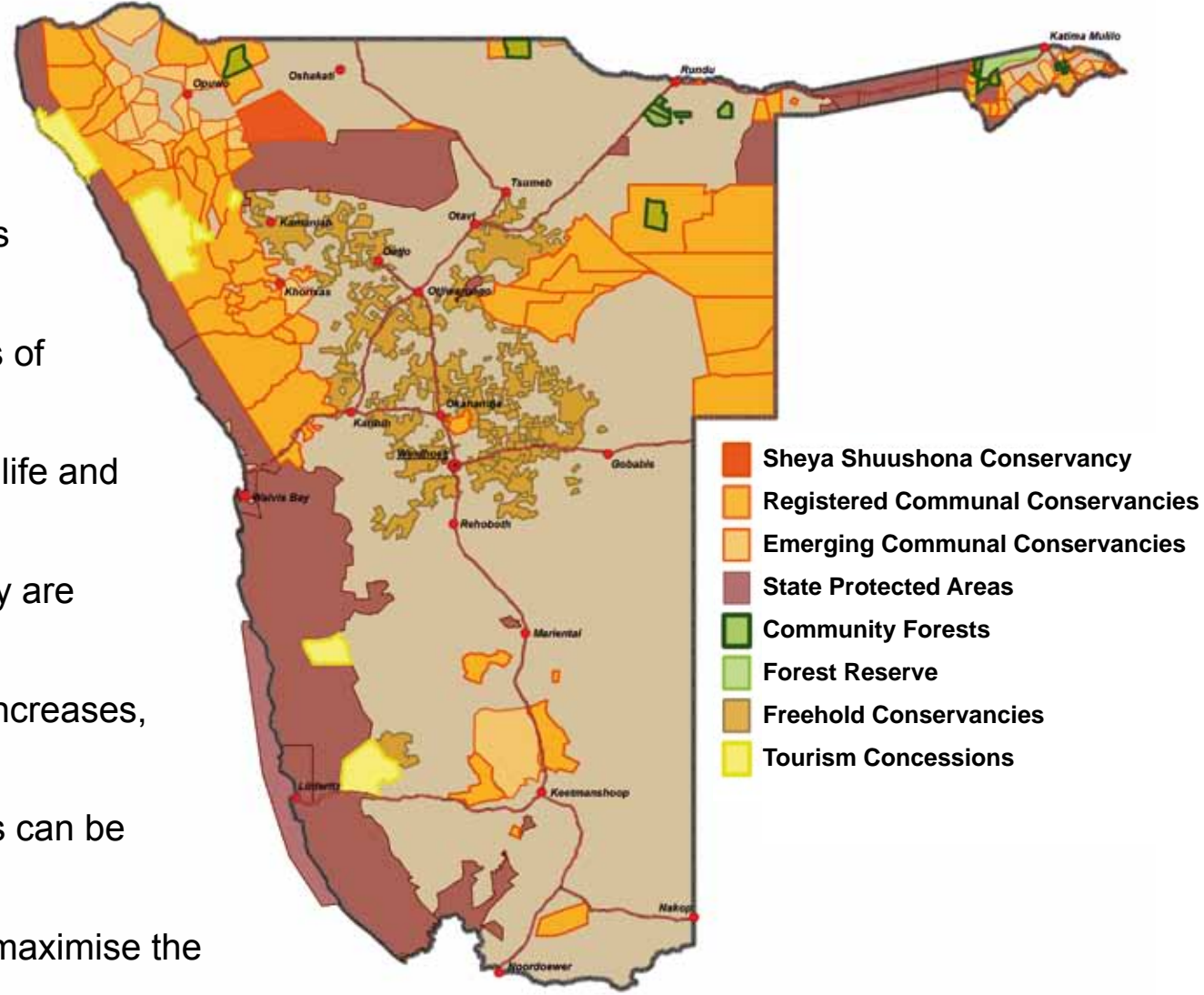


Sheya Shuushona Conservancy

named after the brave King of the Ongandjera Traditional Authority

a conservancy is:

- a legally registered area with clearly defined borders and a constituted management body run by the community for the development of residents and the sustainable use of wildlife and tourism
- managed by a group elected to serve the interests of all its members
- a place where residents can add income from wildlife and tourism to traditional farming activities
- a place where wildlife populations increase as they are managed for productive gain
- a place where the value of the natural resources increases, enhancing the value of the land
- a forum through which services and developments can be channelled and integrated
- zoned for multiple uses too minimise conflict and maximise the interests of all stakeholders



milestones and successes

- 1996** – policy changes allow communal area residents to benefit from wildlife and tourism by forming conservancies
- 2003** – residents accept the future conservancy's constitution
- 2005** – Sheya Shuushona Conservancy is registered in September
- 2006** – His Excellency Dr. Sam Nujoma, Founding President of the Republic of Namibia, who was born in the region, becomes a patron on the conservancy
- 2006** – implementation of the Event Book monitoring system in Sheya Shuushona Conservancy
- 2010** – implementation of an annual game count in Sheya Shuushona Conservancy

PEOPLE

Oshiwambo, Ojjiherero and #Akhoe Hai/om are the main languages spoken in the conservancy.



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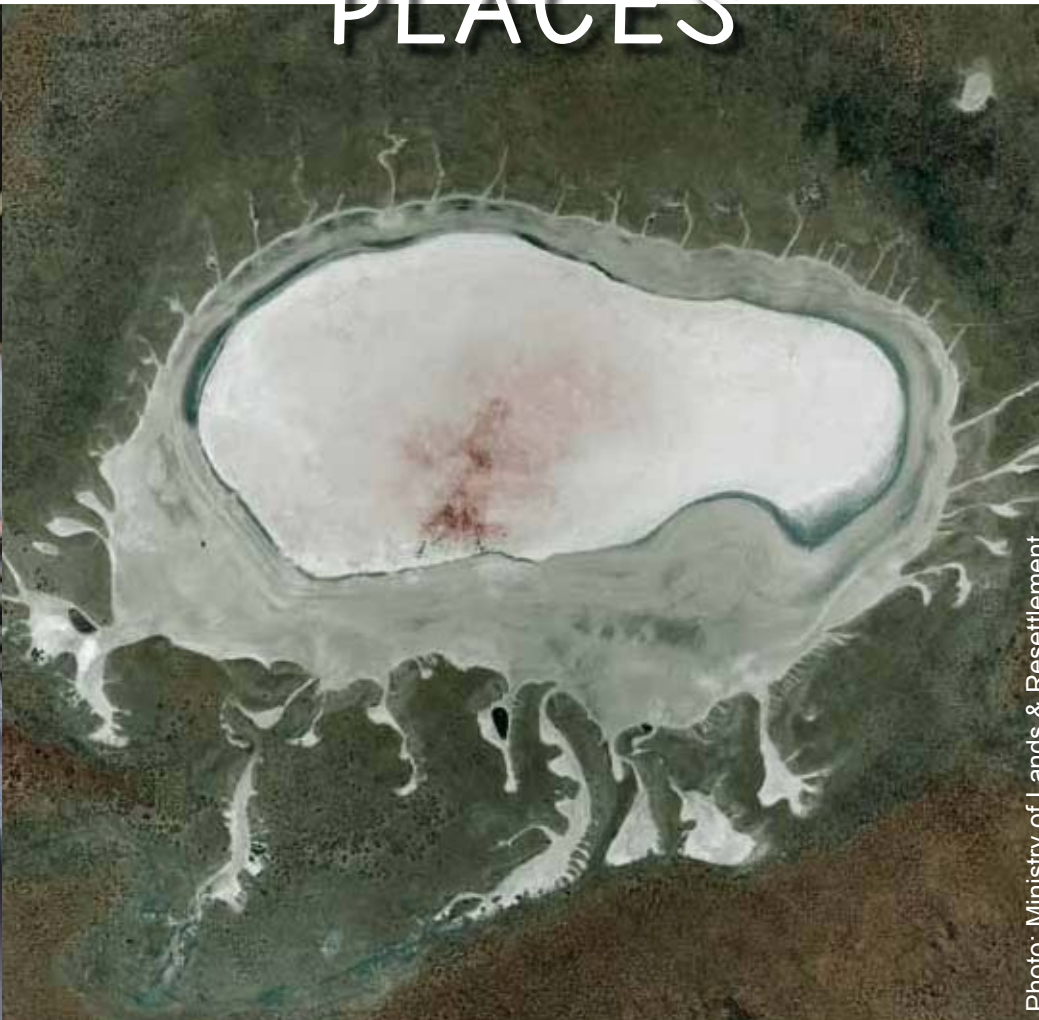


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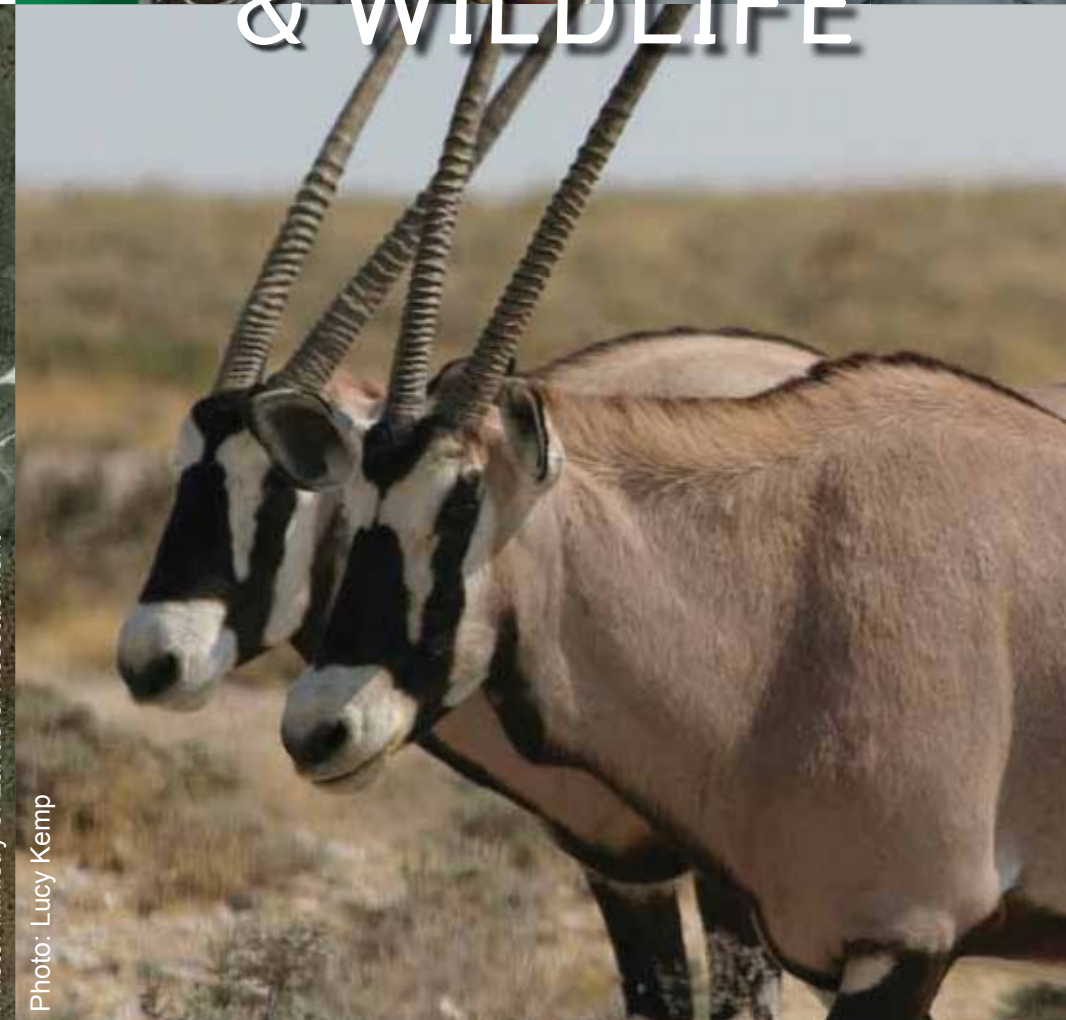


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SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

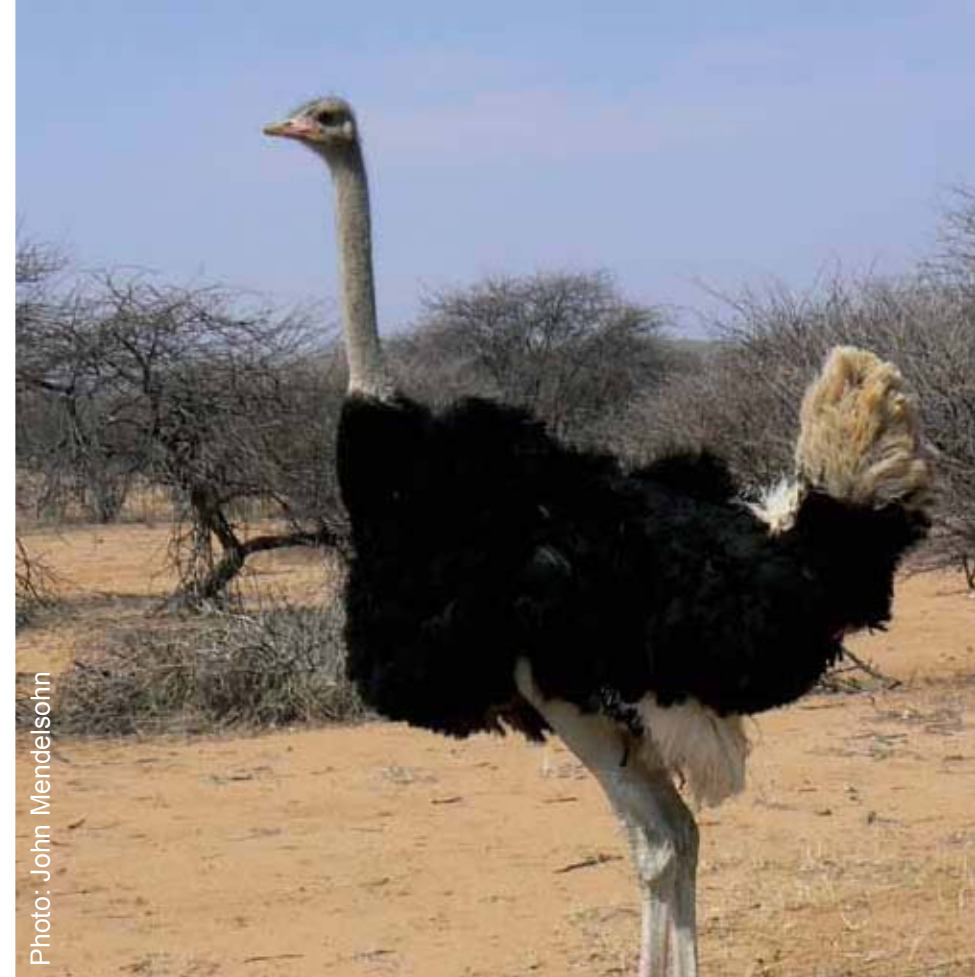


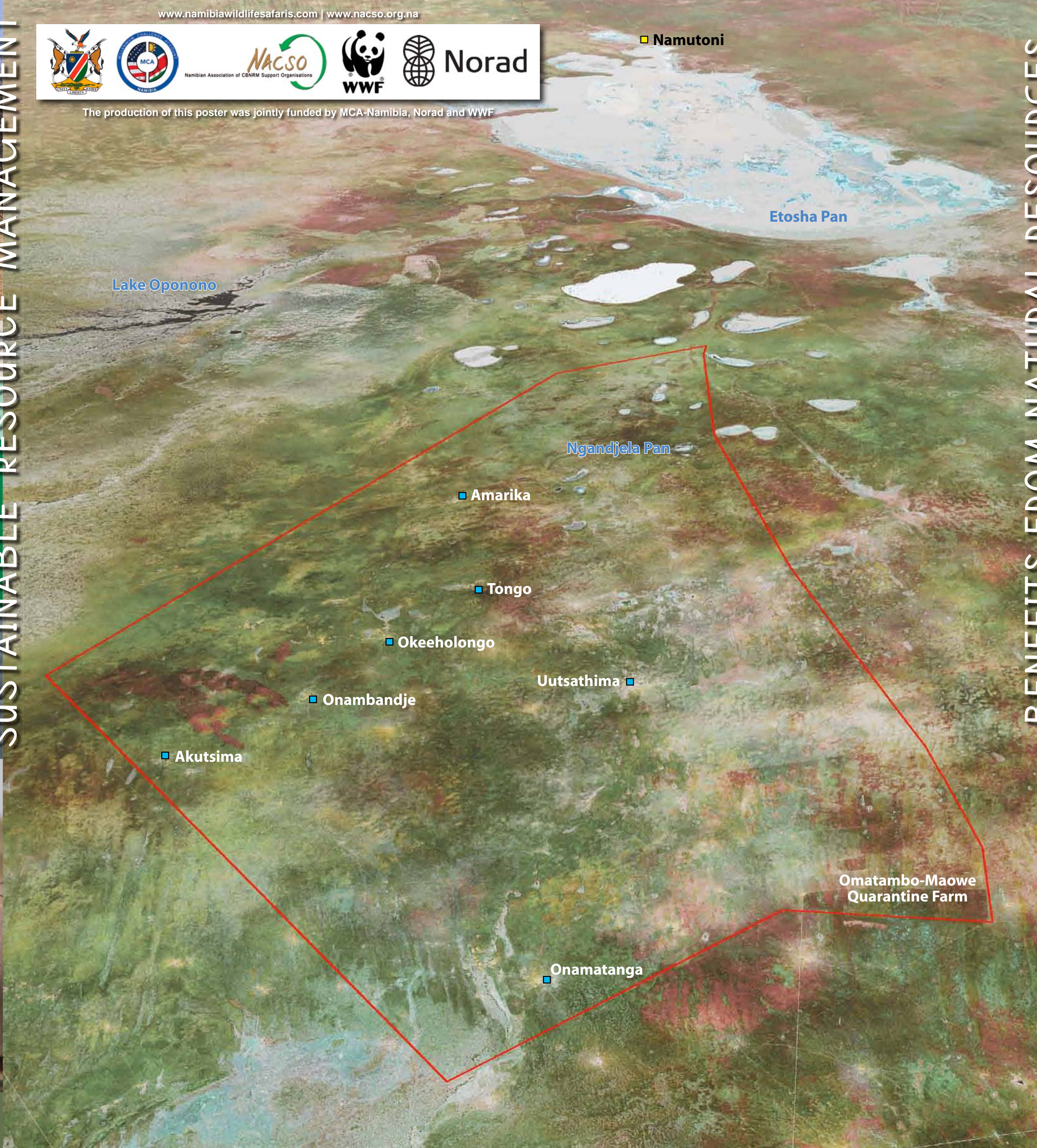
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Conservancy activities include game counts and patrols, monitoring using the Event Book, mitigating human wildlife conflict and facilitating development.

The conservancy has a committee and employs staff and is managed using a mixture of modern methods & technologies and traditional knowledge & skills.



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BENEFITS FROM NATURAL RESOURCES



Tourism provides a variety of economic opportunities. The proximity to Etosha National Park creates great opportunities for local tourism development, especially if linkages with the park are optimised.



Beautiful salt pans create focal points for tourism development within the conservancy.



Conservancy residents engage in a variety of livelihood activities including traditional resource uses, livestock herding and crop production.



Community Game Guards employed by the conservancy monitor wildlife and other resources and create the foundations for adaptive management.

resources

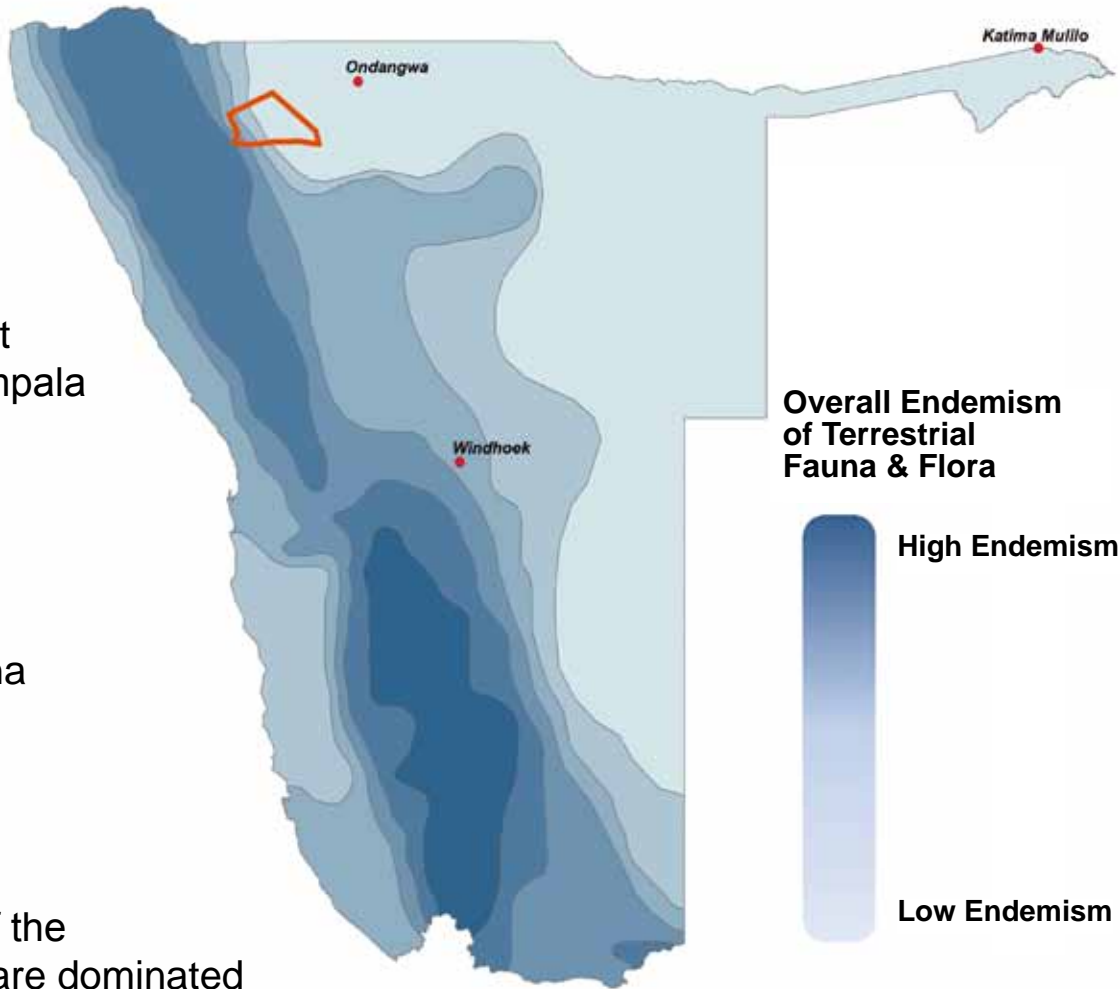
birds

Many interesting birds occur in the conservancy, with some wetland species attracted in large flocks by the ephemeral pans of the area. Seasonally abundant species include Abdim's stork, cattle egret and red-billed teal, while rare species such as blue crane find important habitat in the area.

mammals

Since the establishment of conservancies, wildlife numbers have steadily increased in communal areas. In Sheya Shuushona, the wildlife population includes:

elephant
black rhino
kudu
steenbok
gemsbok
springbok
red hartebeest
black-faced impala
duiker
warthog
lion
leopard
cheetah
spotted hyaena
jackal
caracal



plants

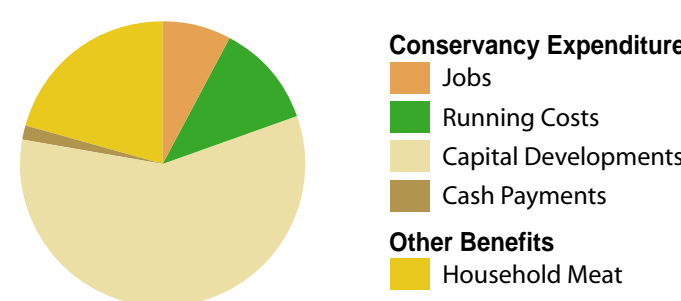
Large parts of the conservancy are dominated by mopane shrublands, especially in areas of clay soil formed from sediments carried by water. Due to poor soils, mopane generally does not grow higher than around three metres here. Nonetheless, mopane is valuable as firewood and as timber for construction, as the wood is termite-resistant. Broad-leaved, deciduous woodlands and thorny acacias are found in the more sandy areas, while patches of open grassland surround the pans. Devil's claw and Kalahari melon are valuable plants that can be sustainably harvested to generate income.

benefits from natural resources

The conservancy is still exploring a variety of tourism development options. Current benefits to the conservancy and its members are obtained from:

- trophy hunting concession agreement
- shoot-and-sell hunting
- own-use hunting
- craft sales
- mopane worm harvesting

The conservancy spends money and creates benefits in these sectors:



The conservancy creates a variety of community and individual benefits, including:

- creating employment and paying staff salaries
- distributing game meat to households
- covering conservancy running costs
- supporting craft development
- making an annual contribution to traditional authorities
- mitigating human wildlife conflicts

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