Symposium on Red Data status of carnivores in Namibia, 8-10 November

**Draft Programme**

**Otjikoto Environmental Education Centre**

**Wednesday 8th November**

Participants arrive during the afternoon, shown to tented accommodation

18h00 - Drinks and get together

19h00 - Dinner

20h00 – Welcome and purpose of symposium (NCE on behalf of LCMAN chairperson)

**Thursday 9th November**

07h00 – Breakfast

**SESSION 1: Presentations**

08h30 – Welcome by Kenneth /Uiseb, Ministry of Environment & Tourism (MET)

**Hyaenidae**:

08h40 – Aardwolf: CCF

09h05 – Brown Hyaena: Brown Hyaena Project

09h30 – Spotted Hyaena: Kwando Carnivore Project & CCF

**09h55 – Tea**

**Felidae:**

10h15 – Cheetah: IZW & CCF

10h40 – Leopard: Africat & CCF & NAPHA

11h05 – Lion: Desert Lion Project & Panthera & Africat North

11h30 – Black-footed Cat: Black-footed Cat project (Martina Küsters / John Pallett)

11h55 – Caracal: CCF

12h20 – Serval: CCF & IZW & Kwando Carnivore project

12h45 – African Wildcat: CCF

**13h00 Lunch**

**Canidae:**

14h00 – African Wild Dog: N/a’an kuse & CCF

14h25 – Bat-eared Fox, Cape Fox, Side-striped Jackal & Black-backed Jackal: CCF

**Viverridae, Herpestidae & Mustelidae:**

14h55 – Overview of species in above families: John Pallett

**15h30 - Tea**

16h00 – Overview of HWC policy and carnivore species management plans: MET

16h40 – General Discussion

17h15 – Game Drive

19h00 – Dinner

**Friday 10th November**

07h00 – Breakfast

08h30 – The EIS, atlas, App & mapping: Alice Jarvis

**Analysis of the presentations**

09h00 – Discussion

**10h00 – Tea**

10h30 – Carnivore conservation action plan

11h30 – Way forward

12h00 - Closure and thanks

**12h30 – Lunch**

Participants depart.

**PRESENTATIONS**

Please prepare your talk for a maximum of 15 minutes. There will be 10 minutes for questions and discussion after each talk. A power point projector is available.

The key issues to be covered are:

* Namibian distribution – (a) historic – pre1800, (b) at Namibia’s independence – 1990, and (c) today;
* Southern African and global distribution – i.e. the Namibian distribution over time in context of the species’ regional and global situation and trends
* Namibian population status (a) historic, (b) 1990 and (c) today – and is the population fragmented?
* Southern African and global population status – i.e. the Namibian population in context of regional and global status and trends
* Reflection on trends and rate of change
* Threats facing species in order of priority, and severity of threats
* Global Red Data status, and suggested Namibian Red Data status
* Actions that should be taken to address threats
* References

You are welcome to include other aspects considered relevant, as well as to reflect on the robustness of available data, long-term monitoring needed, mechanisms for better collaboration, etc.

**Objectives of the Symposium**

* To discuss the conservation status of each carnivore species in Namibia based on changing distribution, population status and threats
* To agree on the Namibian Red Data status of each species
* To discuss and agree a way forward for preparing a Red Data “book” on the carnivores of Namibia
* To explore ways of improved collaboration for monitoring the status of carnivores, and especially Red Data species
* To discuss ways to harmonise the collection, curation and sharing of data
* To explore how a national conservation action plan for carnivores could be established and implemented, through collaborative implementation
* To prioritise critical actions for priority funding

**Organising Committee**

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**LOGISTICS**

***Venue:*** Otjikoto Environmental Education Centre, just off the B1 (east side of road) between Otjiwarongo and Otavi. The turn-off is 67 km north of Otjiwarongo and 52 km south of Otavi.

***Accommodation:*** Luxury tents, beds, bedding and towels provided, two beds per tent, sharing.

***Catering:*** All meals and teas provided.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Brown.

Travel safely and we look forward to seeing you at the symposium.

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