NOTES AND SOURCES

1. Introduction: the flow of a lifeline

 Strictly speaking, the administrative district is called the North-West District, which is divided into Chobe, Ngamiland East, Ngamiland West, and Okavango sub-districts. However, the area shown as Ngamiland in Figure 1 is widely recognized as a district and many sets of statistical information are collected for this separate area.

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- 3. Of the 22% coming down the Cuito, 15% is from its own catchment and 7% collects after its junction with the Cuanavale. Similarly, of the 14% inflow to the Cubango, 9% is from its own catchment, while the remaining 5% drains into the river below its junctions with the Cutato, Cuchi, Cacuchi, Cuelei and Cuebe.
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- of five people had cleared 10 hectares, a total population of 320,000 people in Angola is estimated. We are thus fairly confident that the real total is unlikely to be less than 300,000 or more than 400,000 people. Official estimates of populations in Angola are far too high, a consequence of how the central government allocates funds to each province on the basis of the number of people claimed by each province.
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