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REPORTED MORTALITIES IN ETOSHA NATIONAL PARK

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INTRODUCTION

In 1988 a new data collection form was designed and put into use. The mortality records were entered directly onto a computer data base file, and monthly summaries were sent to each station. Past mortality records (1976-1987) are also being entered onto a data base file, and this will allow for a quick and easy way of extracting data about mortalities in Etosha.

RESULTS

1. A total of 354 animal mortalities were reported in the period 1988-01-01 to 1988-12-31. A species analysis of these cases is given in Table 1. Appendix A is a printout of all these mortalities, in order of species and date. Appendix B is a list of the codes used for cause of death (COD) and their meanings.
2. The monthly return of mortality forms is illustrated in Table 2.
3. The number of mortalities originating from the four main areas of Etosha (ie. Otjovasandu, Okaukuejo, Halali, and Namutoni), as well as the farming area are given in Table 3.
4. The relative contribution of mortality factors as identified by field staff and veterinary investigations is presented in Table 4.

NB : If you spot any discrepancies, missing records, etc., please notify P. Lindeque so that the data file and records can be corrected.