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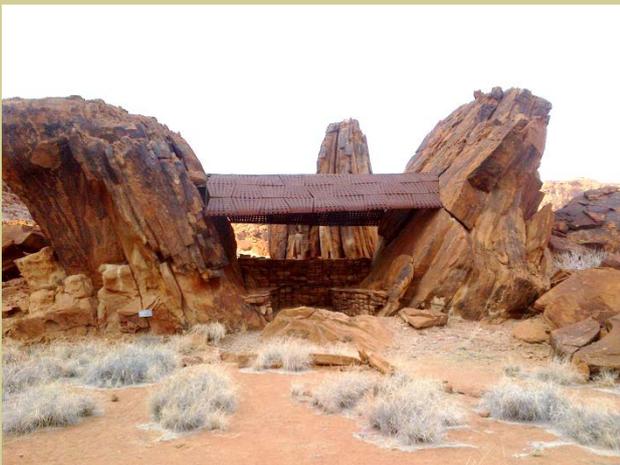
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Special Issue on Photo Competition

A photographic competition for students was launched by the Department earlier this year with the theme "Sustainable use of natural resources in Namibia". A large number of contributions have been received, and the judges are finding it hard to determine a winner. Here are the best photos from the competition, from which a winner is to be selected. The photos will also be displayed in large format in the passage to the departmental staff's offices.

- Morgan Hauptfleisch

Hide out



Namibia's tourism advantage rests on natural and undisturbed landscapes. Therefore tourism development must have minimal impact on this advantage - as is the case with this rest camp at Twyfelfontein. Hidden away and blending in.

Heritage

Heritage is a resource we often forget about. These thousand year old petroglyphs not only remind us of our heritage, they also provide a revenue generating opportunity for the communities that protect them. Here, the shadows of two tourists on the age-old rock canvas reminds us of this.



Leopard



Loved by tourists, hated by farmers. This leopard was removed from a farm, and is kept in an enclosure (see the wires in the photo) for tourists to photograph and scientists to learn more about. Is this right? What is the alternative? A bullet to the brain?

Auas Dragon



Important wildlife is not only in parks. On our doorstep (outskirts of Windhoek) lives this little dragon. Very rare and shy it is thought to be an important indicator of climate change.

Ecosystem services



Ecosystem services are services we get from nature if we look after it. What services do you see being provided by nature in this photo?

Tracks in the sand

Human footprint over an elephant footprint. Can we coexist with these large herbivores?



Practise what you preach



At the Polytech it is not just about learning, it's about practicing what you preach. The post-graduate student is using a mulching technique to grow vegetable for his local community.

Zambezi



The Zambezi is one of our few perennial rivers. We also share it with other countries. This places great responsibility on us to manage it well.

Rhino



A Black Rhino. One of Africa's most threatened mammals. As with the storm brewing in the background of this photo, there is a storm-cloud hanging over its existence.

Chameleon



This Flap-necked Chameleon was carefully being observed by a group of nature conservation students. At the Polytechnic we are keenly conscious that our laboratories are mostly "out there".

lishana



lishana - the lifeblood of north-central Namibia. Greenery and a cattle herder's dog reminds us of the value of a healthy oshana system for human wellbeing.

Grasshopper



The elegant grasshopper (*Zonocerus elegans*) caught the eye of a Natural Resource Management student. Learning about all forms of life (not just elephant and rhino) are critical to the development of conservationists at the Polytechnic.

Water

We take tap-water for granted. This limited resource in Namibia should be used sparingly. We should not be looking to build more dams or bigger pipes, we should use what we have more efficiently.

