

Communication with I&APs, and Means of Consultation Employed

Regulation 21 of the EIA Regulations details the steps to be taken during a public consultation process and these have been used in guiding this process. Communication with I&APs with regards to the project was facilitated through the following means and in this order:

- A Background Information Document (BID) containing brief information about the project activities was compiled, uploaded on the MEFT (ECC) Portal for project registration and shared with registered stakeholders / Interested and Affected parties (I&APs).
- A Stakeholders (I&AP)'s List was developed and updated as new I&APs register for the EIA. The BID was shared with the pre-identified key stakeholders such as the Kunene Regional Council (Opuwo Rural Constituency), Orupupa Conservancy, and other stakeholders.
- Project EIA notices were published in the *New Era* and *Windhoek Observer* newspapers on the 15th & 22nd of October 2024- Appendix C.
- EIA notices were prepared for printing (posters) that were pasted at Ekoto Village Gathering Tree and Orupupa Conservancy Office. The photo of the poster in Ekoto Village is shown in Figure 1 and the original copy of the notice is attached hereto as Appendix D.

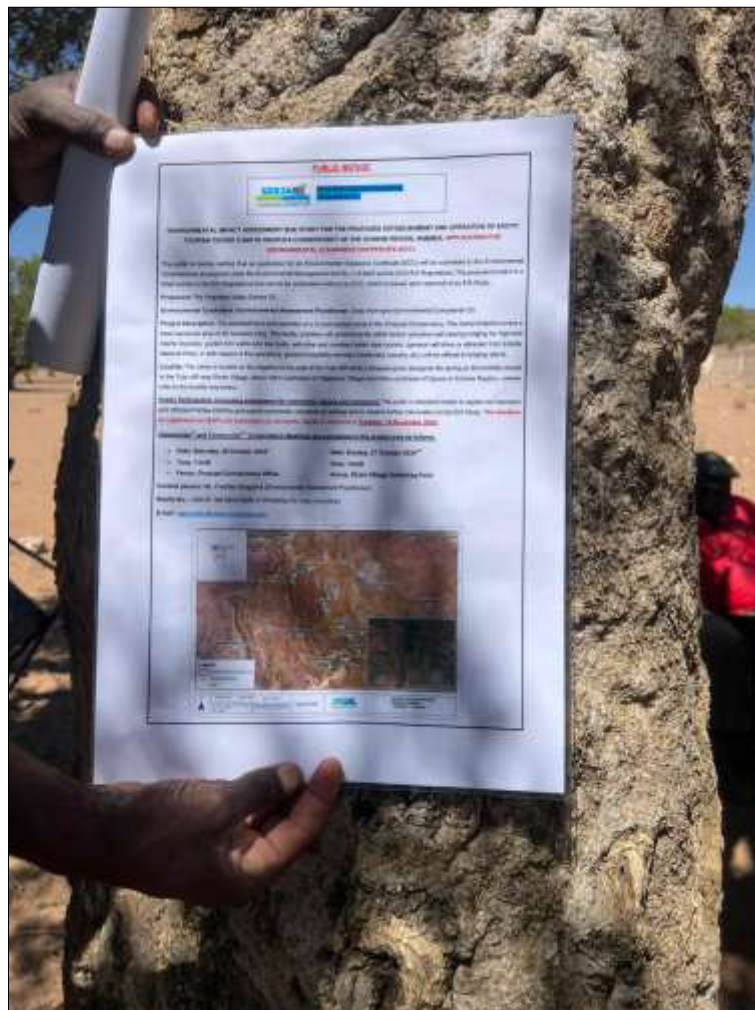


Figure 1: The EIA public notice posters at Ekoto Village

- Consultation meetings were scheduled and held with the stakeholders 26th of October 2024 at Omukaru Community camp and community at Ekoto Village on the 27th of October 2024 – Figure 2 and Figure 3, respectively. The stakeholder meeting was attended by nineteen (19) people and community by thirty-seven (37) people including two 2 Serja HGE Consultants and one Proponent representative. Minutes were taken from both meetings, and these are attached hereto as Appendix E.



Figure 2: Stakeholder consultation meeting at Omukaru Community camp in Okozonguehe Village



Figure 3: Community consultation meeting in progress at Ekoto Village

Feedback and Issues raised by the Stakeholders (I&APs)

There were no significant issues raised in the consultation meetings as the stakeholders and I&APs were in full support of the project and would like to see it being implemented as soon as possible. The consultation period ran from the 15th of October 2024 to the 19th of November 2024 to allow the submission of comments after the consultation meeting.

Concluding remark on the overall EIA Consultation process and feedback

Minor comments and concerns raised during the consultation period were not significant to object the proposed project. Stakeholders and I&APs would just like to see the project implemented, however, they did express their concern on the time taken at the MEFT to evaluate EIA documents and approve ECCs.

**APPENDIX C: COPY OF EIA
NOTIFICATIONS IN THE NEWSPAPERS
(*NEW ERA AND WINDHOEK OBSERVER*)**

Urgent application against Swapo fails

■ Roland Routh

Windhoek High Court Judge Eileen Rakow yesterday struck an urgent application lodged by a disgruntled Swapo member against the nomination of Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah as Swapo's presidential candidate, from the roll.

Reinhold Shipwikineni lodged the urgent application on Friday last week. He cited Swapo, NNN, as she is affectionately known, plus the members she appointed during the Electoral College as well as the chairperson of Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) and ECN.

Swapo and NNN opposed the application.

The judge struck off the matter with costs on the scale of one instructing and

one instructed counsel. Sisa Namandje represented Swapo and Nandi-Ndaitwah, on instructions of Gilroy Kasper.

They argued that the urgent application is out of date, and that Shipwikineni has a pending application in the High Court before Judge Thomas Masuku dealing with the same matter.

Shipwikineni, through his lawyer Titus Ipumbu, wants the High Court to set aside the decision of Swapo to postpone the extraordinary congress to decide on the nomination of its presidential candidate to April next year, after the elections slated for November this year.

They also want the court to set aside the nomination of Nandi-Ndaitwah and her appointment of the members indicated. The members are Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila; Efraim Nekongo; Indileni



Victory... The High Court has dismissed with costs an urgent application that sought an interdict to set aside the decision to nominate Vice President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah (NNN) as presidential candidate. Sisa Namandje represented Swapo and NNN, on instructions of Gilroy Kasper. Photo: Eba Kandovazu

Daniel; Alpheus !Naruseb; Ruth Masake; Elijah Ngurare; Linda Mbware; Dino Ballotti; Fennx Tutjavi and Veikko Nekundi.

In opposing the application, Swapo and Nandi-Ndaitwah

argued that Shipwikineni is abusing the court processes. They said he should have brought the application when he first became aware of the alleged breaches, and should not have chosen to approach the High Court in the normal course, as he did.

That application is pending, and is scheduled to be heard on 30 October. In any event, they stated, the case on merits is hopelessly flawed as the orders sought will have serious implications on democracy, and should have been made on satisfactory and clear bases, which is not the case.

Also, they said, because of his naivety and recklessness, Shipwikineni unduly delayed bringing the urgent application by at least a year. Judge Rakow did not provide reasons for her decision.

Neighbours committed to Orange River solution

SWAKOPMUND – Namibia and South Africa are considering the Report of the Joint Committee of Experts on the Orange River Boundary, focusing on enhancing bilateral cooperation.

The Political, Diplomatic, and Legal Committee of the Bi-National Commission of the two countries is meeting in Swakopmund this week, marking a significant step towards resolving the long-standing border issue between the two nations.

This committee meeting follows a direct mandate from Namibia and South Africa, issued after the third session of the Bi-National Commission held in Windhoek on 13 October 2023.

During this session, ministers were instructed to receive and review the expert report on the Orange River boundary, which has been awaiting consideration since its completion in 2017.

In his opening remarks, Namibia's Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Peya Mushelenga emphasised the two countries' shared commitment to working collaboratively on the Orange River boundary issue.

"Our presence here today reaffirms the commitment of both nations to resolve this issue for the benefit of current and

future generations. It further underscores our common resolve to address issues, of mutual concern and interest in accordance with the principles of good neighbourliness, transparency and mutual trust that continue to underpin the excellent state of bilateral relations and cooperation between our sister countries," he said.

South Africa's minister of international relations and cooperation Ronald Lamola called for stronger economic ties and collaboration between South Africa and Namibia, emphasising the need to maximise opportunities across multiple sectors.

"The Orange River is more than a geographic feature; it is a lifeline that sustains our people in this arid part of

the world. Shared by the two countries, the river symbolises both the natural beauty and unity of the region," he said.

The Joint Committee of Experts, established in 2016, comprises five members each from Namibia and South Africa.

The experts were tasked with making recommendations regarding the Orange River boundary, a critical geographic and political issue for both nations. Despite completing their report in 2017, the document's formal review has been delayed.

-Nampa

NamRA urges public to report tax-dodging companies

OMUTHIYA - The Namibia Revenue Agency has urged taxpayers to report companies which do not pay tax so that they can investigate and take action against them.

The request was made by NamRA facilitator Simson Shivolo during the small and medium enterprises (SMEs) stakeholders' meeting held at Omuthiya on Wednesday.

He made the statement after the deputy director of the planning division in the Oshikoto Regional Council, Priscilla Lyakwata, enquired about some foreign nationals allegedly operating businesses in Namibia without paying tax. Shivolo, however, cautioned against false allegations, saying companies' tax affairs

ultimately remain confidential.

He further urged taxpayers to utilise the Integrated Tax Administration System (ITAS), as he said it helps to improve service delivery to them.

He noted that the self-service facility is convenient and operates 24 hours, seven days a week. Shivolo also encouraged the community to pay tax as it helps to support the government in generating revenue, social development programmes, and infrastructure development.

The aim of the meeting was to strengthen the relationship between SMEs and NamRA by emphasising the importance of taxpayer compliance, and offering support to enhance business operations.

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What is the cut-off age for securing a home loan? Experts weigh in

Homeownership can be significantly impacted by age, as it affects your ability to secure a home loan, according to Adrian Goslett, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of RE/MAX of Southern Africa.

Goslett states that lenders often use retirement age as a guideline, meaning the closer you are to retirement, the shorter the loan period offered.

The real estate expert noted that banks factor in a possible reduction in income post-retirement.

“An ideal scenario for most banks is to ensure that the loan is fully repaid by the time the borrower turns 75, meaning that your last chance to secure a twenty-year loan is probably around the age of 55,” Goslett explained.

He said that younger buyers typically have the advantage of longer repayment terms, which makes their monthly repayment amounts slightly more manageable.

“In contrast, older buyers, especially those nearing retirement, may face shorter loan terms, for example, 10 years instead of 20 years due to the reduced earning window. This will push up the monthly repayments and can end up affecting how much they can qualify for in-home finance,” Goslett said.

You are not excluded if you are older

Goslett said that if you belong to an older age group, do not feel despondent, this doesn’t mean older buyers are excluded from securing a home loan.

Banks could offer tailored solutions for older buyers. This may include a load agreement that has shorter loan terms or may require a higher deposit. This will help mitigate the increased risk.

Goslett also added that older applicants with strong financial positions, such as substantial savings, and significant deposits can improve their chances of securing a bond with South African banks.

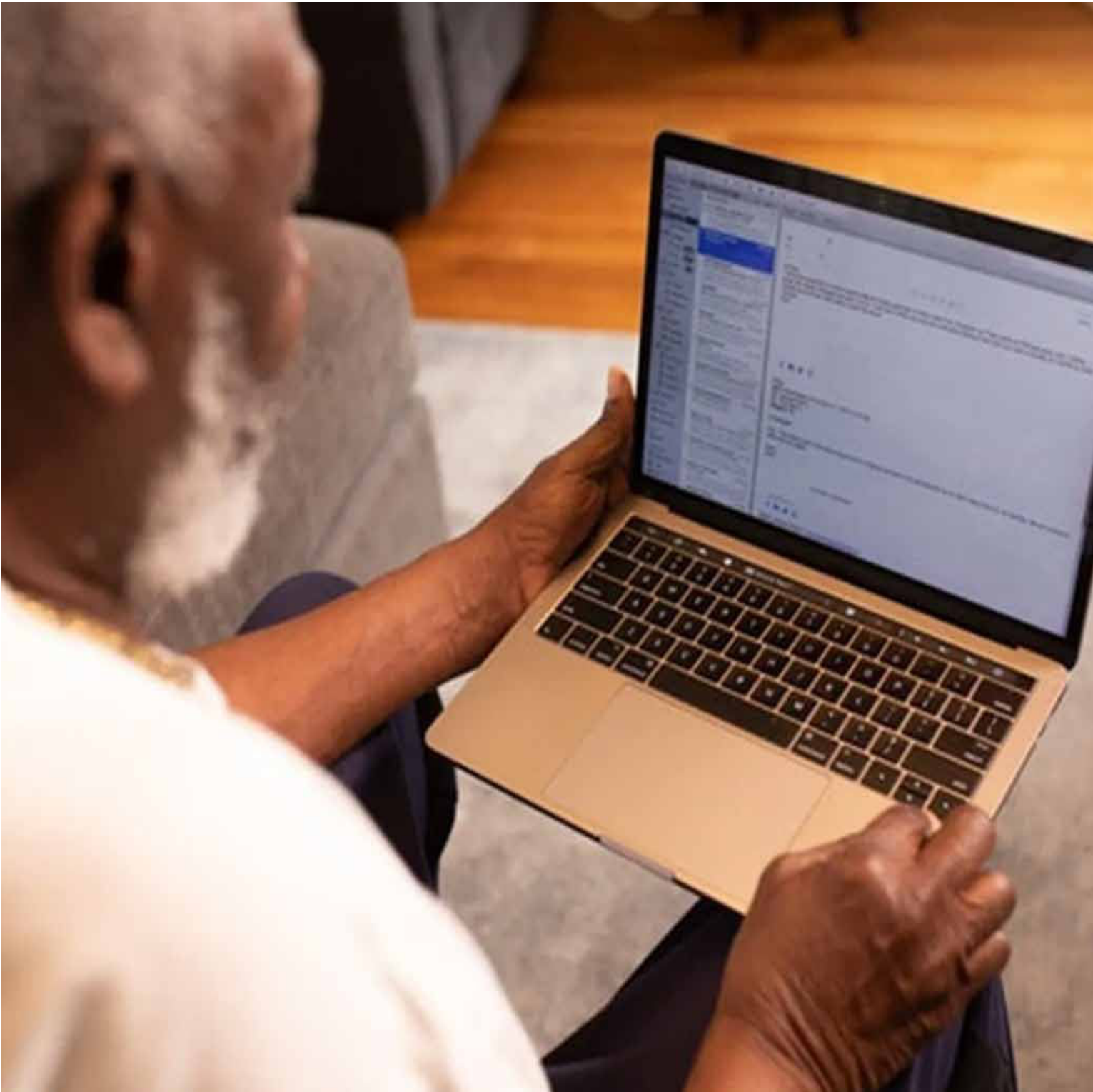
Speed is key!

The best thing you can do is getting on the property market as soon as possible.

“Entering the property market as early as possible allows buyers to take advantage of house price appreciation over time. By starting sooner, you can build equity and climb the property ladder with less reliance on home financing in the future,” Goslett emphasised.

“As property values increase, homeowners can leverage that growth to upgrade or diversify their property portfolio, putting them in a stronger financial position,” he added. Where to buy?

For South Africans looking to purchase their first home, the Western Cape provides an opportunity for those a bit older and those wanting a return on investment. Recent data shows that property sales in small towns in the Western Cape are booming as more and more people are looking to move to smaller coastal areas. Property 24



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How to ensure your home is protected, come rain or shine

The weather around the country has delivered unexpected results this spring so far, from freezing cold temperatures to incredibly hot days.

However, we know that the warmer months are approaching. It's easy to overlook essential home maintenance tasks that are crucial for protecting your property and ensuring adequate insurance coverage - whether you're dealing with leaks, wear and tear, or preparing your roof for all-weather circumstances, staying proactive and vigilant is key.

Karen Rimmer, Head of Distribution at PSG Insure shares some expert tips to help you maintain a secure and well-insured home all year round:

Maintain outdoor spaces

With gardens being impacted by drought in some regions, it's crucial to maintain your sprinkler system to avoid costly damage. Regularly check for leaks or malfunctions, and to ensure that your outdoor furniture and structures are properly maintained.

Encourage water awareness by informing your neighbour about any issues with their taps or water tanks near your property. Maintaining good relations with neighbours and staying proactive in property upkeep can help prevent potential insurance complications during third-party claims.

Additionally, keep an eye out for fire hazards such as dead shrubs or trees that need to be trimmed back, especially during warmer weather. The summer months, which are just around the corner, can be a time when strong winds arise in some parts of the country, so it's important to get ahead of any potential hazards.

Support your roof for year-round protection

While the roof often goes unnoticed during general home maintenance, it plays a critical role in shielding your home from the elements. Prioritise having a specialist assess the age and condition of your roof to identify any areas of concern. Regular inspections can help detect signs of deterioration early and prevent costly damage. Keep your gutters clear to avoid blockages and ensure that all components are securely fastened to prevent damage during spring or summer storms. Checking for cracked tiles, loose sheeting and deteriorating timber can help maintain the structural integrity of your roof and prevent leaks.

Take a closer look inside

Water leaks in your home can lead to significant damage if left unchecked, making it essential to address these promptly. By scheduling a thorough inspection with a trusted plumber, you can identify and resolve any hidden leaks in your bathroom or kitchen. Look out for warning signs such as mould, condensation, or damaged flooring, and seek professional assistance if needed. Regular maintenance tasks like repairing tiles, clearing drains and resealing areas can help prevent leaks and ensure your home stays protected.

It's also significantly easier to repair these kinds of issues when it's warmer, so that repairs will dry faster.



This also means you won't get caught out next year when the cold weather returns.

Update your insurance policy for peace of mind

Your insurance policy should accurately reflect the replacement value of your property as well as any special indoor features, including pricey tiling. This is essential for comprehensive cover.

As the end of the year draws closer, remember to note recurring maintenance tasks on your calendar to ensure they are not overlooked. For example, include your geyser and garden taps on your checklist. Regular upkeep not only protects your property but also saves you time, stress and money in the long run.

In a article published on 3 Sep 2020, Regional Director and CEO of RE/MAX of Southern Africa, Adrian Goslett, explains the importance of

knowing exactly what your insurance covers.

If you've done some renovations or improvements, here's what you should check when it comes to your home insurance policy. To start with, it's important that homeowners understand the two different types of home insurance:

Buildings insurance.

As the name suggests, this covers the structure of your home and its outbuildings, and their permanent fittings, against fire, damage and theft. If you own a house, make 100% sure you have buildings insurance. Regardless of whether you have a bond or not.

Home contents insurance.

This covers your stuff. If you could turn your house upside down and shake it, what falls out is home contents – clothes, furniture, TV, wine

glasses, the lot. A lot of people don't have home contents insurance.

Do a post-reno buildings insurance review

If you've got a bond, it's compulsory to have buildings insurance. This is usually taken care of by your bank, and the premium is 'hidden' in your monthly bond repayment. But you're not obliged to accept your bank's quote, and it's possible you'll get a cheaper premium from the insurer that covers the rest of your valuables. So do shop around!

Insure for replacement value, not market value

A building's insured value isn't its market value. Buildings insurance should cover what it would cost to rebuild your property from the foundations up, including your boundary walls, solar panels, swimming pool, taps and tiles. It should even include what you would

need to pay in a worst case scenario, like demolition charges and waste removal, and the professional and municipal fees that are part of the building process.

Review your home contents coverage

If you've built onto your home, and filled the new extension with brand-new furniture and appliances, this is a great time to update your home contents insurance as well. As with buildings insurance, the key is to make sure you cover your home contents for their current replacement value – don't guess. And remember, insurers can only protect what they know about. It helps to keep the original receipts for items like big screen TVs, so that you can prove their value if you need to claim. To help you assess your home contents correctly, here's a handy home contents inventory. *-property 24*

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Ondjila yopokati kOkatana Service nomatala yi li pokupwa

■ Victoria Immanuel

OSHAKATI- Elelo lyondoolopalyOshakati olya kwashilipaleke kutya mboka taya ka telela po konooli momwedhi tagu ya, otaya adha ondjila ndyoka tayi longwa okuza pOkatana service okuya kOmatala gaShakati ya pwa okulongwa.

Ondjila ndjoka ya taakana epandaanda enene lyOndoolopa yaShakati oya ninga esiku tayi longwa, namayola gwondoolopa yOshakati Leonard Hango okwa ti iilonga mbyoka oyi li oopelesenta 90% okukala ya pwa.

“Mboka ye na iilonga mbyoka otaya longo nuudhiginigini noya kwashilipaleke kutya sho omasiku gomatango omanene taga ka adhathana, nondjila ndjoka oya pwa okulongwa,” ta popi ngaaka.

Ta fatulula kutya ondjila ndjoka oya longwa nelalakano lyokutopola oondjila opo kaadhi kale dha thinana okuya komatungo omanene goositola Game osho wo Etango.

Ta ti, oshigwana ohashi longitha ondjila yimwe ayike ndjoka hayi kala yi na omukweyo gwiihauto omuleeleka, uunene pethimbo lyomwedhi gwa sa osho wo ethimbo lyomatango omanene.

“Ondjilandyikaoyimweyoomopreyeka twa longo nuumvo, notu uvite uuntsa sho tatu gwanithile po oshigwana shetu shoka tatu shi uvanekele,” ta popi ngaaka.

Hango ta ti, elalakano okuhumitha komeho ondoolopa yawo yaShakati, oku



Ondjila... Mayola gwondoolopa yOshakati Leonard Hango.
Efano: Victoria Immanuel

yi tula po nkatu mpoka ye yi halela.

Ta gwedha po kutya elelo lyondoolopa otali tsikile okulonga nuudhiginigini opo ondoolopa yaShakati yi kale yi ikalekelwa momalelo goondoolopaadhihe moshilongo.

Elelo lyondoolopa lyOshakati natango otali tseyithile aakalimo kutya ondjila ndjoka yuuka kOshakati Dry Cleaner otayi kala ya pata Olyomakaya nOsoondaha yomasiku 16 sigo 17 sho taku ka longwa elambo lyonyata lyehala lyomayinyanyudho tali ithanwa Oshakati Recreational Park.

Okwa kumagidhwa aahingi yiihauto ya

simaneke omandhindhiliko gomoondjila momundhingoloko moka omanga aayendanandjila ya kumagidhwa ya longithe oondjila dhokooha.

Kakele koondjila dhomoShakati, uuministeli womidhingoloko owa tseyitha etengenekothaneko okutula mEtosha oopate dhooteya, nonando ngashingeyi oyeli metifa lyokuopaleka oondjila dhoka.

Omugandjigwomauyelelemuuministeli womidhingoloko, iihwa nomapashiyono Romeo Muyunda okwa ti otaya longo oondjila ndhoka mEtosha sho ya mono omanyenyeto taga indjipala kutya aatalelipo mEtosha otaya nyenyeta iihauto

yawo tayi sasuka po koondjila oshoka kadhi li monkalo ombwaanawa.

“Shika osha talika ko onguupyakandhi uunene, tau pumbwa okukandulwa po meendelelo. Uuministeli owa kutha omambakumbaku gatatu ngoka taga opaleke oondjila ndhoka,” ta ti ngaaka.

Ta fatulula kutya oshoka okoopaleka hoka ohaku kala po ashike ethimbo eshona oye na edhiladhilo lyokweeta oteya mEtosha,” ta fatulula ngaaka.

Romeo okwa ti, oondjila ndhoka otadhi kala dha pwa okulongwa miiwike iyali ya taalelwa opo aatalelipo taye keya pethimo lyefudho oondjila odhi li monkalo yili nawa.

Ta ti oondjila ndhoka tadhi ka longwa ongaashi okuza kOkaukuejo okuya koHalali oshowo okuza kOnamutuni okuya koKing Nehale.

“Otwa inekela kutya oondjila ndhoka ngele dha pu okulongwa otadhi ka hwepopaleka onkalo notadhi ka hila wo aatelelipo oshoka uupyakadhi owa kandulwa po,” ta ti ngaaka.

Ta kumagidha kutya, omanga oondjila dhoka tadhi longwa oshigwana otashi kumagidhwa shi longithe ondjila okuza kOkaukuejo okuya koHalali okupitila koGemsbokvlakte, Olifantsbad osho wo Aus oshoka hoka ondjila oyi li hwepo.

Romeo okwa popi kutya ehala lyomatalepo olya pumbwa okukala lyi na omayakulo geli nawa opolyi hile aatalelipo. -vkaapanda@nepc.com.na

Enota nali tegelele manga

...Omvula oya dhenga nawa poho omata

■ Victoria Immanuel

UUVUDHIYA - Aanafaalama yiimuna oyendji ngashingeyi otaya lala taya mbonyoka sho konyala onooli ayihe ya ningi esiku tayi lokwa, niishana miitopolwa yokonooli oyi na omeya gomvula.

Oshiwike sha zi ko sigo opetameko lyoshiwike shika, Shiyenga shaNangombe kakwa li e ga dhenga pevi ngaashi aanafaalama ya li ya hala.

Omvula oya loko hwepo okuza oshiwike sha zi ko onkene iishana nomithima odhi na omeya. Kundana sho a yi moonkundathana naanafalama oyendji otaya ulike ye na enyanyu, taya tanga nokupandula omvula sho ya loko.

Sam Shivolo gwomomukunda Omulunga moshikandjohogololo

Uuvudhiya okwa ti nonando omata ngoka ga loko hago naana, ugu udhika iishana. “Itatu ende we iinano oku ka nwetha, oshoka iishana oyi na omeya,” ta popi ngaaka. Ta ti, nonando omvula ohayi vulu okweetelela omauwinayi galwe ngaashi oombadhi dha nika oshiponga, nuumvo omvula oye yi pumbwa noonkondo.

Ta gwedha po ta ti iimuna otayi monika nawa komalutu.

Joseph Shiningayamwe Ehafo Lyakandenge okwa ti, oongombe ohadhi pandula mbala, omata ngoka ga dhenge pevi omasiku ga yi oga eta elunduluko komalutu giimuna.

“Omeya oga talama miishana, onkene otatu pandula lela,” ta pandula ngaaka.

Ta ti, iikogo oya ningi esiku tayi gandja omukumo, onkene natango

otayi ulike nawa shoka anuwa tashi ya pe omukumo kutya nuumvo omvula otashi vulika yi ete po elunduluko, yo yi kandule po oshikukuta. Kansela gwoshitopolwa shUuvudhiya Timoteus Shivute, moonkundatha naKundana okwa ti, omadhiladhilo guumbanda okukanitha iimuna yawo omolwondjala ngashingeyi oga kana mo, omolwomuloka ya mono.

“Omata ngoka otaga ulike kutya otwa tegelela omvula natango tayi ya. Omvula itayi vulu okuloka ashike ngaaka ee tayi mwena,” ta popi ngaaka.

Shivute ta ti, ngele omvula oya loko natango momasiku tage ya, kape na gumwe ta ka hehela mukwawo.

Hilma Shikoyeni gomomukunda Omapopo okwa ti, omvula ndjoka ya loko oya eta omukumo nomaanafaalama yomomapy. Shikoyeni ta ti evi ngashiingeyi olya nyuta nawa, nota longekidha nale okupululitha epya lye opo iilonga yetemo yi tameke kuye.

Ta ti, omimvo dha piti, oya kala haya thiki mokili ye na iilya momapy.

“Nuumvo onda hala okulima iilya nomakunde, osho wo oofukwa dhandje odhindji, opo ndi vule oku ka landitha omvula tayi ya, ndi mone wo oshimaliwa shokulanda omboloto,” ta ti ngaaka.

Shikoyeni okwa kumagidha aanafaalama aakwawo, ya galikanene pamwe opo ya mone

omuloka omwaanawa nuumvo ya vule okulonga nawa momapy gawo.

Aanawino yonkalo yombepo moshilongo oya pititha kutya omvula otayi tsikile okuloka monooli momasiku ga taalelwa osho wo kiitopolwa yilwe yoshilongo.

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PUBLIC NOTICE: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) STUDY FOR THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF EKOTO TOURISM TENTED CAMP IN ORUPUPA CONSERVANCY, KUNENE REGION, NAMIBIA

The public is hereby notified that an application for an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) will be submitted to the Environmental Commissioner as required under the Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 and its 2012 EIA Regulations. The proposed project is a listed activity in the EIA Regulations that cannot be undertaken without an ECC, which is issued upon approval of an EIA Study.

The Proponent: The Forgotten Valley Camps CC

Appointed Environmental Consultant: Serja Hydrogeo-Environmental Consultants CC

Project Description: The establishment and operation of a 5-room (tents) lodge in the Orupupa Conservancy, covering a head leasehold area of 50 hectares (Ha). The facility activities will predominantly entail tented upmarket self-catering accommodation / lodging for high-end clients (tourists), guided bird walks and day trails, self-drive and overland safari type tourists, (general self-drive or attracted from Etosha National Park). In the later stages of the Lodge operations, general hospitality services (restaurant, laundry, etc.) will be offered the lodging clients.

Locality: The Lodge is located on the ridgeline to the east of the Tufa cliff within a Mopane grove alongside the spring on the foothills closest to the Tufa cliff near Ekoto Village, about 15km southwest of Otjetjekua Village and 85km southeast of Opuwo in Kunene Region.

The public is therefore invited to register as Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and submit comments, concerns (in writing) and or receive further information on the EIA Study. The deadline for registration as I&APs and submission of comments, issues or concerns is **Tuesday, 19 November 2024.**

Please note that a public consultation meeting are scheduled in the site area towards the end of October 2024. The meeting details will be communicated to all registered I&APs:

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Omvula... Okandombe ku udha omeya sho omvula ya loko nawa mehuliloshiwiwe.
Efano: Victoria Immanuel

**APPENDIX D: COPY COPIES OF THE EIA
NOTIFICATION POSTERS PLACED IN THE
PROJECT AREA**

PUBLIC NOTICE



**Serja Hydrogeo-Environmental
Consultants CC**

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) STUDY FOR THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF EKOTO TOURISM TENTED CAMP IN ORUPUPA CONSERVANCY OF THE KUNENE REGION, NAMIBIA: **APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE (ECC)**

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Proponent: The Forgotten Valley Camps CC

Environmental Consultant / Environmental Assessment Practitioner: Serja Hydrogeo-Environmental Consultants CC

Project Description: The establishment and operation of a 5-room tented camp in the Orupupa Conservancy. The Camp footprint covers a head leasehold area of 50 hectares (Ha). The facility activities will predominantly entail tented upmarket self-catering lodging for high-end clients (tourists), guided bird walks and day trails, self-drive and overland safari type tourists, (general self-drive or attracted from Etosha National Park). In later stages of the operations, general hospitality services (restaurant, laundry, etc.) will be offered to lodging clients.

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Public Participation (including submission for comments, issues and concerns): The public is therefore invited to register as Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and submit comments, concerns (in writing) and or receive further information on the EIA Study. **The deadline for registration as I&APs and submission of comments, issues or concerns is Tuesday, 19 November 2024.**

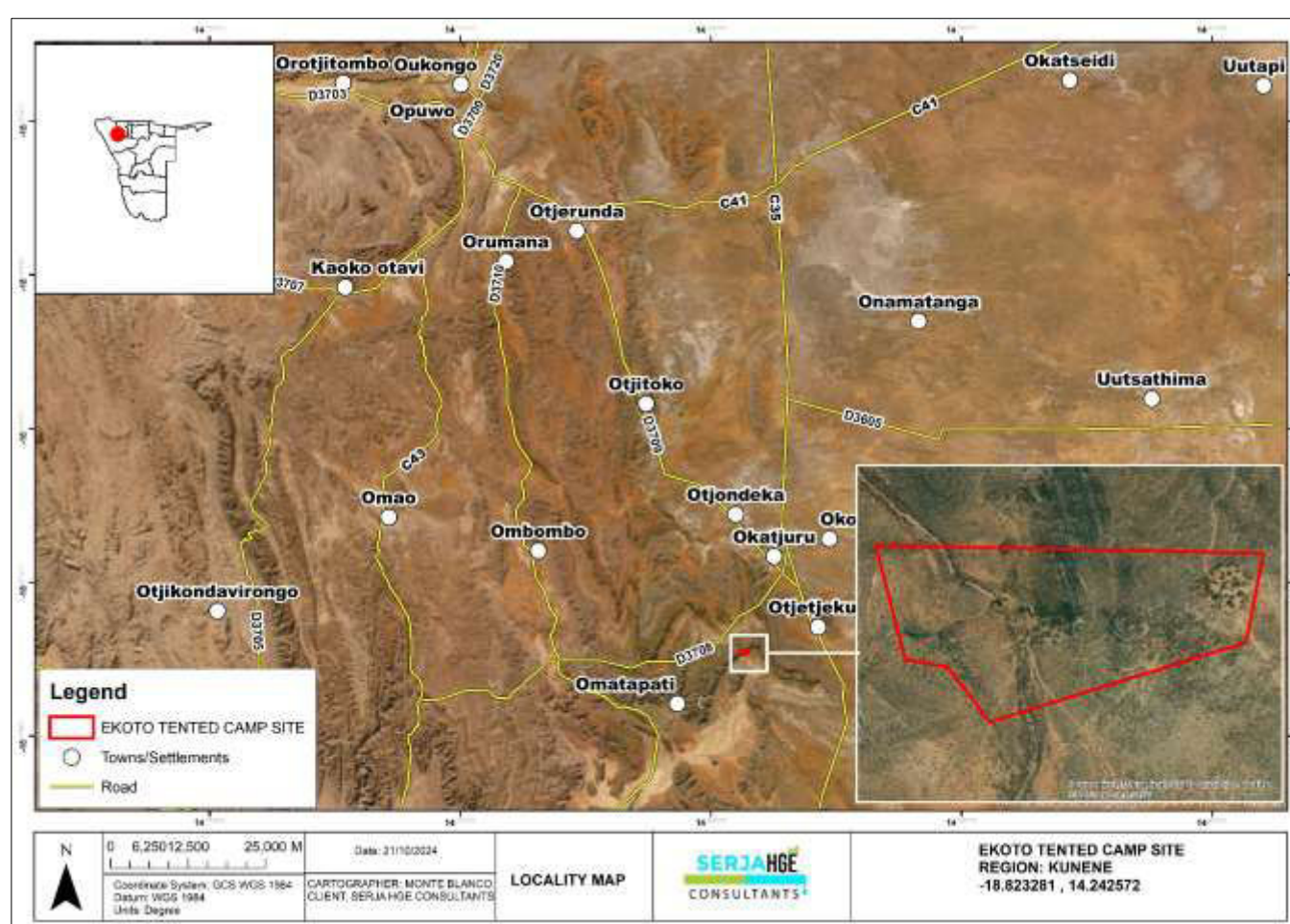
Stakeholder* and Community Consultation Meetings are scheduled in the project area as follows:**

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| • Date: Saturday, 26 October 2024* | Date: Sunday, 27 October 2024** |
| • Time: 11h00 | Time: 11h00 |
| • Venue: Orupupa Conservancy Office | Venue: Ekoto Village Gathering Point |

Contact person: Ms. Fredrika Shagama (Environmental Assessment Practitioner)

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**APPENDIX E: MINUTES FROM
CONSULTATION MEETINGS WITH
STAKEHOLDERS / INTERESTED &
AFFECTED PARTIES**

Date: 26 October 2024

Minutes Meeting from the Stakeholders' Meeting

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study - Proposed Establishment and Operation of Ekoto Tented Camp in Orupupa Conservancy, Kunene Region, Namibia

Date: Saturday, 26 October 2024

Time: 10h45 (AM) to 12h00 (PM)

Venue: Omukaru Community Campsite, Okozonguehe Village in the Kunene Region

Project Proponent: The Forgotten Valley Camps CC

Meeting Attendance

The meeting was attended by nineteen (19) people, comprising two Environmental Assessment Practitioners (EAPs) from Serja Hydrogeo-Environmental Consultants CC (Serja HGE Consultants), and representatives from the Orupupa Conservancy, Women in Conservation (Kunene) and three local Traditional Authorities (Okozonguehe, Tjahura and Turitjo Traditional Authorities). The signed attendance register is attached at the end of the minutes. The photo below shows the consultation meeting in progress at the Omukaru Community Campsite in Okozonguehe Village.



Consultation meeting in progress with stakeholders on the 26th of October 2024, Okozonguehe Village

1. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING

Mr. Brian Kanambunga (Chairperson of the Orupupa Conservancy) opened the meeting and thanked all in attendance. An opening prayer was done by Mr. Richard Zaako (a Senior Traditional Authority Councillor) who also welcomed all attendees to the meeting. After welcoming remarks, Mr. Kanambunga requested every attendee to introduce themselves and handed over the chair to Serja Consultants to present the meeting agenda. The agenda is based on the requirements of the 2012 EIA Regulations: Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 on Public Consultation's Section 21 to 24.

Ms. Fredrika Shagama (Environmental Assessment Practitioner) from Serja Consultants distributed copies of the Background Information Document (BID) for self-reading and follow throughout the meeting proceedings. An attendance register was circulated to the attendees to sign and to be added to the stakeholders' list as part of the EIA process. Due to the fact that there were some elders who were not fully fluent in English, Mr. Kanambunga translated meeting points from English to Otjiherero and vice versa throughout the meeting.

2. MEETING AGENDA AND PRESENTATION

The meeting agenda was presented by Ms. Shagama and Mr. Stefanus Johannes which included the following key points:

2.1 Explanation of what an EIA is, its Process and the Stakeholder/Public Role in the Process

Ms. Shagama explained that the EIA process is done in compliance with the EMA, as the proposed camp and associated activities are listed activities in the EIA Regulations that cannot be undertaken without obtaining an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) from the Environmental Commissioner. The ECC application is subject to an EIA process from which a Scoping Report and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) are compiled for the proposed projects activities. The EIA process requires that consultation meetings are held with the stakeholders or interested and affected community members (parties) where the project activities would be undertaken.

2.2 Brief Description of the Project

A brief description of the planned project activities was presented by Ms. Shagama as per the provided BID copies.

2.3 Presentation of Potential Project Impacts

To ensure transparency and that the attendees understand both sides of the proposed project activities, Ms. Shagama also presented the potential pre-identified negative environmental impacts anticipated from the proposed project in addition to the obvious expected benefits (positive impacts) of the project.

2.4 Public Open Discussion (Interactive Session)

The meeting attendees were provided with an opportunity to ask questions and/or raise concerns or add suggestions with regards to the proposed project activities so that these can be incorporated into the meeting minutes and used as basis for the compilation of the Scoping Report and EMP. The key comments and issues made in the meeting were recorded and noted for consideration and inclusion in the Scoping Report. These issues and comments are presented in Table 1.

Table 1: Inputs (comments, suggestions and questions) received during the stakeholder consultation Meeting on the 26th of October 2024 in Okozonguehe Village, Kunene Region





No.	Name of the speaker/commenter	Comment/Issue/Suggestion	Response provided by:
1.	Mr. Richard K Zaako	After the EIA is done, how long would it take for the construction of the camp? We have been waiting for long now and we really need this project to kick off	<p>Ms. Fredrika Shagama: This noted. On the question of how long the evaluation of the EIA documents will take, this will depend on the load of other projects that the Ministry of Environment, Forestry & Tourism (MEFT) is reviewing/ evaluating by the time we submit this project's EIA documents.</p> <p>The evaluation process may take 2 to 3 months (or less) before the ECC is issued. After this, the Proponent can start with the construction. Some projects may take longer to review but we do not foresee this one taking long because it is straight forward and key stakeholders like yourselves are in support of it.</p>
2.	Ms. Magdalena Hungua	This project is simple. Why would MEFT take months to evaluate it?	<p>Ms. Fredrika Shagama: The process takes long because MEFT evaluates a lot of EIAs for other projects that falls under the listed activities in the EIA Regulations, ranging from new project ECC applications to renewals of expired ECCs. These all go through this evaluation channel. However, some projects such as mining related projects may take longer (from 6 months even or more) to get ECC approvals. Some projects like this for a tented camp might not take that long, for instance a collective support letter from the stakeholders may greatly aid in the evaluation for the project to be environmentally cleared/approved in a short period.</p>
3.	Mr. Kapukatua Kuvare	Will there be a presentation on the findings of the EIA process?	<p>Ms. Fredrika Shagama: In some cases where the project is controversial or not well accepted by stakeholders and community due to certain reasons, a feedback meeting would be appreciated and or necessary before submitting the EIA documents to the MEFT. However, in this case, there will no other meeting for feedback, but we will share with you the EIA Scoping Report and EMP that contain the EIA findings including minutes of this meeting and community meeting tomorrow.</p>
4.	Ms. Fredrika Shagama	A question to all, especially representatives from the Traditional Authorities (TAs), how many TAs are covered by the Orupupa Conservancy?	<p>Mr. Brian Kanambunga (after confirming with present TA members): There is Okozonguehe TA that is hosting the Ekoto, where the project site is, there is Tjahura TA and then Turitjo TA. We will also try to mobilize the stakeholders (including the</p>




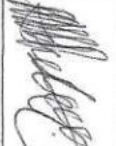



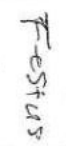

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			TAs) to compile their support letter for the project, scan it and send it through our office.
5.	Mr. Chris Uarira	I would like to say that, 3 months is a very long time for MEFT to finish evaluating EIA documents. Can they not take less than that?	Ms. Fredrika Shagama: This is well noted. As we responded to Ms. Hungua before, MEFT evaluates many EIAs submitted before and if they do not have a lot of documents or project EIAs to review, they can actually take less time. 3 months period is an average time for evaluation but sometimes they take less time. It really depends on the project type, magnitude of issues or comments (if any) raised during the stakeholder and community consultation meetings.
<p>There were no further questions or comments/concerns.</p> <p>Ms. Shagama thanked everyone for attending the meeting and contributions thereto. She informed the attendees that meeting minutes will be incorporated into and appended to the Scoping Report that will be submitted to the MEFT for evaluation and consideration of the ECC. Copies of the Report and EMP will also be shared through the provided email addresses.</p> <p>The meeting was close off with a Prayer by Chief Zaako and the Chairperson concluded the meeting.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 12h00 (midday).</p>			

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION MEETING ATTENDANCE REGISTER

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Project Proponent: THE FORGOTTEN VALLEY CANS CC
Date & Time: 26 SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER 2024
Venue: OMUKARU - COMMUNITY CAMPBITE, OKOTONGUEH VILLAGE 10:45 AM - 12:00 PM

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EkDate: 27 October 2024

Minutes Meeting from the Community and Stakeholders' Meeting

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study - Proposed Establishment and Operation of Ekoto Tented Camp in Orupupa Conservancy, Kunene Region, Namibia

Date: Sunday, 27 October 2024

Time: 11h00 (AM) to 11h50 (AM)

Venue: Ekoto Village Gathering Tree in the Kunene Region (near the site)

Project Proponent: The Forgotten Valley Camps CC

Meeting Attendance

The meeting was attended by thirty-seven (37) people, comprising two Environmental Assessment Practitioners (EAPs) from Serja Hydrogeo-Environmental Consultants CC (Serja HGE Consultants), Ekoto community members, representatives from the Orupupa Conservancy and local Traditional Authority (including Ekoto Village Headman). The signed attendance register is attached at the end of the minutes. The photo below shows the consultation meeting in progress at Ekoto Village.



Consultation meeting in progress with Ekoto Community on the 27th of October 2024, Ekoto Village

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Mr. Brian Kanambunga (Chairperson of the Orupupa Conservancy) opened the meeting and thanked all in attendance. An opening prayer was done by Rev. Nicodemus Kanambunga and meeting attendees were welcomed by the Ekoto Village Headman (Mr. Kapara Kapara). After welcoming remarks, Mr. Kanambunga requested Serja Consultants to introduce themselves and present the meeting agenda. The agenda is based on the requirements of the 2012 EIA Regulations: Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007 on Public Consultation's Section 21 to 24.

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1.	Rev. Nicodemus Kanambunga	<p>Forgotten Valley Camps (FVC) should give the construction work to a company that is reputable (with proven record of completing work) in setting up such structures because would like to see this project completed and implemented.</p> <p>(b) The work should be completed because we have been waiting for it for long then we will see what the next step would be or how it will be handled.</p> <p>(c) As an Environmental Assessment Practitioner, when you went to visit the site, what is your opinion of the site?</p>	<p>Ms. Fredrika Shagama: (a) This is well noted and we will convey the message to FVC for when they receive their ECC and start with the construction.</p> <p>(b) This is noted.</p> <p>(c) The site is good and suitable for the purpose of tourism especially that it is overlooking the Tufa Cliff and the beautiful valley landscape view to the east and the Village too. However, the aim of our site visit was to assess the site in terms of environment and social based on the current environmental conditions and how these may be potentially impacted by the project activities. We would then proposed measures on how the negative impacts would be mitigated or managed throughout the project phases.</p>
2.	Mr. Kapara Kapara (Ekoto Village Headman)	I would like to agree with Rev. Kanambunga inputs and confirm that we have given the land to Forgotten Valley Camps to develop it. We have no reservation or second thoughts on the utilization of the land, and therefore, we would like to see the project implemented and see what benefits or negative impact that may arise from the project. Thank you.	Ms. Fredrika Shagama: This is well noted.
<p>There were no further questions or comments/concerns.</p> <p>Ms. Shagama thanked everyone for attending the meeting and contributions thereto. She informed the attendees that meeting minutes will be incorporated into and appended to the Scoping Report that will be submitted to the MEFT for evaluation and consideration of the ECC. Copies of the Report and EMP will also be shared through the provided email addresses.</p> <p>The meeting was close off with a Prayer by Rev. Kanambunga and the Chairperson concluded the meeting.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 11h50 AM.</p>			

COMMUNITY/PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING ATTENDANCE REGISTER










ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) STUDY - THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF EKOTO TOURISM TENTED CAMP IN ORUPUPA CONSERVANCY OF THE KUNENE REGION, NAMIBIA











Project Proponent: THE FORGOTTEN VALLEY CAMPS CC










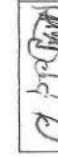
Date & Time: SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER 2024 11:00 AM - 11:47 AM





Venue: EKOTO VILLAGE GATHERING POINT

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