

HOANIB X LODGE

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

Environmental Impact Assessment of the proposed Hoanib X Lodge
Proponent: Natural Selection Safaris (Pty) Ltd



Environmental Assessment Practitioner: Henriette Potgieter
October 2022

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Abbreviations

ECC	Environmental Clearance Certificate
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
I&AP	Interested and Affected Party
JV	Joint Venture
MEFT	Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism

Declaration of interest

The Environmental Practitioner, Henriette Potgieter, is married to the Operations Director of the proponent, Natural Selection Safaris.

I have no additional connection with the proponent, monetary or otherwise. I declare that no conflict of interest exists in the execution of the terms of reference of this project and that I am committed to impartiality and confidentiality.

1 INTRODUCTION

Natural Selection Safaris (Pty) Ltd proposes to build a 24-bed tented lodge in the Kunene Region on the north bank of the Hoanib River. The proposed project will promote conservation and generate income for the conservancy, leaseholder, operator and it will contribute to the growth in Namibia's tourism industry.

According to the Environmental Management Act (2007) and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (2012), this is a listed activity and an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) is required from the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Wildlife (MEFT).

Henriette Potgieter was appointed by the proponent, Natural Selection Safaris, to do the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to obtain environmental clearance.

The lodge will be referred to as Hoanib X until the proponent announces the name.

1.1 Land use and ownership

The proposed site is on communal land in the Sesfontein Conservancy. A deed of leasehold from the Kunene Communal Land Board, and a right of leasehold from the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform were granted to Mr John Kenena Kasaona for the purpose of Tourism (tented camp and campsite). The leasehold period is valid until 14/10/2031.

Mr Kasaona appointed Natural Selection Safaris as the operating partner of the project and the two parties signed an agreement to this effect. The Sesfontein Conservancy, Natural Selection Safaris and Mr Kasaona are signatories to a Joint Ventura (JV) agreement according to which the lodge will be constructed and managed.

1.2 Purpose of this document

This document provides an overview of the proposed infrastructure and activities of the project, and is part of the process of obtaining environmental clearance.

2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

2.1 Location

Hoanib X Lodge will be located 70 km southwest of Sesfontein on the northern bank of the Hoanib River, approximately 19 km downriver from the existing Hoanib Valley Camp of Natural Selection Safaris, an existing joint venture with the Sesfontein conservancy (Figure 1).

The GPS coordinates are:

Latitude -19.340581

Longitude 13.162603



Figure 1. Location of the project southwest of Sesfontein.

2.2 Activities

The lodge will offer activities led by professional guides.

- Game drives
- Rhino tracking
- Cultural interaction
- Guided quad biking
- Guided walks

2.3 Infrastructure

The leasehold comprises an area of 48.4 ha and the total footprint of the lodge will be 12,000 m².

The public areas of the lodge will be tented structures that are mounted on wooden platforms. Building materials for the staff accommodation and back of house will be a mixture of pre fabricated units, and canvas wrapped around wooden frames on platforms. Infrastructure will be designed to blend in with the surrounding landscape and preserve the sense of place.

2.3.1 Main area

Reception, dining area for 30 guests, sitting area, bar, curio shop, spa, and two toilets will cover 500 m² in total. There will be a deck and swimming pool outside the main area.

2.3.2 Guest rooms

A total of 24 guests will be accommodated in 8 twin rooms (60 m² each) and 4 family rooms (100 m² each). Three pilot/guide rooms (40 m² each) will accommodate 6 additional paying

guests. All the guest rooms will be en suite and the bathrooms will contain a shower, toilet and basin.

2.3.3 Staff accommodation

The lodge will have 40 permanent staff members, accommodated in a staff village with 30 single rooms (13 m² each) for junior staff. They will share two ablution blocks (one male, one female) of 36 m² each. Guides and chefs will be accommodated in 6 en suite rooms (24 m² each).

The staff village will contain a kitchen, dining room and entertainment area (65 m²) and laundry. There will be a solar system for power to each room, and a satellite system for WiFi. All the staff facilities will be shaded.

2.3.4 Back of House

Close to the main area will be a kitchen with scullery, store rooms and walk-in refrigeration. The back of house will also provide a lunch area for staff, 2 staff toilets, laundry, housekeeping storage, 2 offices, and a basic workshop and storage for routine maintenance.

2.4 Services

2.4.1 Water supply and reticulation

Water will be supplied from boreholes, fitted with submersible low-volume pumps that are powered by solar. Water will be pumped from the boreholes to four 10,000 litre holding tanks from where it flows with gravity to the lodge and water outlets.

2.4.2 Wastewater and sewage

Sewage treatment will be four 3-chamber breakdown systems, each with 48 m³ capacity. The chambers will empty under gravity to a fenced evaporation pond.

All waste water (including laundry, bathrooms and kitchen) from the lodge and staff village will empty into the sewerage. Swimming pool backwash water will go into the third chamber of the sewerage system. The kitchen, staff kitchen and workshop will be outfitted with fat traps.

2.4.3 Solid waste

Rubbish bins will be emptied daily into holding cages enclosed by diamond mesh fence. Waste will be separated on site and sent to Windhoek once a week on returning food delivery trucks. Recyclable waste will go to a recycling plant and the remainder of waste to a registered landfill. Paper and cardboard will be burnt on site in an incinerator.

2.4.4 Energy

All the electricity for the project will be supplied by PV system. A generator will be on site, but used only for back-up.

2.4.5 Fuel storage

Diesel will be stored in 200 litre drums on an impermeable concrete floor. All refueling will be done on a bunded fueling area. Vehicles will be serviced on site by a visiting mechanic and taken to Outjo for repairs. No major repairs will be done on site.

2.4.6 Roads and tracks

Access is either from the Hoanib or the Tsuxub River, and also into the north of the project area via existing tracks. Existing 4x4 tracks will be used and no new roads will be built for activities, except on the project site as dictated by operational requirements.

Vehicles used by the lodge will include 4 open game viewers, 1 closed transfer vehicle, 1 maintenance bakkie, 1 tractor with grader attachment, and possibly 8 quad bikes.

3 POTENTIAL IMPACTS

Potential positive impacts

Growth of the tourism industry results in diversification of the local economy.

Training of staff raises the education level in rural communities.

Increased employment opportunities.

The presence of a lodge can be a deterrent to poachers.

Potential negative impacts

Some of the potential negative impacts that will be addressed in the Environmental Management Plan include:

1. Biodiversity – poaching of animals and disturbance/destruction of plants.
2. Groundwater and soil pollution from sewage.
3. Solid waste.
4. Access – roads and tracks.

4 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) and the EIA Regulations (Govt. Notice No. 30 of 2012) specify that potentially Interested and Affected Parties be given notice that this EIA is being conducted.

You are invited to register as an Interested and Affected Party, and to send your comments on the proposed lodge in writing to:

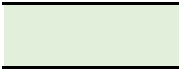
Henriette Potgieter, email hoenspotgieter@gmail.com

The deadline for submission of comments is 3rd November 2022.

A public consultation meeting may be held if Interested and Affected Parties indicate their need for such before 24th October 2022.

Register of Interested and Affected Parties
 Hoanib X Lodge
 Proponent: Natural Selection Safaris (Pty) Ltd

NAME	POSITION	DEPARTMENT	NOTIFY
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND TOURISM			
Mr Theofilus Ngithila	Executive Director	MEFT	Email
Mr Timoteus Mufeti	Environmental Commissioner	MEFT	Email
Mr Sebulon C. Chikalu	Director	Directorate: Tourism and	Email
Mr Joshua Kazeurua	Chief Warden	Skeleton Coast National Park	Email
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WATER AND LAND RESETTLEMENT			
Ms Maria Amakali	Director	Water Resource Management	Email
Mr Mesag Mulunga	Director	Planning & Business Development	Email
KUNENE REGIONAL COUNCIL			
Mr George P. Kamseb	Chief Regional Officer		Email
Hon. Hendrick Gaobaeb	Chairperson	Sesfontein Constituency	Email
Mr Emmanuel Nafele	Director	Planning	Email
KUNENE COMMUNAL LAND BOARD			
Ms Ottilie Hamukoto	Secretary		Email
TRADITIONAL AUTHORITY			
Mr Tjimbuare Thom	Chief	Vita Royal House	Email
Mr Jeremias Gaobaeb	Chief	Nami-Daman	Email&personal delivery
NATIONAL HERITAGE COUNCIL			
Ms Lucia Namushinga	Administration officer	Heritage Management	Email
Ms Agnes Shiningayamwe	Acting Head	Heritage Management	Email
CONSERVANCIES			
Mr Usiel Naub	Chairperson	Sesfontein conservancy	Email
Mr Kasaona	Chairperson	Puros conservancy	Whatsapp
IRDNC			
Mr John Kasaona	Executive Director	Chairperson	Email
Reception	Windhoek office	Reception	Email
NEIGHBOURS & OTHER			
Mr Jockel Grütemeier	CEO	Namibia Tracks and Trails	Email
Mr Archie Gawusab	Lease holder	Elephant song campsite	Whatsapp
Mr Johan Fourie	Lands and natural resources manager	Wilderness Safaris	Email
Rob Ramey, Laura Brown	Researchers	Desert Elephant Conservation	Public request



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1x NISSAN DIESEL TIPPER TRUCK, REG NO: CRF924GP (NON-RUNNER)

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1x DATSUN BAKKIE - SCRAP
1x HYSTER FORKLIFT - (NON-RUNNER)

TERMS OF SALE: Voetstoots and cash to the highest bidder.

Signed at Windhoek on this 7th day of October 2022.

DR WEDER, KAUTA & HOVEKA INC

Legal Practitioners for the Plaintiff

PER: FRIEDA KISHI

3rd FLOOR WKH HOUSE,
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(Ref: FPC/ldt/244153)

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Deadline for registration and submission of comments: 3 November 2022.

Contact: hoenspotgieter@gmail.com

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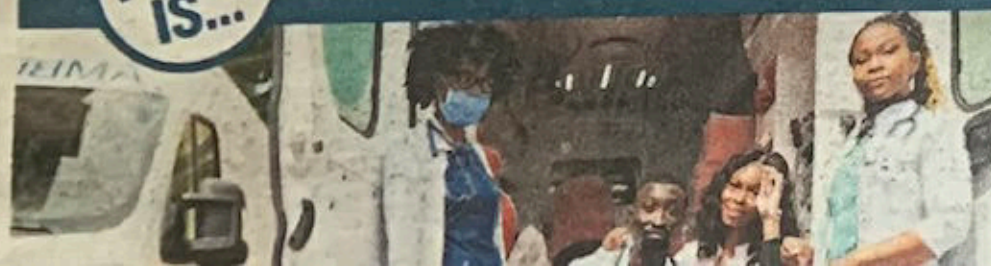
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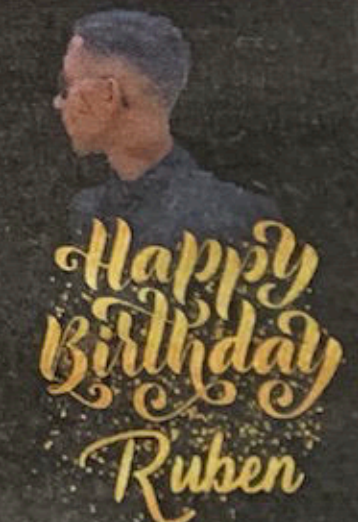
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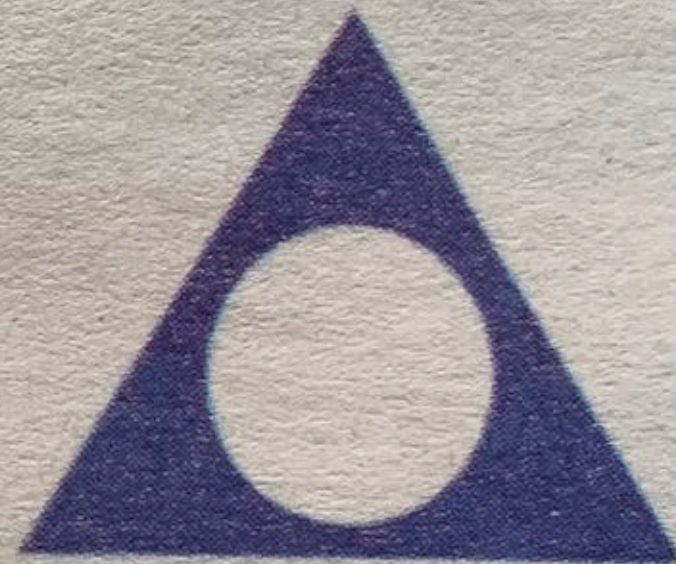
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Thursdays at 19H00

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

PROPOSED LODGE ON THE HOANIB RIVER

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

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APPENDIX III E. NOTICE OF EIA

1. Email notification and BID: 20 recipients

Henriette Potgieter <hoenspotgieter@gmail.com> 21 October 2022 at 11:25 To: Louis Nortje <louisn@naturalselection.travel>, Ally Karaerua - Natural Selection <allyk@naturalselection.travel>

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Yours faithfully, Henriette Potgieter

081-312-1606

2. Chairperson: Kunene Regional Council

EIA: Proposed lodge on the north bank of the Hoanib River

Henriette Potgieter <hoenspotgieter@gmail.com> 21 October 2022 at 13:30

To: "Hon. Hendrick Gaobaeb" <gaobaebh@gmail.com>

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3. Chief Jerry Gaobaeb: email

Henriette Potgieter <hoenspotgieter@gmail.com> 21 October 2022 at 13:16

Bcc: gaobaebjeremias@gmail.com

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4. Chief Jerry Gaobaeb: personal delivery

Louis Nortje - Natural Selection <LouisN@naturalselection.travel> To: Jermain Ketji <ketzos77@gmail.com>
Cc: Henriette Potgieter <hoenspotgieter@gmail.com>

Hi Ketji,

Please forward or hand this over to Chief Jerry Gaobeb please. As discussed telephonically with him.

Louis

24 October 2022 at 09:22 **From:** Henriette Potgieter <hoenspotgieter@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, 21 October 2022 11:25 AM
To: Louis Nortje - Natural Selection <LouisN@naturalselection.travel>; Ally Karaerua - Natural Selection <AllyK@naturalselection.travel>
Subject: EIA: Proposed lodge on the north bank of the Hoanib River

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081-312-1606

APPENDIX III F. COMMENT RESPONSE TRAIL

A. NAMIBIA WILDERNESS SAFARIS

Notification and response

Henriette Potgieter <hoenspotgieter@gmail.com> 24 October 2022 at 10:06 To: Johan Fourie - Wilderness Safaris Namibia <johanf@wilderness.com.na>
Cc: Louis Nortje <louisn@naturalselection.travel>, Alexandra Margull - Wilderness Safaris Namibia <alexandram@wilderness-safaris.com>, Tertius Knoetze - Wilderness Safaris Namibia <TertiusK@wilderness.com.na>, Hamish Hofmeyr - Wilderness Safaris Namibia <hamishh@wilderness.com.na>, Ally Karaerua - Natural Selection <allyk@naturalselection.travel>

Good morning Johan,

1. The 25th October deadline was for requesting a meeting, and not for the conclusion of the public consultation process. The end of the public consultation process is 3rd November: that is 13 days from the date of the email you refer to, and 21 days from the first public sharing of information. In terms of transparency, the deadlines conform to Regulation 21 of the Environmental Management Regulations (2012).
2. It was shared in the media already. A notice of EIA for this project was published on 13th and again on 20th October in the Sun, Republikein and Allgemeine Zeitung under the heading "Legal Notices".
3. Thank you for your request, a meeting will be arranged after 25th October once the interest in such a meeting has been established. Your request for publicly sharing the BID was addressed in point 2 above.

Yours sincerely,
Henriette

On Fri, 21 Oct 2022 at 17:40, Johan Fourie - Wilderness Safaris Namibia <johanf@wilderness.com.na> wrote:

Good afternoon Hoens.

Thank you for sharing the BID document.

I will mention that the tight turn-around times for example sending this document on Friday the 21 October 2022 and that parties must request a meeting by the 24 October 2022 does not speak for a transparent process of consultation.

In this light we request this project and BID being shared in the media for comment and allow for interested and affected parties to register and receive the BID document and raise their concerns.

We do request a public meeting held as stated in section 4 (Public consultation) of the BID document and request this takes place after the BID documents are publicly shared.

Kind regards

Johan
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From: Henriette Potgieter <hoenspotgieter@gmail.com>**Sent:** 21 Oct 2022 11:25 AM**To:** Louis Nortje <louisn@naturalselection.travel>; Ally Karaerua - Natural Selection <allyk@naturalselection.travel>**Subject:** EIA: Proposed lodge on the north bank of the Hoanib River
External Sender

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Minutes of meeting with Wilderness Safaris

31/10/2022

Wilderness Safaris (WS): Johan Fourie, Tertius Knoetze
Natural Selection Safaris (NS): Louis Nortjé, Daphne Auchas
Facilitator: Henriette Potgieter (HP)

Declaration of interest

Henriette is married to the Operations Director, Louis Nortjé – does WS have any objection to me facilitating this meeting? Would WS prefer another facilitator?
No objection, WS satisfied to continue.

Topics raised by WS, followed by replies

1. Timing.

The deadline to request a public meeting was tight – Friday 21 Oct email was received, deadline for reply was 24 Oct.

HP explained that the deadline was to request a meeting, and that I&APs had until 3rd November to comment.

2. The short distance between the two lodges results in two main negative impacts:
 - Visibility of the new lodge from WS vehicles when on game drive. The lodge will be visible from WS game viewers when they drive south and southeast of the lodge.
 - Vehicles on activity will see one another, decreasing the exclusivity of the guest experience.

NS is aware of the aesthetic impact. Some of the structures will be visible from WS vehicles, but only from one angle. From the other sides the lodge will be hidden.

3. Water situation.

WS: If you drill a borehole, what will it do to water availability in the other boreholes? The cumulative impact on an aquifer has to be considered.

Request that Natural Selection Safaris does a yield test at the WS boreholes at the same time as they drill their borehole. Results of yield tests done by WS in November 2022 will be made available.

NS: Agree to check the yield at two WS boreholes downstream from the new NS borehole.

4. Quad bikes.

WS objects in the strongest terms against the use of quad bikes in the area.

- Noise disturbs WS guests who are on game drive
- Visual impact decreases exclusivity for WS guests
- Noise disturbs elephants and predators, possibly affecting their behaviour

NS: If quad bikes are used, it will be on routes situated north and west of the lodge.

NS will introduce quad bike activities only after drawing up protocols for their use at Hoanib X. The protocols will be drawn up with input from WS.

5. WS: The proposed Hoanib X lodge is seen as a direct attack on the WS Hoanib lodge. Anything NS does that is detrimental to WS, will be to the advantage of the NS business model.

6. Palmwag entry fees, run by Sesfontein conservancy.

NS: Will be paid directly to Sesfontein conservancy.

7. What are the traversing rights in the Skeleton Coast Nat Park?

NS: We have none.

Shipwreck Lodge has traversing rights. Transfers between Hoanib X and Shipwreck will be done by Hoanib X north up to the Hoarusib River, where Shipwreck will meet and take over for the leg into the National Park. Same as Hoanib Valley Lodge is doing.

8. WS requests access to the leasehold documents.

HP emailed them to Tertius after meeting.

9. Timeline

NS:

1/5/2023 Building starts

1/5/2024 Open the lodge

10. Airstrip – what is the plan?

NS: Preferred option is to use the existing WS airstrip, and an approach will be made in due course. If a deal is not possible, NS will look for another site and do an EIA.

Letter from Wilderness Safaris

Henriette Potgieter

081 312 1606

3 November 2022

Dear Henriette

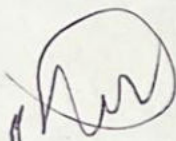
Environmental Impact Assessment for proposed lodge in the Hoanib River

We refer to the minute of the public consultation meeting held on 31 October 2022 and would like to clarify the following:

- Point 3: Wilderness requested that when the yield test is performed on the borehole of the proposed lodge the impact of the extraction on all 3 (not 2) of Wilderness' boreholes are monitored at the same time. Wilderness performed yield tests on all 3 boreholes in November 2022 and if required will make the baseline readings available.
- Point 5: The proximity of the proposed lodge to Hoanib Wilderness will result in the same experience being sold. The visible manifestation of this would be an increased number of vehicles in the Hoanib river valley looking at the same animal sightings and stressing the animal population. It is not inconceivable that the animal population will migrate from the area as has happened in other river valleys.
- Wilderness welcomes development and competition and we believe in sharing best practices as it leads to collective gain. But we note that is inevitable that Hoanib Wilderness will lose occupancy to the new development as the same guest experience will be promised and the tourism opportunities opened by Hoanib Wilderness will be leveraged by the developers. We further note that Wilderness was not in any way informed or consulted about this development until there was a legal requirement. We regularly engage with our Conservancy Partners at board level and if this was raised it is certain that an agreement could have been reached which would provide benefits to the Anabeb, Sesfontein and Torra Conservancies rather than only the Sesfontein Conservancy and the individual which has the leasehold where the lodge will be sited. Such an agreement would ensure collective benefits and at the same time protect the natural resources which are the source of the benefits.

- IRDNC submitted opinions and concerns regarding the Obias development (also called the Giraffe Camp) to the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Environment and Tourism (as it was then) on 7 September 2015 and raised concerns about pristine landscape conservation and the lack of a public tender process. It is our understanding that the lodge development at the Obias site was then understood to be the last such development in the lower Hoanib valley. The IRDNC's concerns remain valid and it seems as if this new development will follow the exact same path as the 2015 development. Nothing has changed.

Yours sincerely



Alexandra Margull
Chief Executive Officer

B. ROB RAMEY & LAURA BROWN

Email 1

Henriette Potgieter <hoenspotgieter@gmail.com> 31 October 2022 at 09:33 To: Rob Roy Ramey <robroyrameyii@gmail.com>
Cc: Louis Nortje <louisn@naturalselection.travel>

Good morning Rob and Laura

Thank you for your email. You have been registered as an interested and affected party, and as the project progresses you will receive all communications that are part of the public consultation process.

Details on the construction and management of the lodge will be contained in a Scoping Report and Environmental Management Plan, both of which will be informed in part by the public consultation process. The JV in the BID refers to a contract between Mr Kasaona and Natural Selection Safaris, and upon close perusal this weekend I discovered that it contains the contractual obligations of the parties but not details of the lodge building and operations. My apologies for that glitch. If you would like an example of the environmental and conservation ethics of the proponent, this lodge will be operated in much the same way as their existing Hoanib Valley Lodge.

The public consultation process will be completed on Thursday 3rd October, and then a draft scoping report and environmental management plan will be drawn up, distributed to all registered interested and affected parties, and you will then again have a reasonable amount of time to comment on those documents.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments, please send via email before Friday or give me a ring and we can chat.

Yours sincerely

Henriette

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On Fri, 28 Oct 2022 at 17:43, Rob Roy Ramey <robroyrameyii@gmail.com> wrote: Dear Henriette, We have been conducting research on the desert-dwelling elephants inhabiting the Hoanib, Hoarusib, and Uniab Rivers since 2005, including those in the proposed project area. Therefore, as an interested party, we request a copy of the joint venture (JV) agreement on the proposed Hoanib X Lodge as this will provide additional detail on how the lodge will be constructed and managed, beyond that in the Background Information Document. Please send by email

We would be happy to provide you with a copy of our most recent research report and publications on these elephants.

Rob and Laura

Rob Roy Ramey II, Ph.D.
Laura M. Brown, Ph.D.
Desert Elephant Conservation

Email 2

Henriette Potgieter <hoenspotgieter@gmail.com> 7 November 2022 at 10:04 To: Rob Roy Ramey <robroyrameyii@gmail.com>
Cc: "Laura M. Brown" <lauramacbrown@gmail.com>, Louis Nortje <louisn@naturalselection.travel>

Dear Rob and Laura

In Namibia the appropriate document for a detailed project description is the scoping report; and the document for preventing, managing and mitigating impacts is the environmental management plan (EMP). A BID provides an overview so that the public can decide whether they will be interested and/or affected by the proposed project.

Your comments and other sources will be used to inform a draft scoping report and EMP. The drafts will be distributed among all registered interested and affected parties for the second round of public consultation, and you will then be able to point out any remaining lack of detail.

You are welcome to provide me with any scientific references you feel are relevant and may be useful for the EMP.

Yours sincerely
Henriette

On Thu, 3 Nov 2022 at 19:20, Rob Roy Ramey <robroyrameyii@gmail.com> wrote:
Dear Ms. Potgieter,

We are very concerned about impacts to the remaining desert-dwelling elephant population in the Hoanib River, which we have been studying for the past 17 years. As an initial matter, there is a striking lack of detail in the proposal's Background Information Document (BID) as to expected or potential impacts to any of the wildlife species that occupy the proposed project area, especially to elephants. Moreover, several key components of the proposed project mentioned in the proposal are a direct hazard to elephants, most notably the use of quad bikes and use of open sewage ponds. The inclusion of these in the BID demonstrate a lack of understanding of the Hoanib River ecology and elephants and underscore the inadequacy of the BID to objectively document expected risks to this protected species. Moreover, the only mention of "potential negative impacts" of the project is provided as a four-bullet point list: Biodiversity – poaching of animals and disturbance/destruction of plants, 2) Groundwater and soil pollution from sewage, 3) Solid waste, and 4) Access – roads and tracks. There is no mention of obvious expected impact to elephants.

Conservation

The BID states that "the proposed project will promote conservation and generate income for the conservancy, leaseholder, operator and it will contribute to the growth in Namibia's tourism industry." While it will certainly generate income for the financially interested parties, there is no mention of how or why the proposed project will benefit conservation of any species or habitat along the Hoanib River corridor and surrounding area. The BID's assertion that "the presence of a lodge can be a deterrent to poachers" is provided without any factual support. To be taken seriously the project proponent needs to produce a detailed and scientifically credible mitigation and conservation assessment for species likely to be affected, including elephants.

Quad bikes

Quad bikes, like motorcycles, have no place in occupied elephant habitat due to the hazards they present to both elephants and riders. We have previously documented and written to MEFT about the fear that elephants when motorcycle tours came through the Hoanib River, and subsequently motorbikes are now not permitted in the riverbed. The use of quad bikes can be expected to further limit the already constrained

elephant habitat along the Hoanib River corridor as well as important wet season habitat areas outside the river corridor. Furthermore, quad bikes are open vehicles, meaning there is no protection from a charging wild elephant. And, when accidental encounters between humans and elephants have occurred in the Northwest, elephants have paid the price by being subsequently killed. With so few elephants remaining in the Hoanib River (19 total currently), it is unconscionable that quad bikes would ever be considered by a project proponent in such important elephant habitat.

Quad bikes also represent an attractive hazard because riders can access areas inaccessible by 4x4 vehicles, including close approach of elephants in all areas of their habitat. While the project proponent may put restrictions on their use in elephant habitat and near elephants, in our experience, guides in 4x4 vehicles are frequently willing to take risks in order to please their clients and receive higher tips. This is unfortunately human nature in an unregulated setting like the Hoanib River. However, in the case of quad bikes driven by inexperienced riders, such encounters are lethal disasters waiting to happen, especially when inexperienced riders attempt to avoid elephants. Route proliferation can be expected because quad bikes have a substantially shorter track width than 4x4s that prevents quad bikes from safely following the same tracks as 4x4 vehicles, especially in sandy or rocky terrain. And due to the fact that quad bikes are capable of accessing far more rugged and remote areas, the extent of undisturbed habitat for elephants and other sensitive species will be reduced.

Water consumption in desert aquifer

There is no mention of projected water consumption in the BID for the proposed lodge and its individual and cumulative impact. There are already two other lodges nearby (Wilderness Skeleton Coast Camp and Natural Selections Hoanib Valley Camp) both of which get their water from wells in the riverbed. We raise this issue because the mature Ana trees along the Hoanib River that elephants, giraffe, and other species depend on for nutritious forage and shade, are already showing signs of water stress as a result of prolonged drought: a lack of annual seed pod production and tree mortality. These essential, critical habitat features are likely to be at risk unless the project proponent can show (from hydrological data produced by a qualified engineer) that the aquifer is sufficient to not cause adverse groundwater reduction with consequent adverse ecological effects, especially to those areas downstream. A similar study needs to be conducted for all the existing lodges along the Hoanib River, regardless of ownership.

Open-fenced sewage ponds

There is no information available from the developer on exactly what this open / fenced sewer pond will look like, however this is not at all appropriate in an elephant area. Elephants are attracted to water, and a sewer pond could be extremely dangerous, even if fenced. Elephants will break fences, and should one get stuck in the sludge or mud, it would be extremely difficult to extract the elephant, if it even survives. Not to mention the offensive smell this type of pond would create. In short, an open/fenced sewer pond would be a very poor example of environmentally sensitive tourism development (i.e. "a shitshow").

Cumulative impacts of increased vehicle traffic along the Hoanib River corridor needs quantification and a mitigation plan

The BID provides few details on the number of support staff who will be housed on site, the staff rotation/resupply schedule, or routes and expected vehicle traffic increases for construction, resupply, and tours. The cumulative impact of expected increased vehicle traffic along the river, along with existing tourism traffic, needs quantification and a mitigation plan to address the question of "how much is too much" relative to the elephants' use of habitat. This is relevant for three reasons: 1) published research, including samples obtained from the Hoanib River, show that elephants outside of parks have higher levels of stress hormones (cortisol levels) than elephants within protected areas of parks. And 2) we have observed that during high tourist season (December) the Hoanib elephants often retreat downriver below Amspoort into the Skeleton Coast Park and Wilderness exclusive area, where there is dramatically less vehicle traffic. And 3) we have observed staff drivers from both of the existing lodges driving at high speed along the Hoanib River bed, often at night, and in one case at high speed, at night, and intoxicated all of these represent a substantial risk to elephants that are active day and night in the Hoanib River corridor. A striking lack of detail in the proposal along with the obvious conflicts of interest, both acknowledged and unacknowledged, ought to raise serious questions.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.
Sincerely,
Rob Roy Ramey II, Ph.D. Laura M. Brown Ph.D.
Desert Elephant Conservation

C. NATIONAL HERITAGE COUNCIL

Kavenaarue Tjiuoro krtjiuoro@gmail.com

24 October 2022 at 15:07

To: hoenspotgieter@gmail.com

Cc: leni.engelbrecht@gmail.com, Agnes shiningayamwe shiningayamweagnes@gmail.com

Dear Ms. Potgieter,

The National Heritage Council of Namibia hereby acknowledge that it is an affected party and kindly request your office to submit a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) report once its completed.

I trust that you find the above mentioned in order.

Kind Regards

Mr Kavenaa Tjiuoro

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NAMI-DAMAN TRADITIONAL AUTHORITY

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To whom it may concern

Date: 15 November 2022

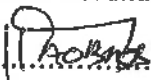
Consent letter for Hoanib X Lodge.

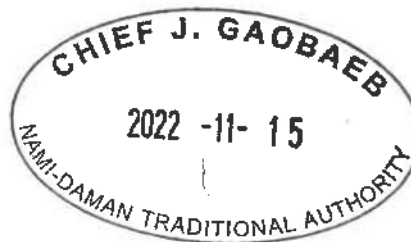
This letter serve to confirm that the Nami-Daman Traditional Authority support the development of Hoanib X lodge by Natural selection safaris.

I am well aware of the background information document and would herewith recommend the development of the Lodge in Hoanib River.

Should you require any further information from my office as Chief, please do not hesitate to contact me on above provided cell phone number.

Yours in traditional affairs.


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Gaob (Chief) Jeremia Gaobaeb
Nami-Daman Traditional Authority
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Date: 09 November 2022

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**TO: The Director
Directorate of Tourism
Ministry of Environment & Tourism
Windhoek**

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: SUPPORT FOR HOANIB EXPLORER CAMP

The Sesfontein conservancy supports the lodge that Natural Selection Safaris and Mr. John Kasaona plan to build on a leasehold from the Land Board.

Sesfontein conservancy encourages tourism development and the creation of jobs for conservancy members which we ought the Hoanib Explorer Cam will bring about.

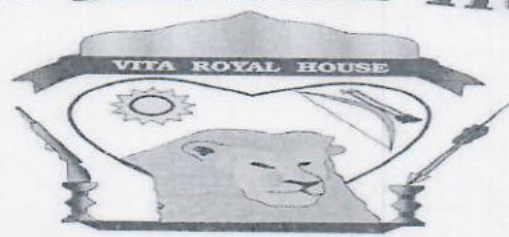
I trust this to be in order and anticipate favourable consideration by MEFT.

Yours Faithfully,

**U. Nuab
Chairperson
Sesfontein Conservancy**



VITA - ROYAL HOUSE



Kunene Region

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Inquiries: Mr. BU. Kapi

Date: 03 / 11 / 2022

RE: CONSENT FOR HOANIB X LODGE

The Vita Royal House hereby expresses its consent that natural Selection Safaris may build a Lodge as described in the background information document for Hoanib X.

The leasehold of 48 ha is in the Sesfontein Constituency that falls under the Vita Royal House, for any information do not hesitate to contact our office.

Thank you very much

Yours in community development

Mr. Ben Kapi
Secretary

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