdag, asook Wêreld-vleiland-dag, wat die afgelope Vrydag op Groot Aub gevier is.

"Dit is tyd vir die herstel van vleiande", nook "Verstelling van verandering deur vennootskappe en samewerking" was die onderskeie temas vir die wêreld-dae.

Schlettwein het in sy toespraak gesê, soos voorgesê deur die ministerie se uitvoerende direkteur, Ndyakanyi Nkhumama – dat die vraag na water by Groot Aub oor die afgelope jare gegroei het vanweë die bevolkinggroei wat in die nedersetting vrese word. Mensê het halsê hêr som vestig op soek na behuising en



Calle Schlettwein het in sy toespraak gesê dat die vraag na water by Groot Aub oor die afgelope jare gegroei het.

beter geleentehede.

Hy sê verder studies toon dat die water in die gebied byvoorbêel nitrate bevat, wat met diereis verrensêlêg word.

"Ons moet seker maak dat die heperke water wat beskikbaar is, skoon gelou word deur maatsêre in te stel sodat ons die water kan besuar.

"Dit beteken ons moet gebiede albit vir die aanbou van diere en afval bestuur sodat dit nie in ons ondergrondse water beland nie.

"Ons moet sanitasiedienste verbeter om 'bostoilette' te vermy en persoonlike higiêne te besuar..."

Schlettwein het gesê hy en die minister van stedelike en landelike ontwikkeling, Erastus Gutooi, het Groot Aub in Februarie besoek om vas te stel wat die probleem met die water is en moontlike oplossings te ondersoek.

"Ons wou dat Groot Aub nou deel van die Windhoek-gebied is, en terselfdertyd word die gemeenskap

duur waterverskaffings- en sanitasiekewessies in die gesig gestaar."

Hy sê die regering en die Windhoekse munisipaliteit kan nie albees probeer om getreemskappe met soortgelyke waterkewessies te help nie, maar benodig vennote in die private sektor.

Intussen het Alku Bhatia, plaaslike verteswoordiger van die Veresigte Nasies se Ontwikkelingsprogram (UNDP), daarep gesê dat Namibiê die droogte land stiel van die Sahara

is en terselfdertyd ook baie kwesbaar vir klimaatverandering is. Terselfdertyd maak 80% van Namibiê se nywerhede en inwooners op ondergrondse water vir watervoorsiening etant.

Calle Schlettwein
OPGEWINGSMINISTER

"Ons moet sanitasiedienste verbeter om 'bostoilette' te vermy en persoonlike higiêne te bevorder..."

Sy het bygevoeg dat – om kwesbare gebiede soos Namibiê te help om beter veerkragtigheid teenoor klimaatverandering te tuon – ondersteun VN-agentskappe die regering met die volhoubare bestuur van natuurlike hulpbronne, veral as dit by ondergrondse water en vleiande kom.

Sy het na kleiner projekte asook die Caruban-projek verwys – wat werk doen vir verbeterde watersekuriteit en gemeenskapsterkkragtigheid in die aangrensende Cuvetale- en Kamene-oorgransrivierkomme.

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Ons is moeg, sê Dordabis se inwoners

Jemimah Ntshole

Die meeste inwoners van Dordabi – sowat 80 km oos van Windhoek – word "gedwing om in arm omstandighede te woon".

Die gemeenskap, wat geteister word deur in gebrek aan werkgeleentehede, sanitasie in grond, is desperaat vir die regering om in te gryp om hul lewenstandaarde te verbeter. "Ons jongmense doen niks nie en sê hêr hêrlyg by die sêbeers. Daar is geen opleidinggeriewe om hulre vaardighede te leer nie. Ons is moeg. Ons is omring deur private eiendomme en vuurmaakhout wat ons nie mag gebruik nie," sê die 78-jarige gemeenskapverteenswoordiger, Alfoese Namah, tydens 'n besoek aan die nedersetting.

"Die grond wat ons het, is nie groot genoeg om in boerdery- en voedingsbehoeftes van sêre huishouding te voorsien nie."

Volgens hêr het inwoners meer grond nodig en by het gevoelêk 'n beroep op die regering om die omliggende private grond te koop en dit in hervestigingsplase te omskep.

Die nedersetting, wat die tuiste van sowat 1 000 mense is, val onder die Windhoek andelise-kiesafdeling.



Inwoners van Dordabis wil hê die regering moet ingryp.

Daar is net 'n poskantoor, kliniek, polisie-kantoor en een primêre skool. Leerlinge moet noodgedwonge in koshuise in Windhoek, Rehoboth, Hoeschana, Groot Aub of Leonardville gaan bly om hul skoolopleiding voort te set.

"Ons is ongeletterd, ons het niks meer as

'n graad 7-rapport nie. Ons wil die kennis en vaardighede hê wat ons lewensgehalte stiel as diê van ons kinders sal verbeter. Ons is moeg daarvoor om net op te staan en niks anders te hê om te doen as om by die kroeg te sit en te gaan slaap wanneer diê son sak nie," sê 'n 28-jarige ma van drie wat verklees om anoniem te bly.

"Soms sit jy net by die huis en dink daaraan om jouself dood te maak, want daar is niks om te doen nie. Om te drink, te rook en rond te slaap, niks help nie. Politici kom net met verkieingstyd hienasêre en maak belofte aan ons. Ons wil resultate sien," het sy gesê. "Sy is bang om in gemeenskapvergaderings op te staan en raadêre te herwaagteken uit vrees vir viktimsêring.

"Wanneer ons iets sê, veral jongmense, voel diê raadêre ons respektêer hulle nie en kritiseer ons daaroor. Dit is aaklig."

Volgens haar wend baie van die jong meisies in die nedersetting hulle foto's skerk en slaap by mans wat uit Windhoek, Rehoboth en Gobabis die nedersetting kom besoek.

Kommentaar van die Windhoek landelike-kiesafdeling was teen druktyd nie beskikbaar nie.

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