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PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Possible Upcoming Public Presentations:

- 15 July– Bustards and Powerlines by John Pallett
- 6 August– Lion Conservation by Tammy Hoth

Please contact Barbara Wayrauch, NEWS talks coordinator, for the suggestion of speakers.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Call for contributions for the next General Issue of *Roan News* Magazine for 2014, published by the Namibian Environment & Wildlife Society. The magazine publishes stories, research findings and project updates on the Namibian environment, from aspects of wildlife management, ecology, environmental policies and environmental education.

For more information please visit NEWS website; <http://www.news-namibia.org/activities.html>

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NO plastic Campaign

We still have our NEWS “No Plastic” bright and colourful cotton bags for sale.

It is our aim to motivate individuals and retailers to follow with similar ideas and initiatives. The bags **are for sale** for @ N\$30 available at **our talks**, or you are welcome to contact Hilde-Marie Botha, the office manager directly by phone +264 61 306450 or send your request by email: information@NEWS-Namibia.org.

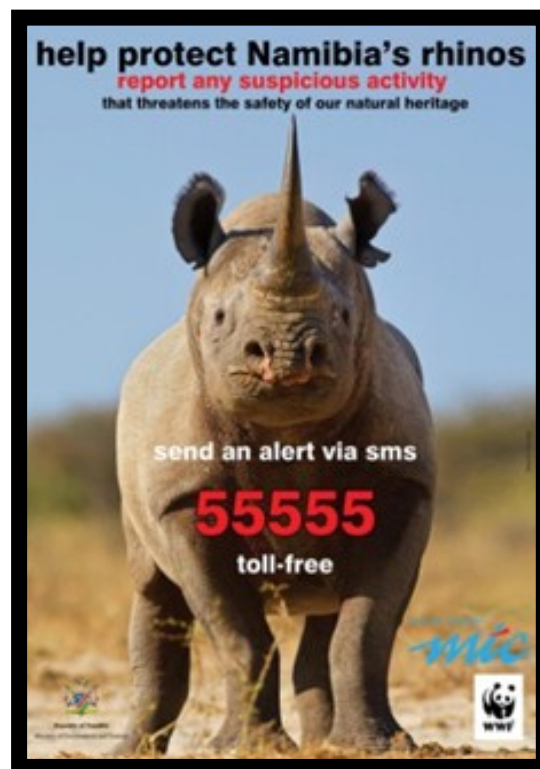
Size: 38 x 41 cm (wxh) without the handles are perfect for shopping or a general 'carry bag'. The two colours are **red and natural** and slogan on one side only. The red bag has the slogan '**No Plastic is good NEWS**' and the natural the '**Plastic is so last century**'.



Did You Know?

“Namibia is the **only country with an expanding population of free-roaming lions** - the number of free-roaming desert lions has increased five-fold in less than two decades.”

<http://stories.namibiatourism.com.na/blog/bid/278682/Fast-Facts-Namibia-Conservation>



An SMS hotline has been established by WWF, MTC and the Ministry of Environment and Tourism. This SMS hotline enables people to share any information that may threaten the safety of our rhinos and other natural heritage.

The SMS number is five 'fives'. In short “Five fives” for Rhino.

Sending an SMS is free. Your information will remain confidential. A confirmation SMS will be sent back to you to assure you that your efforts are worthwhile.

Giraffe Conservation

In light of World Giraffe Day 21 June 2014

Currently, estimates of Giraffe population's by the GCF have shown a considerable drop in subspecies numbers. Giraffe subspecies population numbers have been estimated at approximately less than 80 000 individuals.

This drop in numbers is proof that giraffes may be in real danger. Efforts are now underway to build up an accurate census on the entire population. Giraffe Conservation Foundation is working closely with the IUCN SSC ASG International Giraffe Working Group.

Certain subspecies of Giraffes are already decreasing in numbers or have unstable populations. Major threats to Giraffe populations include poaching, human population growth, habitat loss, habitat fragmentation, and habitat degradation.

In southern Africa, safe havens for Giraffe populations are found in Etosha N. P. (Namibia), Okavango Delta (Botswana), Hwange N. P. (Zimbabwe) and Kruger N. P. (South Africa).

According to the IUCN endangered species list:

- Endangered: *G.c. peralta* (West African or Nigerian giraffe)
- Endangered: *G.c. rothschildi* (Rothschild's or Baringo giraffe)



http://giraffeconservation.org/giraffe_facts.php?pgid=40

EHRA's Fundraising Challenge Trek

Join EHRA's Fundraising Challenge Trek From the 6th - 12th September 2014

Elephant Human Relations Aid reduces conflict between elephants and humans by working on the ground, providing practical and realistic solutions.

This trek takes place as a mere 141 km walk through Damaraland, over 7 days. The main aim is to raise funds for EHRA's conflict prevention programmes. When committing to this challenge, you are helping EHRA to promote a future where elephants can live in harmony with local farmers. Key EHRA staff will also take part in the journey. They will entice you with their intensive 10 years' experience worth of knowledge and understanding of Namibia's desert elephants.

How it works

The cost of the trek is £1500 pounds sterling (or your currency equivalent). The cost includes all transfers, accommodation, food and equipment whilst on the trek. Excluded from the costs are flights, insurance as well as food and accommodation when back in Swakopmund.

To help prepare you for your challenge, a fundraising support guide, sponsor forms as well as fund raising ideas will accompany a pack full of ideas, a kit list and training advice that will be sent to you once you have signed up.

Itinerary

The route starts near Ugab Wilderness Camp at the foothills of the Brandberg and leads in a north-westerly direction into the sand dunes, and further towards the Doros Crater. From there the trek then swings west to Klein Gai-Ais, from where it turns south to end at the Ugab River. Total distance is a measured 141 kilometers. There is the opportunity to join an EHRA patrol at the end of the trek or we can help you plan an adventure to explore the rest of Namibia. For more information please see:

<http://www.desertelephant.org/volunteering-in-namibia-africa/trekking-hiking-namibia.html>



Roll of Honour

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