



Ministry of Environment and Tourism

Brief Overview of our Conservation Work
and Challenges

Conservation Work: What do we do?

- Environmental management & Policy Development & Implementation
- Management of protected areas and rare and endangered species
- Linking sustainable tourism with rural development through our CBNRM Programme (concessions, non-consumptive wildlife use, trophy hunting → income and employment, poverty alleviation)
- Supporting the sustainable use of our indigenous resources (value chains for plant products from marula, devil's claw as well as support to game meat farming and production)
- Integrated SLM and coastal biodiversity conservation

Some Developments in 2009/10

- o 22 Tourism Concessions in communal areas (256 jobs and an estimated N\$6 million in annual fees and taxes for rural communities)
- o N\$13 million earned from the auctioning of trophy-hunting concessions and N\$1.4 million received from 800 trophy hunting permits
- o Wildlife estimated to be worth N\$1.3 billion to the Namibian economy (mainly through non-consumptive viewing and trophy hunting)
- o 2,177 animals translocated to communal conservancies

Some Developments in 2009/10

- o Support to hardware facilities development of conservancies
- o 64 conservancies (more in pipeline)
- o Target support to income generating activities (nursery; honey production; gardens, peanuts, etc – over 6 million direct grants to communities in 2010)
- o Conservancies realizing the potential of indigenous plant products (ABS agreement for Commiphora, Devil's claw policy and expansion of harvesting to the North-East, ximenia, kalahari melon seed, marula etc.);
- o Upgrade of our protected areas' infrastructure (etosha fence, bwabwata, etc);

Challenges

- o Restructuring - to be more responsive to our mandate
- o Capacity shortage in sector, especially with collecting and publishing timely tourism statistics
- o Building the capacity to strengthen the national expertise resource base
- o Protected area network: Should we continue to proclaim national parks, or concentrate on managing what we have in the best possible way?
- o Support to MET initiatives : NACOMA; CPP ISLM; CC Adaptation; etc
- o Sustainability of CBNRM Programme

Opportunities

- o **Human wildlife Conflict mitigation measures;**
- o **nature-based products Enterprise development**
- o **Conservancies support services**
- o **Public awareness**
- o **Coastal environmental management**
- o **CBNRM -**
- o **Rural development and livelihoods**
- o **Protected landscape initiative**
- o **Joint research**