

## Dr. Rudie van Vuuren Chairman

## **Main Principle**

• The Large Carnivore Management **Association of Namibia (LCMAN)** comprises a membership of organizations that have come together to form a not-for-profit Association to promote and support the long-term conservation of healthy populations of free-ranging large carnivores in Namibia.

### Members





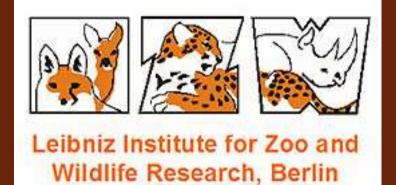
















#### Members

- Works closely with MET carnivore coordinator
- Associate members
- Student members

# The main Objectives of the Association are:

- To promote an understanding of large carnivores, their biology, ecology, roles and values in ecosystems, interactions with people (and their production systems), and conservation requirements;
- To serve as a national body of expertise and as a point of reference for all matters concerning large carnivores, including legal, policy, management, research and related issues;
- To advocacy for and on behalf of large carnivore conservation, to ensure that sound research-based information and management is applied, as well as ethical practices in all aspects of large carnivore management, conservation, research, reintroductions, housing, utilization and related issues;

## Aims and objectives continued

- To establish sound and acceptable principles and procedures for the holding of captive large carnivores, including: Identifying (by definition) organisations approved to hold captive large carnivores;
- Establishing detailed requirements for large carnivore holding facilities;
- Establishing the conditions under which large carnivores may be taken into captivity and for what purposes (e.g. to translocate to areas with less potential conflict, to rehabilitate

- Meetings usually 3-4 times per year
- Representation on human wildlife conflict forum
- Currently working toward pooling data from member organizations to determine carnivore numbers in Namibia