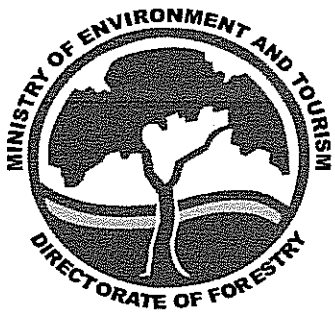
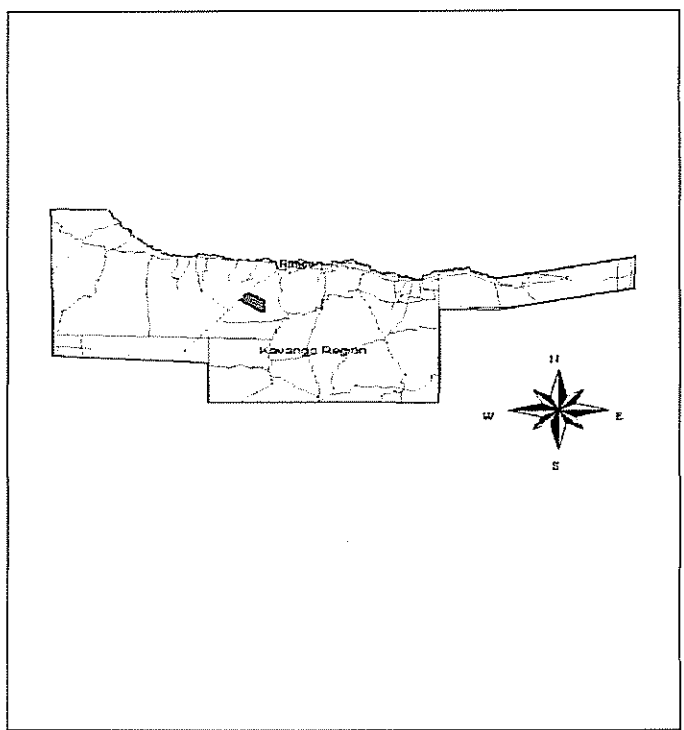


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Woody Resource Report of Ncamangoro Community Forest



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

General description of the area

Ncamangoro forest is situated in Kavango Region South of Rundu. The Ncamangoro community with the help from DED project requested the Directorate of Forestry to conduct a forest inventory to find out the amount of resources available in the area for management plan purposes.

The forest resources

The inventory concentrated on all tree species found in the area. The size of the Ncamangoro forest area inventoried is 21,872 hectares. There are 3,583,847 trees with a total volume of 699,667 m³ of live trees in Ncamangoro forest. The mean tree volume is 32.0 m³/ha and the mean number of trees for the whole area is 163.9 stems/ha. Dead trees were also analysed. There is a total volume of 52,700 m³ of dead trees in Ncamangoro forest.

Majority of trees were found in the diameter class 5-25 cm. *Burkea Africana* is the most frequent tree with 49% of all stems found in the inventory.

Regeneration

There is an average of 1098 tree saplings per hectare in the area. Only *Burkea Africana* and *Ochna pulchra* are commonly found as saplings (356 and 292 per ha). *Terminalia sericea* and *Pterocarpus angolensis* saplings are found to some extent (22 per ha), while regeneration of *Guibourtia coleosperma* is very scare (19 per ha).

1. INTRODUCTION

The Directorate of Forestry (DoF) under the Ministry of Environment and Tourism in Namibia has a mission to carry out forest resource assessments in Namibia. In this task the Government of Finland has supported it since 1995. Initially the aim of the support was to build up the capacity of the Directorate to carry out regional forest inventories of large areas (National Forest Inventory component, NFI). During the years, an increasing number of local level inventories have also been carried out to fulfill specific requests by projects and forest managers. The support from the Government of Finland today through Namibia-Finland Forestry Programme Phase II aims now more at strengthening the capacity of DoF to serve the needs for local level forest management planning.

DED – DoF project community forestry in North-East Namibia (CFNEN), is directly working with the community of Ncamangoro. They deemed it necessary to find out the amount of resources available in the area in order to compile a sound management plan. With regard to community forestry, the DED is encouraging community to participate in the management of their forest and forest products. More income generating activities for sustainable development are thought of in the near future, as the community will be synthesized to the concept of community forestry.

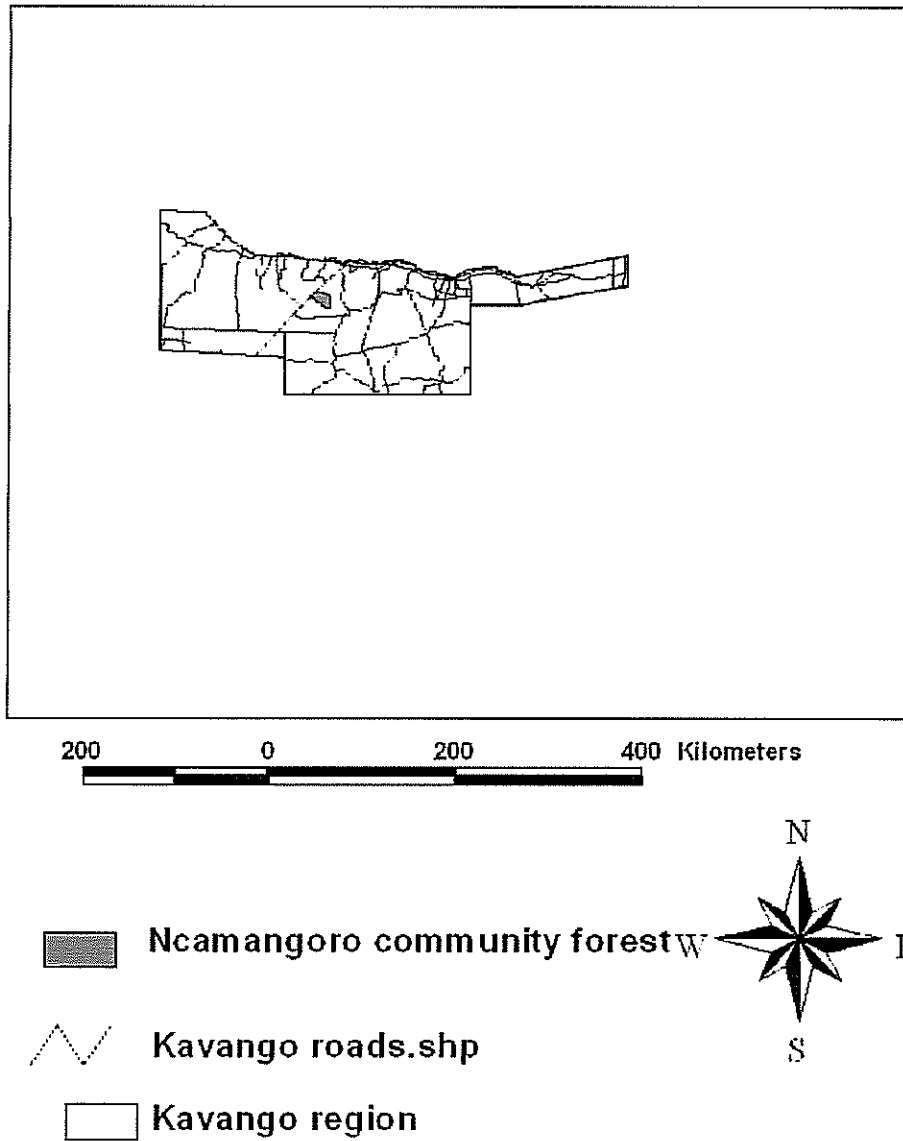
The inventory in Ncamangoro was carried out by the NFI team in August to September 2003. The inventory covered an area of 21,872 hectares.

For those readers who may be interested to know what other forest areas the Directorate of Forestry has inventoried, a list of inventory reports has been attached (Appendix 4 page 31) at the end of this report. These reports are available at the Directorate of Forestry in Windhoek.

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE AREA

The Ncamangoro Community Forest is located in the Kavango region. Common tree species found in the area are *Burkea africana*, *Pterocarpus angolensis*, *Dialium engleranum* and *Guibourtia coleosperma*. According to the Atlas of Namibia vegetation map, the area is classified as trees savanna vegetation and the soil is classified as sandy soils. The annual rainfall is between 500-550 mm (See Atlas of Namibia, 2002).

Map 1. Location of Ncamangoro community inventory area

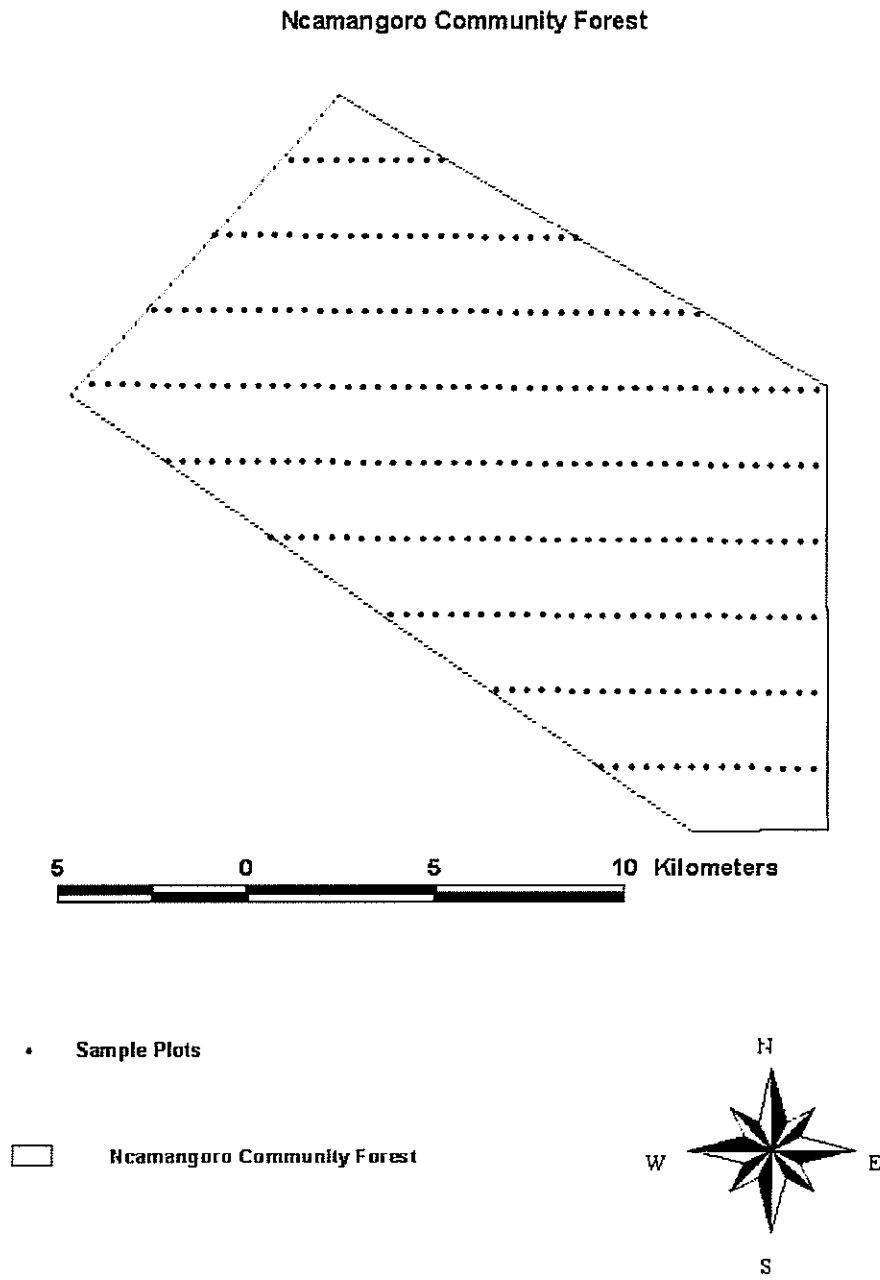


3. INVENTORY DESIGN

3.1 Sampling method

A systematic sampling design was applied. The total number of plots located in the area was 269. Each plot has its own coordinates (See Appendix 3 for the coordinates of inventoried plots). Coordinates and a GPS were used for locating the plots in the field. The plots were not marked as permanent plots. Map 2 shows the location of plots in the area.

Map 2. Location of sample plots



3.2 Field measurement

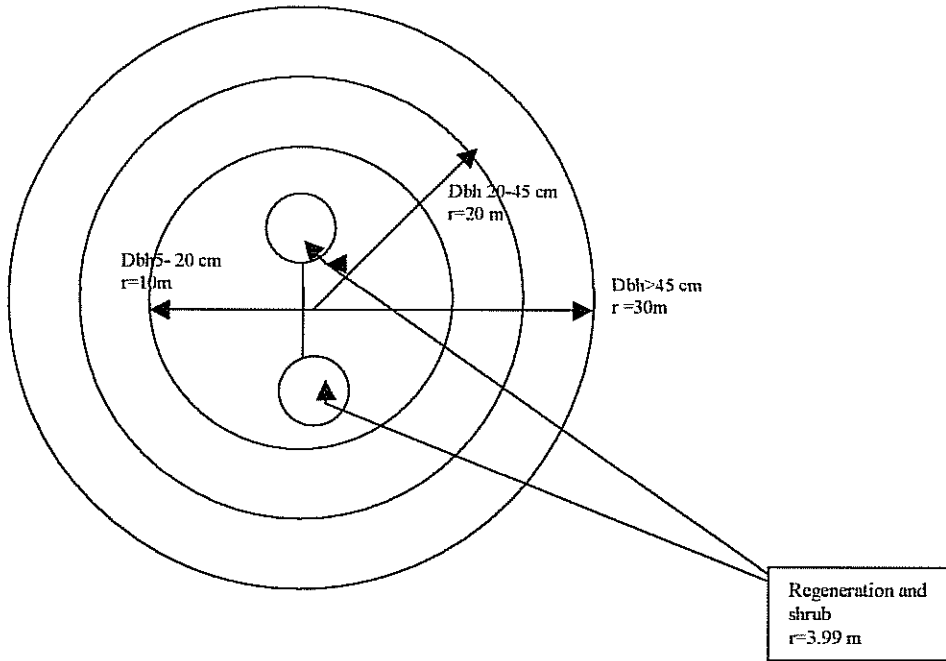
The data was collected in circular sample plots. The woody vegetation is classified into trees and shrubs. In this inventory, trees are defined as woody plants with dbh \geq 5cm, and shrubs are woody plants with dbh $<$ 5cm.

A different radius of sample plot was applied for small trees, medium size trees and big trees. For small trees (5 cm \leq dbh $<$ 20 cm) the radius is 10 m, for medium size trees (20 \leq dbh $<$ 45 cm) the radius is 20 m and for big trees dbh \geq 45cm the radius is 30 m.

Diameter, location, species, crown class, quality, length and quality of possible saw log were measured for all trees in the sample plots. In addition, Height, canopy diameter and crown height were also recorded for each tree in the plot. Regeneration of all species was measured in two sub-plots (radius 3.99 m) located in each plot (see figure 1).

Information describing the environment surrounding the sample plot ("the stand") was also recorded. This description includes e.g the soil, the land types, damages to the woody vegetation and human influences. All the measurements are described in more detail in the field instructions (Manual for woody resource inventory, 2001).

Figure 1: Plot design



4. INVENTORY RESULTS

4.1 Measured data

A total of 269 sample plots were measured on an area of 21,872 hectares. A total of 2474 trees with dbh > 5cm were measured in the plots (see table 1) which is on average 9.2 trees per sample plot. Table 1 indicates that 52% of measured trees are *Burkea Africana*-trees.

Table 1. Number of measured trees by species

| Species | Total No. of measured trees | % of measured trees |
|---|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Baikiaea plurijuga</i> | 2 | 0.1 |
| <i>Burkea africana</i> | 1282 | 51.8 |
| <i>Combretum collinum</i> | 131 | 5.3 |
| <i>Combretum psidioides</i> (<i>psidioides</i>) | 18 | 0.7 |
| <i>Combretum zeyheri</i> | 25 | 1.0 |
| <i>Dialium engleranum</i> | 159 | 6.4 |
| <i>Diospyros mespiliformis</i> | 1 | 0.0 |
| <i>Diplorhynchus condylocarpon</i> | 11 | 0.4 |
| <i>Guibourtia coleosperma</i> | 262 | 10.6 |
| <i>Ochna pulchra</i> | 43 | 1.7 |
| <i>Pterocarpus angolensis</i> | 312 | 12.6 |
| <i>Schinziophyton rautanenii</i> | 30 | 1.2 |
| <i>Securidaca longepedunculata</i> | 2 | 0.1 |
| <i>Strychnos cocculoides</i> | 13 | 0.5 |
| <i>Strychnos pungens</i> | 23 | 0.9 |
| <i>Swartzia madagascariensis</i> | 6 | 0.2 |
| <i>Terminalia sericea</i> | 154 | 6.2 |
| Total | 2474 | 100.0 |

The three most frequent tree species in the data set were *Burkea africana* (51.8 %), *Pterocarpus angolensis* (12.6 %), *Guibourtia coleosperma* (10.6 %).

4.2 Height of measured trees

Table 2: Average and maximum height by species found

| Species | Average height (m) | Maximum height (m) |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Baikiaea plurijuga</i> | 7.15 | 14.3 |
| <i>Burkea africana</i> | 9.16 | 20.4 |
| <i>Combretum collinum</i> | 7.47 | 16.2 |
| <i>Combretum psidioides (psidioides)</i> | 4.32 | 11.6 |
| <i>Combretum zeyheri</i> | 7.26 | 12.8 |
| <i>Dialium engleranum</i> | 8.67 | 24.2 |
| <i>Diospyros mespiliformis</i> | 11.40 | 11.4 |
| <i>Diplorhynchus condylocarpon</i> | 5.98 | 10.3 |
| <i>Guibourtia coleosperma</i> | 5.06 | 21.8 |
| <i>Ochna pulchra</i> | 5.52 | 11.3 |
| <i>Pterocarpus angolensis</i> | 8.92 | 22.3 |
| <i>Schinziophyton rautanenii</i> | 5.39 | 16.9 |
| <i>Securidaca longepedunculata</i> | 5.80 | 6.9 |
| <i>Strychnos cocculoides</i> | 4.62 | 8.5 |
| <i>Strychnos pungens</i> | 5.58 | 10.4 |
| <i>Swartzia madagascariensis</i> | 5.78 | 8.6 |
| <i>Terminalia sericea</i> | 7.01 | 17.5 |

Table 2 above shows the average and maximum height of the trees. The height of the woody vegetation is generally low. Only *Dialium engleranum*, *Burkea Africana*, *Guibourtia coleosperma* and *Pterocarpus angolensis* trees could be found with heights from 20 meters above.

4.3 Species diversity

Simple measurement for species diversity is to express the number of species found in the area and the number of plots where each species was found. Table 3 shows the number of plots where each species was found for both trees (≥ 5 cm) and shrubs (< 5 cm).

Table 3. Species diversity expressed by the number of plots where each species was fo

| Species | No of plot Dbh < 5cm | No. of plot Dbh ≥ 5cm |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Baijsea wulffhorstii</i> | 47 | |
| <i>Baphia massaiensis</i> | 7 | |
| <i>Bauhinia petersiana</i> | 170 | |
| <i>Baikiaea plurijuga</i> | | 1 |
| <i>Burkea africana</i> | 208 | 253 |
| <i>Combretum collinum</i> | 73 | 78 |
| <i>Combretum psidioides</i> (<i>psidioides</i>) | 18 | 13 |
| <i>Combretum zeyheri</i> | 59 | 21 |
| <i>Dialium engleranum</i> | 72 | 76 |
| <i>Diospyros mespiliformis</i> | | 1 |
| <i>Diplorhynchus condylocarpon</i> | 37 | 10 |
| <i>Grewia flava</i> | 5 | |
| <i>Grewia retinervis</i> | 6 | |
| <i>Guibourtia coleosperma</i> | 30 | 88 |
| <i>Ochna cinnebarina</i> | 1 | |
| <i>Ochna pulchra</i> | 158 | 32 |
| <i>Ozoroa longipes</i> | 8 | |
| <i>Ozoroa paniculosa</i> | 16 | |
| <i>Pterocarpus angolensis</i> | 38 | 142 |
| <i>Rhus marlothii</i> | 1 | |
| <i>Salacia luebbertii</i> | 9 | |
| <i>Schinziophyton rautanenii</i> | 2 | 9 |
| <i>Securidaca longepedunculata</i> | 1 | 2 |
| <i>Strychnos cocculoides</i> | | 9 |
| <i>Strychnos pungens</i> | 50 | 19 |
| <i>Swartzia madagascariensis</i> | 7 | 5 |
| <i>Terminalia sericea</i> | 82 | 93 |
| <i>Ximenia americana</i> var <i>americana</i> | 1 | |
| <i>Ximenia caffra</i> var <i>microphylla</i> | 4 | |

A total of 29 woody species were recorded in Ncamangoro Community Forest. 26 species are occurring as trees while 17 species are found in the shrub layer. 14 species occurred both as trees and in the shrub layer.

4.4 Tree volumes and number of stems

All the woody stems with a dbh > 5cm are regarded as trees. The number of stems and tree volumes by species for the whole Ncamangoro inventory area are shown in table 4 below.

Live trees

| Species | Total number of stems | Stems per ha | Total tree volume, m ³ | Mean volume m ³ /ha |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>Baikiaea plurijuga</i> | 3,235 | 0.1 | 573 | 0.0 |
| <i>Burkea africana</i> | 1,764,532 | 80.7 | 361,627 | 16.5 |
| <i>Combretum collinum</i> | 250,690 | 11.5 | 28,651 | 1.3 |
| <i>Combretum psidioides</i> (psidioides) | 29,117 | 1.3 | 1,461 | 0.1 |
| <i>Combretum zeyheri</i> | 56,292 | 2.6 | 4,255 | 0.2 |
| <i>Dialium engleranum</i> | 194,398 | 8.9 | 42,644 | 1.9 |
| <i>Diospyros mespiliformis</i> | 647 | 0.0 | 145 | 0.0 |
| <i>Diplorhynchus condylocarpon</i> | 25,881 | 1.2 | 1,180 | 0.1 |
| <i>Guibourtia coleosperma</i> | 332,719 | 15.2 | 102,472 | 4.7 |
| <i>Ochna pulchra</i> | 92,526 | 4.2 | 8,362 | 0.4 |
| <i>Pterocarpus angolensis</i> | 453,067 | 20.7 | 93,880 | 4.3 |
| <i>Schinziophyton rautanenii</i> | 33,286 | 1.5 | 18,702 | 0.9 |
| <i>Securidaca longepedunculata</i> | 5,176 | 0.2 | 296 | 0.0 |
| <i>Strychnos cocculoides</i> | 33,646 | 1.5 | 2,473 | 0.1 |
| <i>Strychnos pungens</i> | 43,351 | 2.0 | 3,460 | 0.2 |
| <i>Swartzia madagascariensis</i> | 7,117 | 0.3 | 1,275 | 0.1 |
| <i>Terminalia sericea</i> | 258,166 | 11.8 | 28,211 | 1.3 |
| Total | 3,583,847 | 163.9 | 699,667 | 32.0 |

Table 4: Volumes and number of stems for live trees

The number of trees is 163.9 stems/ha and the mean volume is 32.0 m³/ha as shown in table 4 above. The total number of stems is 3,583,847 and the total volume of the trees is 699,667 m³. The biggest share of stems are of *Burkea africana*, *Pterocarpus angolensis* and *Guibourtia coleosperma*.

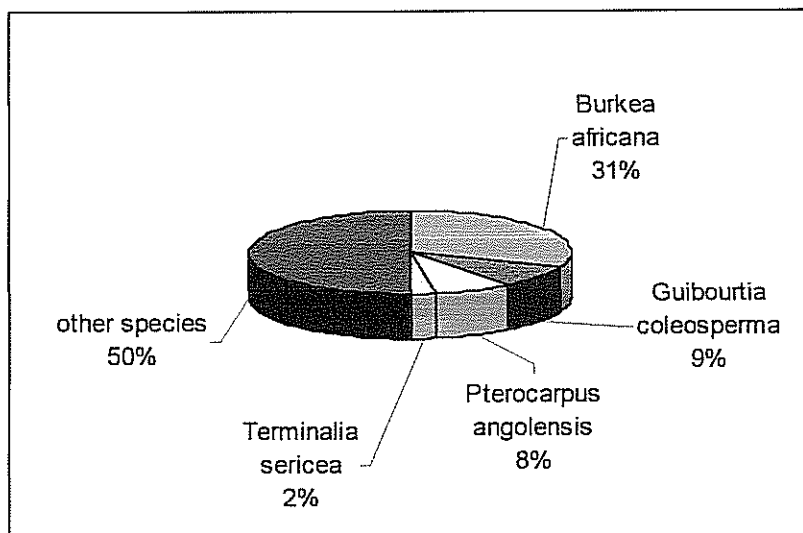


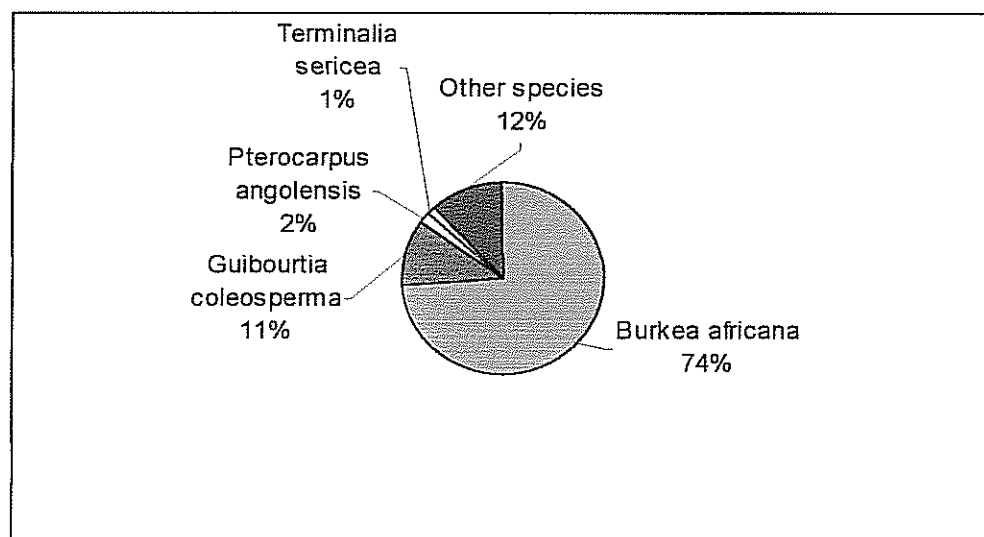
Figure 2: The volumes of the main live species expressed in % of the total volume of all species (699,667 m³).

Dead trees

The majority of dead trees in Ncamangoro are *Burkea Africana*, *Guibourtia coleosperma* and *Dialium engleranum* trees. The total volume for *Burkea africana* is the highest (see table 5). The 4 most common species represent 88 % of the total volume.

Table 5: Volumes and number of stems for dead trees

| Species | Total number of stems | Stems per ha | Total tree volume, m ³ | Mean volume m ³ /ha |
|--|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>Burkea africana</i> | 203,744 | 9.3 | 38,789 | 1.8 |
| <i>Combretum collinum</i> | 5,823 | 0.3 | 826 | 0.0 |
| <i>Combretum psidioides (psidioides)</i> | 10,353 | 0.5 | 246 | 0.0 |
| <i>Combretum zeyheri</i> | 2,588 | 0.1 | 165 | 0.0 |
| <i>Dialium engleranum</i> | 34,293 | 1.6 | 4,588 | 0.2 |
| <i>Diplorhynchus condylocarpon</i> | 2,588 | 0.1 | 157 | 0.0 |
| <i>Guibourtia coleosperma</i> | 28,398 | 1.3 | 5,969 | 0.3 |
| <i>Ochna pulchra</i> | 2,588 | 0.1 | 161 | 0.0 |
| <i>Pterocarpus angolensis</i> | 2,876 | 0.1 | 938 | 0.0 |
| <i>Strychnos pungens</i> | 647 | 0.0 | 170 | 0.0 |
| <i>Terminalia sericea</i> | 23,293 | 1.1 | 692 | 0.0 |
| Total | 317,190 | 14.5 | 52,700 | 2.4 |

Figure 3: The volumes of the main dead species expressed in % of the total volume of all species (52,700 m³).

4.5 Diameter distribution

Live trees

A desired diameter distribution from management point of view is one where the majority of the stems is in the lower diameter classes, and the number of stems is gradually decreasing as the diameter gets bigger. With this kind of distribution there are continuously going to be trees entering into mature stage and a continuous harvesting of timber and poles will be possible. If the actual diameter distribution deviates from the desired one, it is bound to affect short or long term management decisions.

Figure 4 below shows the diameter distribution of trees for different diameter classes in Ncamangoro inventory area. The full list of species with total number of trees in diameter classes is shown in Appendix 1 page 26).

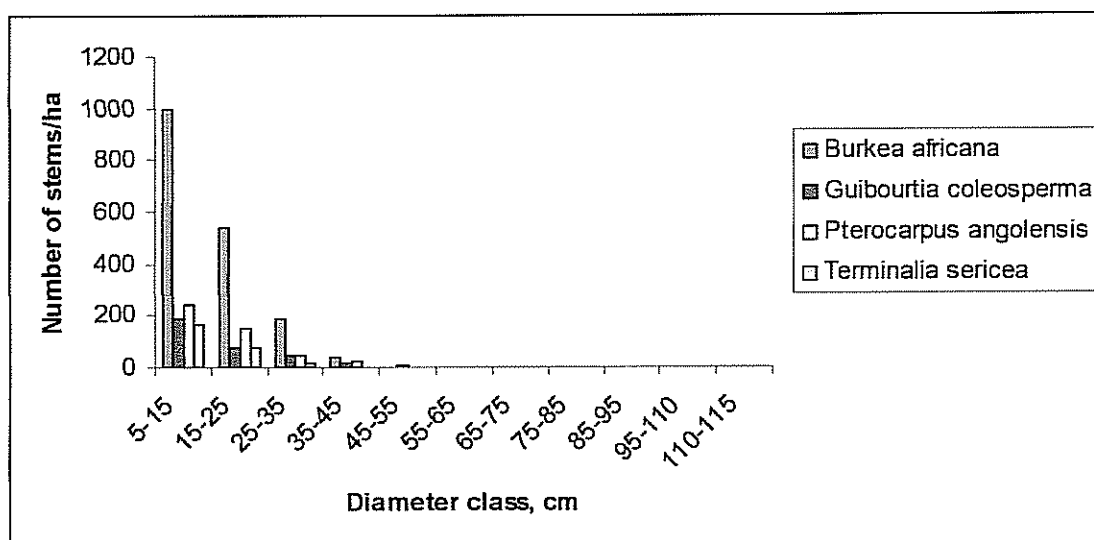


Figure 4. Live wood diameter distribution for the main species

Majority of the stems were found in small diameter classes. Appendix 1 also shows which species have a potential to grow into big trees. Species that were found in the biggest diameter classes were: *Burkea africana*, *Dialium engleranum*, *Guibourtia coleosperma*, *Pterocarpus angolensis* and *Schinziophyton rautanenii*.

Dead trees

Appendix 2 shows the number of dead trees in the Ncamangoro forest. Figure 5 below shows that the majority of the dead trees are in small diameter classes. Dead trees which was found in larger diameters is *Burkea Africana*.

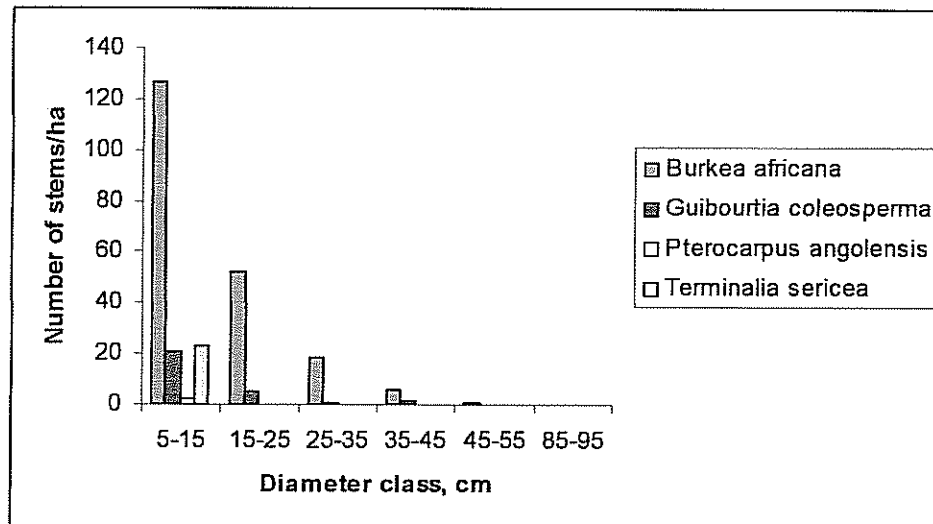


Figure 5: Dead wood diameter distribution for the main species

4.6 Regeneration and shrubs

Regeneration plays a critical role in the renewal and perpetuation of forest/woodland ecosystem. Good regeneration of trees means that there is continuously going to be a sufficient number of saplings growing into tree sizes, which in turns means later on trees entering into mature stage. Saplings are small specimen of species that are known to become trees, while shrubs are specimen that do not grow into trees.

Table 6 below shows the regeneration in terms of number of saplings per hectare by height classes and species. The table shows that there are about 1098 saplings per hectare in the area. About 32% of the saplings are *Burkea africana* – saplings. This indicates that *Burkea africana* trees are perhaps going to be even more dominating in the tree layer in the future than at present. Especially the regeneration of *Pterocarpus angolensis* is very poor (only 22 saplings/ha). The regeneration of *Pterocarpus angolensis* has to be improved in order to cut timber from this species.

Table 7 shows the number of seedlings for shrub species. There is an average of 765 shrubs per hectare in the shrub layer. *Baissea wulfhorstii* is dominating in the shrub layer with 434 shrubs per hectare, followed by *Bauhinia petersiana* with 307 shrubs per hectare.

Table 6: Number of tree seedlings per hectare by height classes

| Species | Height class, in cm | | | | | | | | Total | % of total |
|--|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| | 0-25 | 26-50 | 51-100 | 101-150 | 151-200 | 201-250 | 251-300 | 300+ | | |
| <i>Burkea africana</i> | 4 | 91 | 138 | 75 | 25 | 7 | 7 | 10 | 356 | 32 |
| <i>Combretum collinum</i> | 1 | 2 | 23 | 29 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 72 | 7 |
| <i>Combretum psidioides (psidioides)</i> | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 1 |
| <i>Dialium engleranum</i> | 4 | 16 | 55 | 43 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 136 | 12 |
| <i>Combretum zeyheri</i> | 0 | 7 | 13 | 14 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 48 | 4 |
| <i>Diplorhynchus condylocarpon</i> | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 26 | 2 |
| <i>Guibourtia coleosperma</i> | 0 | 1 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 19 | 2 |
| <i>Ochna pulchra</i> | 30 | 172 | 73 | 10 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 292 | 27 |
| <i>Ozoroa longipes</i> | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 |
| <i>Ozoroa paniculosa</i> | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 1 |
| <i>Pterocarpus angolensis</i> | 0 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 22 | 2 |
| <i>Schinziophyton rautanenii</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| <i>Securidaca longepedunculata</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Strychnos pungens</i> | 5 | 12 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 3 |
| <i>Terminalia sericea</i> | 0 | 13 | 15 | 18 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 63 | 6 |
| Total | 44 | 315 | 355 | 221 | 91 | 29 | 18 | 21 | 1098 | 100 |

Table 7: Number of shrubs per hectare by height classes

| Species | Height class, in cm | | | | | | | | Total | % of total |
|----------------------------|---------------------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|------------|
| | 0-25 | 26-50 | 51-100 | 101-150 | 151-200 | 201-250 | 251-300 | 300+ | | |
| <i>Baissea wulfhorstii</i> | 149 | 281 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 434 | 57 |
| <i>Baphia massaiensis</i> | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 1 |
| <i>Bauhinia petersiana</i> | 2 | 14 | 80 | 120 | 77 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 307 | 40 |
| <i>Grewia flava</i> | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 1 |
| <i>Grewia retinervis</i> | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 1 |
| Total | 151 | 300 | 86 | 125 | 81 | 17 | 1 | 0 | 765 | 100 |

4.7 Timber volumes and qualities

Timber volume or saw log volume means the volume of the part of the main trunk that has been regarded as sawable. In the field, the dbh and length of sawable trunk were recorded. Table 8 shows timber volumes and qualities of *Burkea africana*, *Guiboutia coleosperma* and *Pterocarpus angolensis*. It should be kept in mind that the table shows only log volumes for trees mature for harvesting, i.e. tree with a dbh more than 45 cm.

The quality classifications used in the inventory are as follows:

| | |
|----------------|---|
| Good quality | There is at least 2m long straight stems without damages |
| Medium quality | The stem is slightly curving or sweeping or having other damages but still having at least 2 m saw-able log |
| Poor quality | It is possible to find only 1.2-2m long meeting the minimum timber quality requirement |
| Not saw able | The log is not saw-able and will probably never develop saw-able quality |

The above classification was applied to all species. However, only the main species are discussed in this report. Table 8 below shows the timber quality of the main species with dbh > 45 cm. There is a considerable of 1717 stems of *Guibourtia coleosperma* and 1831 stems for *Pterocarpus angolensis* with good timber quality and 1379 stems for *Burkea africana*.

Table 8: Distribution of volume in timber quality classes (dbh ≥45 cm) for *Pterocarpus angolensis*, *Burkea Africana* and *Guibourtia coleosperma*

Pterocarpus angolensis

| Quality | Stems per ha | Total number of stems | Total log volume, m ³ | Average log volume, m ³ /ha |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Good timber quality | 0.14 | 3163 | 1669 | 0.08 |
| Medium timber quality | 0.03 | 575 | 162 | 0.01 |
| Not sawable | 0.01 | 288 | 0 | 0.00 |
| No code | 0.01 | 288 | 0 | 0.00 |
| total | 0.20 | 4314 | 1831 | 0.08 |

Burkea africana

| Quality | Stems per ha | Total number of stems | Total log volume, m ³ | Average log volume, m ³ /ha |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Good timber quality | 0.07 | 1438 | 1012 | 0.05 |
| Medium timber quality | 0.05 | 1150 | 367 | 0.02 |
| Not sawable | 0.09 | 2013 | 0 | 0.00 |
| No code | 0.03 | 575 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Total | 0.24 | 5176 | 1379 | 0.06 |

Guibourtia coleosperma

| Quality | Stems per ha | Total number of stems | Total log volume, m ³ | Average log volume, m ³ /ha |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Good timber quality | 0.05 | 1150 | 1632 | 0.07 |
| Medium timber quality | 0.03 | 575 | 185 | 0.01 |
| Not sawable | 0.34 | 7477 | 0 | 0.00 |
| No code | 0.03 | 575 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Total | 0.45 | 9777 | 1817 | 0.08 |

4.8 Damages to the woody vegetation

Damage to the woody vegetation was recorded only at stand level. In the damage assessment the damages were classified into 5 different classes; (1) no damage, (2) mild, (3) moderate, (4) serious and (5) fatal damage.

Table 9: Damaging agent and the severity of damage at stand level, in ha

| Damage agent | Severity of damage | | | | Total | % of total area |
|--------------|--------------------|-------|----------|---------|--------|-----------------|
| | No damage | Mild | Moderate | Serious | | |
| No damage | 3,415 | | | | 3,415 | 16 |
| Forest fire | | 6,667 | 3,578 | 3,984 | 14,229 | 65 |
| Mammals wild | | 650 | 407 | 976 | 2,033 | 9 |
| Human | | 2,195 | | | 2,195 | 10 |
| Total | 3,415 | 9,513 | 3,984 | 4,960 | 21,872 | 100 |

The table shows that the area seems to be severely affected by fire. On 65% of the total area with woody vegetation the cause of damage is fire. No damages were observed on 3,415 hectares. The signs of cutting were few in the area. Damages related to human activities means cutting here. Only 10% of damage of the total area was caused by human activities (See table 9 above).

4.9 Sampling error and confidence limits

Sources of error

In sampling based forest inventories, the following error sources are always present: sampling error, measurement error including coding error, errors in data processing and errors in models used for e.g. volume estimation.

Training

The Ncamangoro forest was inventoried by experienced NFI field staff and the field measurement errors can be expected to be very few. Field instructions were reviewed both in the office and in the field. In this work, specific attention was paid to guarantee good quality field data. Data processing programs have been carefully designed and double checked. Several cross checkings were done to find out possible errors and inconsistencies in the data. The data processing and analysis, as well as reports were double checked.

Sampling error and confidence limits for tree volume

The estimates for the standard errors of mean volumes were calculated using the formula applicable for random sampling. The sampling in Ncamangoro was done with systematic sampling. Generally, the formula for random sampling gives an overestimate of the sampling error for systematic sampling. Therefore, it is safe to use these estimates.

The sampling error percentage for the estimate of average tree volume per hectare of all species was 3%. The true average tree volume for all species lies between 29.9 m³/ha and 35.6 m³/ha with a probability of 95%.

5. INVENTORY COSTS

All inventories require financial inputs which are either direct or indirect costs. The design of the inventory determines the financial implications that will be incurred during the inventory activities on the ground. The inventory in Ncamangoro was carried out from August to September 2003. Altogether 1 field trip of 20 days in the field (700 km one way) were made using 3 cars. In the field, 4 ATVs were used for moving from one plot to another. The total cost of the inventory is about N\$ 20,300 which is N\$ 1.1 per hectare.

Table 10. Inventory costs

| Cost item | Units | Cost/unit, N\$ | Total cost, N\$ |
|-----------------------|----------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Inventory preparation | 1 week | | |
| Inventory equipment | | | 2,500 |
| Inventory field work | 7 people | N\$70 per person, per day | 9,800 |
| Fuel | | 3.69 | 7,000 |
| Data entry | 2 weeks | | |
| Data analysis | 4 weeks | | |
| Report writing | 3 weeks | | |
| Report printing | | | 1,000 |
| Total | | | 20,300 |

The inventory cost per hectare in Ncamangoro Community forest is N\$ 1.1. In Sikanjabuka, the cost per hectare was N\$ 17.40, which is the highest cost analyzed so far (Kamwi and Laamanen, 2002).

6. CONCLUSION

This inventory provides quantitative estimates of the present state of the forest in Ncamangoro Community Forest and indicates that the resources are still remarkable in terms of volume and stems per hectare.

The majority of people depend on the forest resources for fuel wood, fruits, grass for thatching and poles for homestead construction. Other plants are also used for nutrition and medicinal purposes. Domestic animals and game also depend on the forest resources for fodder and shelter. Hence, there is need to manage and maintain the forest bio-diversity of the area. The most common tree species found in Ncamangoro Community were *Burkea africana*, *Pterocarpus angolensis*, *Guibourtia coleosperma* and *Schinziophyton rautanenii*.

The most common damage to the woody vegetation is fire. The stand level classification indicates that, on 65% of the area there are visible signs of damages to trees caused by fires. Although the woody vegetation on a big part of the area shows signs of fire damage, surprisingly few trees are damaged, and the damage is usually mild.

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Appendix 1: Diameter distribution of the total number of stems for live trees (1000s)

| Species | 5-15 | 15-25 | 25-35 | 35-45 | 45-55 | 55-65 | 65-75 | 75-85 | 85-95 | 95-110 | 110-115 | total | % of total |
|--|-------------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|--------------|
| <i>Baikiaea plurijuga</i> | 3 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 3 | 0.1 |
| <i>Burkea africana</i> | 994 | 541 | 190 | 35 | 3 | 1 | | | | | | 1765 | 49.2 |
| <i>Combretum collinum</i> | 181 | 56 | 12 | 1 | 0 | | | | | | | 251 | 7.0 |
| <i>Combretum psidioides</i> (<i>psidioides</i>) | 28 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 29 | 0.8 |
| <i>Combretum zeyheri</i> | 44 | 11 | 1 | | | | | | | | | 56 | 1.6 |
| <i>Dialium engleranum</i> | 88 | 74 | 17 | 10 | 4 | 1 | | 1 | | | | 194 | 5.4 |
| <i>Diospyros mespiliformis</i> | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 0.0 |
| <i>Diplorhynchus condylocarpon</i> | 26 | | | | | | | | | | | 26 | 0.7 |
| <i>Guibourtia coleosperma</i> | 184 | 78 | 44 | 17 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 333 | 9.3 |
| <i>Ochna pulchra</i> | 67 | 24 | 1 | | | | | | | | | 93 | 2.6 |
| <i>Pterocarpus angolensis</i> | 241 | 147 | 42 | 19 | 4 | 0 | | | | | | 453 | 12.6 |
| <i>Schinziophyton rautanenii</i> | 16 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | | 33 | 0.9 |
| <i>Securidaca longepedunculata</i> | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | 5 | 0.1 |
| <i>Strychnos cocculoides</i> | 23 | 10 | | | | | | | | | | 34 | 0.9 |
| <i>Strychnos pungens</i> | 31 | 12 | | | | | | | | | | 43 | 1.2 |
| <i>Swartzia madagascariensis</i> | | 6 | 1 | | | | | | | | | 7 | 0.2 |
| <i>Terminalia sericea</i> | 163 | 78 | 17 | 1 | | | | | | | | 258 | 7.2 |
| Total | 2094 | 1048 | 330 | 85 | 16 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3584 | 100.0 |

Appendix 2: Diameter distribution of the total number of stems for dead trees (1000s)

| Species | 5-15 | 15-25 | 25-35 | 35-45 | 45-55 | 85-95 | Total | % of total |
|--|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|
| <i>Burkea africana</i> | 127 | 52 | 19 | 6 | 1 | | 204 | 64.2 |
| <i>Combretum collinum</i> | 3 | 3 | 1 | | | | 6 | 1.8 |
| <i>Combretum psidioides (psidioides)</i> | 10 | | | | | | 10 | 3.3 |
| <i>Combretum zeyheri</i> | 3 | | | | | | 3 | 0.8 |
| <i>Dialium engleranum</i> | 23 | 5 | 5 | 1 | | | 34 | 10.8 |
| <i>Diplorhynchus condylocarpon</i> | 3 | | | | | | 3 | 0.8 |
| <i>Guibourtia coleosperma</i> | 21 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 9.0 |
| <i>Ochna pulchra</i> | 3 | | | | | | 3 | 0.8 |
| <i>Pterocarpus angolensis</i> | 3 | | | | 0 | | 3 | 0.9 |
| <i>Strychnos pungens</i> | | 1 | | | | | 1 | 0.2 |
| <i>Terminalia sericea</i> | 23 | | | | | | 23 | 7.3 |
| total | 217 | 65 | 25 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 317 | 100.0 |

Appendix 3: Cluster coordinates for Ncamangoro community forest

| Clusters | longitude | Latitude | | | |
|----------|-----------|-----------|----|----------|-----------|
| 1 | 19.45448 | -18.23075 | 47 | 19.50773 | -18.19503 |
| 2 | 19.45826 | -18.23078 | 48 | 19.50789 | -18.17696 |
| 3 | 19.46204 | -18.23081 | 49 | 19.5109 | -18.26734 |
| 4 | 19.46582 | -18.23084 | 50 | 19.51106 | -18.24927 |
| 5 | 19.46961 | -18.23087 | 51 | 19.51121 | -18.2312 |
| 6 | 19.46976 | -18.2128 | 52 | 19.51136 | -18.21313 |
| 7 | 19.47323 | -18.24897 | 53 | 19.51152 | -18.19506 |
| 8 | 19.47339 | -18.2309 | 54 | 19.51167 | -18.17699 |
| 9 | 19.47355 | -18.21283 | 55 | 19.51468 | -18.26737 |
| 10 | 19.47701 | -18.249 | 56 | 19.51484 | -18.2493 |
| 11 | 19.47717 | -18.23093 | 57 | 19.51499 | -18.23123 |
| 12 | 19.47733 | -18.21286 | 58 | 19.51514 | -18.21316 |
| 13 | 19.48079 | -18.24903 | 59 | 19.5153 | -18.19509 |
| 14 | 19.48095 | -18.23096 | 60 | 19.51545 | -18.17702 |
| 15 | 19.48111 | -18.21289 | 61 | 19.51847 | -18.2674 |
| 16 | 19.48458 | -18.24906 | 62 | 19.51862 | -18.24933 |
| 17 | 19.48473 | -18.23099 | 63 | 19.51877 | -18.23126 |
| 18 | 19.48489 | -18.21292 | 64 | 19.51893 | -18.21319 |
| 19 | 19.48505 | -18.19485 | 65 | 19.51908 | -18.19512 |
| 20 | 19.48836 | -18.24909 | 66 | 19.51923 | -18.17705 |
| 21 | 19.48852 | -18.23102 | 67 | 19.52225 | -18.26743 |
| 22 | 19.48867 | -18.21295 | 68 | 19.5224 | -18.24936 |
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| 28 | 19.49592 | -18.24915 | 74 | 19.52619 | -18.24939 |
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| 32 | 19.49955 | -18.26725 | 78 | 19.52679 | -18.17711 |
| 33 | 19.49971 | -18.24918 | 79 | 19.52966 | -18.28556 |
| 34 | 19.49986 | -18.23111 | 80 | 19.52982 | -18.26749 |
| 35 | 19.50002 | -18.21304 | 81 | 19.52997 | -18.24942 |
| 36 | 19.50017 | -18.19497 | 82 | 19.53012 | -18.23135 |
| 37 | 19.50334 | -18.26728 | 83 | 19.53027 | -18.21328 |
| 38 | 19.50349 | -18.24921 | 84 | 19.53042 | -18.19521 |
| 39 | 19.50364 | -18.23114 | 85 | 19.53057 | -18.17713 |
| 40 | 19.5038 | -18.21307 | 86 | 19.53345 | -18.28559 |
| 41 | 19.50395 | -18.195 | 87 | 19.5336 | -18.26752 |
| 42 | 19.50411 | -18.17693 | 88 | 19.53375 | -18.24945 |
| 43 | 19.50712 | -18.26731 | 89 | 19.5339 | -18.23138 |
| 44 | 19.50727 | -18.24924 | 90 | 19.53405 | -18.21331 |
| 45 | 19.50743 | -18.23117 | 91 | 19.5342 | -18.19523 |
| 46 | 19.50758 | -18.2131 | 92 | 19.53436 | -18.17716 |

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| 93 | 19.53723 | -18.28562 | 138 | 19.56067 | -18.19543 |
| 94 | 19.53738 | -18.26755 | 139 | 19.56357 | -18.30389 |
| 92 | 19.53436 | -18.17716 | 140 | 19.56371 | -18.28582 |
| 93 | 19.53723 | -18.28562 | 141 | 19.56386 | -18.26775 |
| 94 | 19.53738 | -18.26755 | 142 | 19.56401 | -18.24968 |
| 95 | 19.53753 | -18.24948 | 143 | 19.56416 | -18.23161 |
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| 99 | 19.53814 | -18.17719 | 147 | 19.5675 | -18.28585 |
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| 101 | 19.54116 | -18.26758 | 149 | 19.56779 | -18.2497 |
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| 105 | 19.54177 | -18.19529 | 153 | 19.57113 | -18.30395 |
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| 115 | 19.54888 | -18.24956 | 163 | 19.57536 | -18.24976 |
| 116 | 19.54903 | -18.23149 | 164 | 19.57551 | -18.23169 |
| 117 | 19.54918 | -18.21342 | 165 | 19.57565 | -18.21362 |
| 118 | 19.54933 | -18.19535 | 166 | 19.5758 | -18.19555 |
| 119 | 19.55236 | -18.28573 | 167 | 19.5787 | -18.304 |
| 120 | 19.55251 | -18.26766 | 168 | 19.57885 | -18.28593 |
| 121 | 19.55266 | -18.24959 | 169 | 19.579 | -18.26786 |
| 122 | 19.55281 | -18.23152 | 170 | 19.57914 | -18.24979 |
| 123 | 19.55296 | -18.21345 | 171 | 19.57929 | -18.23172 |
| 124 | 19.55311 | -18.19538 | 172 | 19.57944 | -18.21365 |
| 125 | 19.556 | -18.30383 | 173 | 19.58234 | -18.3221 |
| 126 | 19.55615 | -18.28576 | 174 | 19.58248 | -18.30403 |
| 127 | 19.5563 | -18.26769 | 175 | 19.58263 | -18.28596 |
| 128 | 19.55645 | -18.24962 | 176 | 19.58278 | -18.26789 |
| 129 | 19.5566 | -18.23155 | 177 | 19.58292 | -18.24982 |
| 130 | 19.55674 | -18.21348 | 178 | 19.58307 | -18.23175 |
| 131 | 19.55689 | -18.19541 | 179 | 19.58322 | -18.21367 |
| 132 | 19.55978 | -18.30386 | 180 | 19.58612 | -18.32213 |
| 133 | 19.55993 | -18.28579 | 181 | 19.58627 | -18.30406 |
| 134 | 19.56008 | -18.26772 | 182 | 19.58641 | -18.28599 |
| 135 | 19.56023 | -18.24965 | 183 | 19.58656 | -18.26792 |
| 136 | 19.56038 | -18.23158 | 184 | 19.58671 | -18.24985 |
| 137 | 19.56053 | -18.21351 | 185 | 19.58685 | -18.23177 |

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| 186 | 19.587 | -18.2137 | 234 | 19.6164 | -18.32235 |
| 187 | 19.58991 | -18.32216 | 235 | 19.61654 | -18.30428 |
| 188 | 19.59005 | -18.30409 | 236 | 19.61668 | -18.28621 |
| 189 | 19.5902 | -18.28602 | 237 | 19.61683 | -18.26814 |
| 190 | 19.59034 | -18.26794 | 238 | 19.61697 | -18.25007 |
| 191 | 19.59049 | -18.24987 | 239 | 19.61711 | -18.23199 |
| 192 | 19.59064 | -18.2318 | 240 | 19.62018 | -18.32238 |
| 193 | 19.59078 | -18.21373 | 241 | 19.62032 | -18.30431 |
| 194 | 19.59369 | -18.32219 | 242 | 19.62047 | -18.28624 |
| 195 | 19.59384 | -18.30412 | 243 | 19.62061 | -18.26817 |
| 196 | 19.59398 | -18.28604 | 244 | 19.62075 | -18.25009 |
| 197 | 19.59413 | -18.26797 | 245 | 19.62089 | -18.23202 |
| 198 | 19.59427 | -18.2499 | 246 | 19.62396 | -18.32241 |
| 199 | 19.59442 | -18.23183 | 247 | 19.62411 | -18.30434 |
| 200 | 19.59456 | -18.21376 | 248 | 19.62425 | -18.28626 |
| 201 | 19.59747 | -18.32221 | 249 | 19.62439 | -18.26819 |
| 202 | 19.59762 | -18.30414 | 250 | 19.62453 | -18.25012 |
| 203 | 19.59777 | -18.28607 | 251 | 19.62468 | -18.23205 |
| 204 | 19.59791 | -18.268 | 252 | 19.62775 | -18.32243 |
| 205 | 19.59806 | -18.24993 | 253 | 19.62789 | -18.30436 |
| 206 | 19.5982 | -18.23186 | 254 | 19.62803 | -18.28629 |
| 207 | 19.59835 | -18.21379 | 255 | 19.62818 | -18.26822 |
| 208 | 19.60126 | -18.32224 | 256 | 19.62832 | -18.25015 |
| 209 | 19.6014 | -18.30417 | 257 | 19.62846 | -18.23208 |
| 210 | 19.60155 | -18.2861 | 258 | 19.63153 | -18.32246 |
| 211 | 19.60169 | -18.26803 | 259 | 19.63168 | -18.30439 |
| 212 | 19.60184 | -18.24996 | 260 | 19.63182 | -18.28632 |
| 213 | 19.60198 | -18.23189 | 261 | 19.63196 | -18.26825 |
| 214 | 19.60213 | -18.21381 | 262 | 19.6321 | -18.25018 |
| 215 | 19.60504 | -18.32227 | 263 | 19.63224 | -18.2321 |
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| 217 | 19.60533 | -18.28613 | 265 | 19.63546 | -18.30442 |
| 218 | 19.60548 | -18.26806 | 266 | 19.6356 | -18.28635 |
| 219 | 19.60562 | -18.24998 | 267 | 19.63574 | -18.26827 |
| 220 | 19.60577 | -18.23191 | 268 | 19.63588 | -18.2502 |
| 221 | 19.60591 | -18.21384 | 269 | 19.63602 | -18.23213 |
| 222 | 19.60883 | -18.3223 | | | |
| 223 | 19.60897 | -18.30423 | | | |
| 224 | 19.60912 | -18.28615 | | | |
| 225 | 19.60926 | -18.26808 | | | |
| 226 | 19.6094 | -18.25001 | | | |
| 227 | 19.60955 | -18.23194 | | | |
| 228 | 19.61261 | -18.32232 | | | |
| 229 | 19.61276 | -18.30425 | | | |
| 230 | 19.6129 | -18.28618 | | | |
| 231 | 19.61304 | -18.26811 | | | |
| 232 | 19.61319 | -18.25004 | | | |
| 233 | 19.61333 | -18.23197 | | | |

Appendix 4: List of Inventory reports by the Directorate of Forestry

Below is the list of resource reports produced by the Directorate of Forestry and the Namibia-Finland Forestry Programme. The reports are all available at the Directorate of Forestry.

Reports available are:

- Woody Resources of Western Tsumkwe (1997)
- Woody Resources of East and South Tsumkwe, Otjinene and Okakarara Districts (1997)
- Forest Inventory Report of Caprivi Region (1998)
- Forest Inventory Report on Nkurenkuru Concession Area (1998)
- Forest Inventory Report on Ongandjera Community Forest (1998)
- Forest Inventory Report on Uukwaludhi Community Forest (1999)
- Forest Inventory Report on Caprivi State Forestry (1999)
- Inventory of the Directorate of Forestry Eucalyptus Plantations in Kavango Region (1999)
- Inventory Report on the Woody Resources in the Omusati Region (2000)
- Inventory Report on the Woody Resources in the Oshana Region (2000)
- Inventory Report on the Woody Resources in the Okongo Community Forest (2000)
- Wood Resources Report of M'kata Pilot Forest Area (2001)
- Forest Inventory Report on Onankali Eucalyptus Plantation (2001)
- Woody Resources Report of Bukalo Pilot Forest Area (2001)
- Woody Resource Report of Oshikoto Region (2002)
- Forest Inventory report of Rehoboth Acacia Park (2002)
- Forest Inventory report of Otjituu Concession Forest (2002)
- Forest Inventory report of Uukolonkadhi Community Forest (2002)
- Forest Inventory report of Ncaute Community Forest (2003)
- Forest Inventory report of Kwando Conservancy Forest (2003)
- Forest Inventory report of Sikanjambuka Community Forest (2002)
- Forest Inventory report of Hans kanyinga Community Forest (2002)
- Forest Inventory report of Ohepi, Okolola and Oshaampula community forest (2002)
- Forest Inventory report of Mashare Concession Forest (2002)

