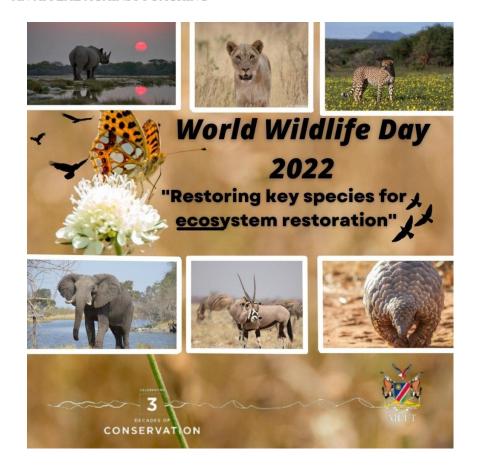


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Windhoek (sd) - Yesterday was the "Day of Species Conservation", whose celebrations were also joined by the Namibian Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism. The day was established by the UN General Assembly in 2013 and aims to draw attention to the wild animals and plants of the world. The motto of this year's "Species Conservation Day" is: "Restoration of key species for the restoration of ecosystems".

The Ministry encourages Namibians to celebrate the day with pride and to celebrate Namibia's conservation achievements. "Since independence, we have managed to increase the populations of our wildlife species, especially outside of our national parks. This achievement comes with tangible direct benefits for the country, including growth in the tourism sector, job creation and income generation for rural communities."

In connection with this year's motto, the ministry also emphasizes threats to species protection: "One of the country's biggest challenges to our nature conservation is wildlife crime, especially poaching of species such as rhinos, elephants and pangolins. We call on our citizens to join forces with the government to reverse the current trend of poaching."