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ACRONYMS

CBNRM	Community Based Natural Resource Management		
CCFN	Community Conservation Fund of Namibia		
CEO	Chief Executive Officer		
DEA	Department of Environmental Affairs		
DWA	Department of Water Affairs		
EA	Environmental Assessment		
EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner		
EC	Environmental Commissioner		
ECC	Environmental Clearance Certificate		
ECO	Environmental Compliance Officer		
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment		
EMA	Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007)		
EMP	Environmental Management Plan		
ESI	Environmental Social Indicators		
ESMF	Environmental and Social Management Framework		
FDM	Frequency Domain Electromagnetic		
FPIC	Free Prior Informed Consent		
GPS	Global Positioning System		
GRM	Grievance Redress Mechanisms		
HWC	Human Wildlife Conflict		
HWC and WC	Human Wildlife Conflict - Wildlife Crime		
I&APs	Interested and Affected Parties		
ILO	International Labour Organization		
IRDNC	Integrated Rural Development and Nature Conservation		
ISO	International Standard Organisation		
IWRM	Integrated Water Resource Management		
KFW	German Development Bank		
L	Litre		
m ³	Cubic		

MAWLR	Ministry of Agriculture Water and Land Reform		
MEFT	Ministry of Environment Forestry and Tourism		
MM	Millimetres		
Mm ³	Million Cubic		
NACSO	Namibian Association of CBNRM Support Organizations		
°C	Degree Celsius		
OMDEL	Omaruru Delta		
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment		
PPP	Public Participation Process		
R	Reversible		
RD	Red-Dune Consulting CC		
SEMP	Social Environmental Management Plan		
SM	Site Manager		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Many conservancies have observed an increased abundance of wildlife populations which often led to competition for grazing space and competition for scarce resources such as water. The increase in wildlife is unfortunately also accompanied by increased frequency and severity of Human Wildlife Conflict (HWC), resulting in damage to crops, infrastructure, injuries, and loss of life to people and livestock.

The location of Salambala Conservancy on the banks of Chobe Rivers, makes Chobe River to be to be primary source of surface water both for human and animals especially during dry season. The River supports a large population of crocodiles which created a challenge of "*human-crocodile conflict*" during collection of water by people and access by animal. Similar to most conservancies on located on the Chobe River banks, such as Kabulabula and Kasika, often, animal are attacked by crocodiles and fatal attack involving people has been reported.

The Conservancy is also to populations of key wild life species such as elephants, Leopards, Hippos, and Lions. Elephants and Hippos are known to destroy crops, while lions seldomly contribute to livestock losses.

In December 2022, Salambala Conservancy applied for a Grant to the Community Conservation Fund of Namibia (CCFN) to be supported with alternative safe water point, a measure, amongst many, that is aimed to mitigate Human Wildlife Conflict (HWC). CCFN, through the project *"Poverty Oriented Support to Community Conservation in Namibia"* is now supporting Salambala Conservancy with three solar powered boreholes at Mahundu, Ioma and Ngoma Villages. The boreholes will serve as a water supply infrastructure to enable safe access to water points for human and livestock. This intervention is in line with the project's objective of "providing targeted conservancies with the means to address the HWC challenges they face in line with the National Policies of Namibia". Section 27 of EMA, has listed the "*Abstraction of ground water*" as an activity that may not be undertaken without Environmental Clearance Certificate. To fulfil this statutory requirements, Red-Dune Consulting CC (RDC) was appointed to develop an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) that would guide drilling and operation of the proposed boreholes at Mahundu, Ioma and Ngoma Villages.

The project's magnitude is relatively small and its potential negative impacts are not significant to; the Chobe River flow, aquatic bio-diversity, bio-physical environment on land and, it has positive impact on socio-economic in addressing *the human-crocodile conflict* and poverty eradication by supporting livestock of the community and potential community gardens.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1.1 Poverty Oriented Support to Community Conservation in Namibia

The Community Conservation Fund of Namibia (CCFN) is a non-profit Association incorporated under Section 21 of Namibia's Companies Act of 2004. Using a foundation model, the CCFN is mandated to raise funds and manage various financial mechanisms such as endowments, sinking or revolving funds, to ensure the long-term sustainability of Community-Based National Resource Management (CBNRM) activities that are carried out by communal conservancies and other entities with a similar legal mandate.

Box 1. A Conservancy is...

- a legally registered area with clearly defined borders and a constituted management body run by the community for the development of residents and the sustainable use of wildlife and tourism.
- managed by a group elected to serve the interests of all its members.
- a place where residents can add income from wildlife and tourism to traditional farming
- activities.
- a place where wildlife populations increase as they are managed for productive gain.
- a place where the value of the natural resources increases, enhancing the value of the land.
- a forum through which services and developments can be channelled and integrated.
- zoned for multiple uses to minimize conflict and maximize the interests of all stakeholders.

With financial support from the German Government through the KfW Development Bank, CCFN is implementing a project, "Poverty Oriented Support to Community Conservation in Namibia". The project's main objective is to contribute to biodiversity conservation and rural development through the establishment of sustainable Human-Wildlife-Conflict (HWC) management systems in Namibia's communal conservancies.

The project is (i) working together with CBNRM partners to develop and institutionalize longterm mechanisms and structures that make management of HWC part of the sustainability strategy of CBNRM (ii) providing targeted conservancies with the means to address the HWC challenges they face in line with the National Policies of Namibia.

1.2 Community Based Natural Resource Management

Before Namibia gained its independence in 1990, residents in the communal areas had few rights to use wildlife. Predators and foraging wild animals were regarded as threats due to their destruction of crop fields, human attacks, killing of livestock as well as damaging of infrastructures, especially water infrastructure. In turn, community retaliate by killing wild animals, which gave birth to a concept commonly known as Human Wildlife Conflict and Wildlife Crime (HWC-WC).

After independence, and in line with Article 951¹ of the Namibian Constitution, Namibia has adopted policies, legal instruments, and strategies for addressing HWC-WC. One such strategies is enabling communities and private businesses to benefit from wildlife-based tourism and sustainable natural resource management commonly known as Community-Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM) which is guided by the National Policy on Community Based Natural Resource Management.

The CBNRM concept is based on the understanding that if natural resources have sufficient value to rural communities, and allow for rights to use, benefit and manage, then appropriate incentives for people to use natural resources in a sustainable way will be created through the establishment of a Conservancy. The CBNRM programme links conservation to poverty eradication through developing the conservation, hunting and tourism industries which in turn contribute to the Gross Domestic Product, employment creation and the improvement of the well-being and social upliftment of rural communities.

¹ The State to actively promote and maintain the welfare of the people by adopting policies aimed at the maintenance of ecosystems, essential ecological processes and biological diversity of Namibia and utilization of living natural resources on a sustainable basis for the benefit of all Namibians, both present and future."

1.3 Challenges faced by Conservancies

The CBNRM has yielded into remarkable recovery and increase of wildlife populations, including key predator species and internationally threatened or endangered species such as elephant and black rhinoceros². However, this increased wildlife population resulted into their expanded foraging ranges into communal and freehold farming arear resulting in an increased frequency and severity of Human Wildlife Conflict (HWC) especially involving elephants, feline predators, crocodiles and hippopotamus³⁴.

The conflicts include damage to crops, gardens and infrastructure (water points, fences, kraals, boreholes, etc.), loss of life or injuries to people and livestock mortalities. Climate change is known to contribute to shift of wildlife population to areas that are not heavily affected by drought, which further exacerbate HWC & WC.

Wildlife trafficking became a million-dollar criminal enterprise that has expanded to more than just a conservation concern. The increasing involvement of organized crime in poaching and wildlife trafficking threatens peace, strengthens illicit trade routes, and destabilizes economies and communities that depend on wildlife for their livelihoods.

Namibia is not spared from Wild Crime⁵ (WC). Although the country has made remarkable effort in preventing WC, the country is still facing this challenge and requires significant financial resources to address the challenge. Statistics indicates that 27 elephant and 61 rhino were poached in 2018 while in 2019, 39 live and 65 dead pangolin were seized in 2019. Furthermore, conservancy residents experiencing HWC sometimes engage in retaliatory killing to remove problem animals⁶.

² Republic of Namibia: Revised National Policy on Human Wildlife Conflict Management 2018-2027

³ Brian T. B. J and Jonathan I. Barnes 2006., Human Wildlife Conflict Study Namibian Case Study

⁴ Ailla-Tessa Nangula Iiyambula 2021., Identifying the Spatio-Temporal Distribution and Drivers Of Human-Carnivore Conflict In Epupa And Okanguati Conservancies, Kunene Region Namibia

⁵⁵ Republic of Namibia: Revised National Strategy on Wildlife Protection and Law Enforcement 2021 - 2025

⁶ Project Document: Integrated approach to proactive management of human-wildlife conflict and wildlife crime in hotspot landscapes in Namibia

2 SALAMBALA CONSERVANCY

Salambala Conservancy was registered in June 1998. It covers an area of 3364 km² and has a population of 9193 people.

2.1 Location

Salambala Conservancy in located in the southern floodplain of Kabbe South Constituency in Zambezi Region (see Figure 1 & 2). It situated on the northern banks of Chobe Rivers, the border between Namibia and Botswana.



Figure 1. Location of Salambala Conservancy

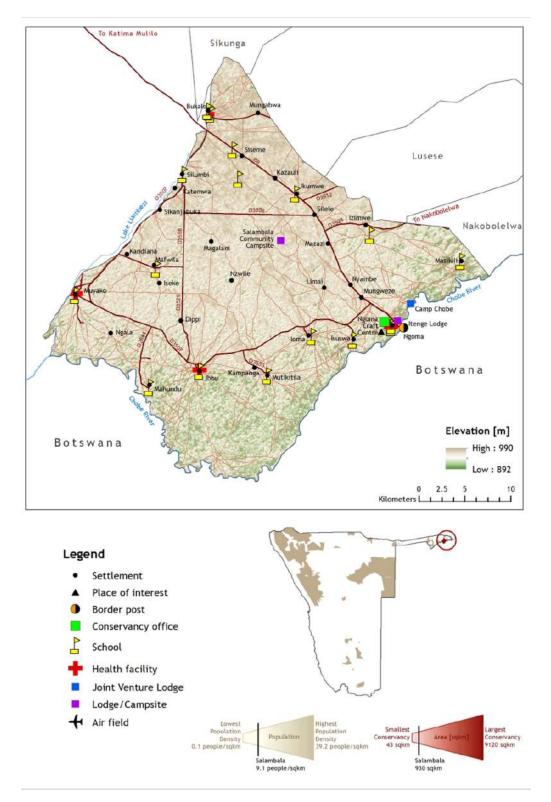


Figure 2. Map of Salambala Conservancy (Source: NASCO, 2022)

The proposed borehole will be drilled at Mahundu village (17,97916667 S, 24,47250000 E), Ioma Village (17,9208333 S, 24,64555556 E) and Ngoma village (17,89305558 E, 24,7086111 E).

2.2 Physical Characteristics

The conservancy has a flat topography, made up of thick forest and flood plains on the banks of Chobe River (Figure 3).



Figure 3. Area physical characteristics at Mahundu Ioma Village, Salambala Conservancy (Source: Red-Dune Consulting 2024)

2.3 Challenges Faced by the conservancy / communities in the area

2.3.1 Human Wild Life Conflict (HWC)

The location of Salambala Conservancy on the back of the Chobe River made the River to be the main source of water both for human and animals. The River home to a large population of crocodiles which created a challenge of "*human-crocodile conflict*" during collection of water by people and access by animal. Often, animal are attacked by crocodiles and attack involving people has been reported. Furthermore, the conservancy is home to elephants, buffalos, hippopotamus, zebras, lechwe, blue wildebeest, kudu, impala, waterbuck, reedbuck, lions and leopards.

The Conservancy has raised the challenge of HWC to CCFN and through a grant proposal and requested assistance to develop / establish safer water access point to mitigate the HWC.

The charts in Figure 4 below shows the type and total number of human wildlife conflict incidents each year, subdivided by species, grouped as herbivores and predators.

The charts in Figure 4 below shows;

- A, total number of incidents each year, subdivided by species, grouped as herbivores and predators,
- **B**, the number of incidents per species for the last 3 years; the darkest bar (on the right) indicates the current year for each species
- **C**, the number of incidents per category for the last 3 years; the darkest bar (on the right) indicates the current year for each type.

It shows that, most HWC incidences are destruction of crops by herbivores (elephants, hippos and antelopes), while hyenas, crocodile, lions and leopard are responsible for livestock losses.

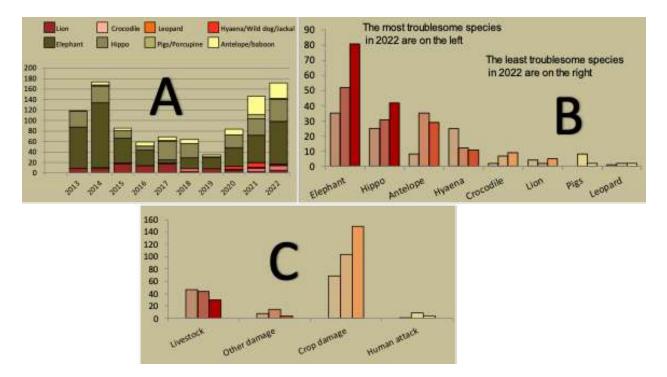


Figure 4. Total number of HWC incidents each year, subdivided by species and type of conflict (NACSO, 2022).

2.4 HWC Mitigation Options

In order to mitigate HWC, CCFN agreed to support the conservancy with drilling of three new boreholes at Mahundu, Ioma and Ngoma villages, which are located on the banks of Chobe River aiming to prevent communities and animal accessing the river and consequently reduce HWC / *human-crocodile conflict*.

2.5 Support from Community Conservation Fund of Namibia (CCFN)

With financial support from the German Government through the KfW Development Bank, CCFN is implementing a project, "*Poverty Oriented Support to Community Conservation in Namibia*". The project's main objective is to contribute to biodiversity conservation and rural development through the establishment of sustainable Human-Wildlife-Conflict (HWC) management systems in Namibia's communal conservancies.

In line with the project objectives, CCFN is supporting Salambala Conservancy to drill three solar powered boreholes at Mahundu, Ioma and Ngoma villages to ensure safe drinking water points for animal. This intervention speaks to the project's objective of "*providing targeted conservancies with the means to address the HWC challenges they face in line with the National Policies of Namibia*".

The project is (i) working together with CBNRM partners⁷ to develop and institutionalize longterm mechanisms and structures that make management of HWC part of the sustainability strategy of CBNRM (ii) providing targeted conservancies with the means to address the HWC challenges they face in line with the National Policies of Namibia, which is of particular relevance to this proposed intervention.

3 STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

The protection of the environment is enshrined under Article 951 of the Namibia Constitution. The Environmental Management Act (Act No 7 of 2007) (EMA) and its Environmental Impact Assessment Regulation 2012, has listed Water Resource Developments activities not to be undertaken without an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) as follows.

- a) 8.1 The abstraction of ground or surface water for industrial or commercial purposes
- b) 8.2 The abstraction of groundwater at a volume exceeding the threshold authorised in terms of a law relating to water resources.

To fulfil the above statutory requirements, Red-Dune Consulting CC (RDC) was appointed to Develop an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) that would guide drilling and operation of the proposed boreholes at Mahundu, Ioma and Ngoma villages in Salambala Conservancy.

⁷ IRDNC

In addition to EMA, there are other statutory requirements that would need to be fulfilled. The Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform as the custodian of the Water Resources Management Act, No.11 of 2013 instructs that a permit must be obtained prior to any borehole drilling activities can be undertaken.

4 TERMS OF REFERENCE

The scope to develop this EMP is guided by the Terms of References as provided in the EIA Regulation 2012, Section 9 (a-b) but, not limited to the following;

- Provide a comprehensive description of the proposed Project;
- Identify relevant legislation and guidelines for the project;
- Identify potential environmental (physical, biological and social) conditions of the
- project location and conduct risk assessment;
- Inform Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and relevant authorities about the
- proposed project to enable their participation and contribution;
- Develop an Environmental Management (EMP) that would be a legal guideline for the environmental protection by the project.

5 THE PROPONENT

Salambala Conservancy is the proponent for this application with financial support from CCFN.

6 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

6.1 Underground water in Zambezi Region

The aquifers in the Zambezi region are known to have a thickness of up to 125m, formed by coarse grained, semi-consolidated to consolidated sandstone with underlying layer of basal / brackish to saline water (see Figure 5).

NW Windo Upper Aquifer: recharge from Kwando by river bed infiltration	SE Linyanti upward leakage along major fault ?
14.5m	_14 m hydraulic head difference Upper Aquifer Aquitard Lower Aquifer: recharge from Zambia ? Recharge from Kwando ? Reduced water
basalt	

Figure 5. Schematic Concept showing the Structure of the Aquifer System in the Eastern Caprivi (Groundwater Investigations in the Eastern Caprivi Region, Main Hydrogeological Report pp46)

The Groundwater Investigations in the formerly known as Eastern Caprivi Region 2005 study indicated that, per capita water use in Zambezi is 16 L/day and combined 55 L/day for livestock. At the time of this study, the current total water supply in the entire conservancy was not known.

6.2 **Project Alternatives**

The EMA requires impact assessment to explore various project alternatives which aims to ensure that a chosen project component does not have significant impact to the environment. Project alternatives ranges from not implementing the project (no go alternative), when the environmental impacts are severe, or there is high degree of uncertainty. Other alternative considers the project site, technology, and equipment to be used. The description of alternatives is given in **table 1** below.

Table 1. Project Alternatives

Project Alternative	Description	Advantages	Disadvantages	Alternative
				adoption
No project	Do not implement the	None	HWC may increase, which could threaten	No
	project		the cost benefits of the conservation	
			incentives by conservancy members.	
Implement the	Implement the project	Reduce HWC	None	Yes
project		Improved water supply		
Diesel Power Pump	Use of diesel-powered	Cost effective and quick to	Difficult to upkeep with fuel supply	No
	water pump	implement	Diesel is very costly, and communities	
			always don't have the means to buy diesel.	
Solar Powered	Use of solar powered	Environmentally friendly.	The borehole operation could be impacted	Yes
Pump	water pump	Does not require fuel to	during cloud cover	
		operate		

7 DESCRIPTION OF THE RECEIVING ENVIRONMENT

7.1 Populational demography

The 2023 population census indicated that Zambezi region has total population of 142 373 people. Overall, 61% of the region population makes up the labour force whereby 62% and 32% of the labour force is employed and unemployed respectively. The region has 8 electoral constituencies as presented in Table 2 below. Salambala Conservancy falls within Kabbe South Constituency.

Zambezi	142 373	
Judea Lyaboloma	8 738	
Kabbe North	12 253	
Kabbe South	11 345	
Katima Mulilo Rural	24 016	
Katima Mulilo Urban	46 401	
Kongola	12 069	
Linyanti	10 425	
Sibbinda	17 126	

Table 2. Population distribution in constituencies of Zambezi Region (Census 2023)

The average household size in the Zambezi Region was 4.4 people/household in 2015⁸, with a relatively young population of approximately 39% of the total population to be less than 15 years old. Officially, employment rate for Zambezi Region is 62%⁸, which is closely like the national average of 63.1%. Most of the employable adults are engaged in the category of agriculture, forestry, and fishing as the main sources of household income. Tourism and wildlife management are an important growing component of the economy, providing jobs through accommodation establishments and conservation work.

⁸ Namibia Statistics Agency.2015. Namibia Household Income and Expenditure Survey Report

7.2 Socio-economic profile

The community of Salambala Conservancy are mostly subsistence farmers who rear crops and livestock. Tourism is the main income generating activity for the conservancy through trophy hunting concession. Often, meat from trophy hunting is distributed to residents.



Figure 6. Crop field on the background of the Community meeting

7.3 Regional Geology and Topography

According to Mendelsohn *et al 2002*, Zambezi region, is formed up of the Kalahari Basin. The Kalahari Basin was formed from the split between Namibia and South America to form a broad coastal plain which is now the Namib Desert. The Kalahari Basin gradually filled up with sand and water borne deposit. These deposits of sands, clay and calcrete formed the Kalahari Group.

The soils are fluvisols that are derived from river deposits, and these loamy soils vary locally in the proportions of clay (distributed in the areas which experience frequent flooding) and sand (found mainly in the non-flood prone areas). While soils are naturally fertile and suitable to a range

of crops, the sandy parts have poor soils with rather low nutrient levels, similar to other soils in the Kalahari Sandveld⁹.

Generally, the Zambezi region is flat and sloping toward the eastern direction. This is because, the geology of the area was formed from the filling up of the coastal plain with Namib sand and water borne deposits. Flooding is frequent in the region because of direct rainfall and rise in the Zambezi River from Angolan inflows.

The lithology of the aquifer in surrounding areas is not well known. The geohydrology indicates that the aquifers are found in Kalahari Deposits where soils are clayey loam with low infiltration potentials and faced with evaporation rates higher than rainfall which consequently causes low potential of ground water recharge.

7.4 Climate

7.4.1 Rainfall

Generally, Namibia is an arid country, with a large part of country having a climatic condition characterized by high temperatures and, periodic low rainfall. Rainfall decrease from east to west, with Zambezi Region receiving the highest rainfall of 600ml/year to less than 25 ml in the Southwest and West of the country. The country experiences high climatic variability in the form of persistent droughts, unpredictable and highly variable rainfall patterns, temperatures and scarcity of water.

High solar radiation, low humidity and high temperatures lead to very high evaporation rates, which vary between 3800 ml per annum in the south to 2600 ml per annum in the north. In many areas, potential evaporation is about five times greater than the average rainfall. Surface water sources such as dams are subject to high evaporation rates.

⁹ Mendelsohn, J., Jarvis, A., Roberts, C., Robertson, T. (2002). Atlas of Namibia. A Portrait of the Land and its People. Cape Town (David Philip Publishers; New Africa Books (PTY) Ltd)

Zambezi region has the highest average rainfall of about 600 mm which is similar to that of Salambala Conservancy (see Figure 7).

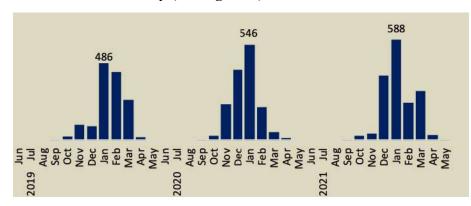


Figure 7. Rainfall trends in Salambala Conservancy (Source: NACSO)

The Zambezi region's climatic condition is influenced by the Zambezi River, that of tropical nature with warm to hot temperatures. The warmest temperatures are from September to March, and the coldest between May to August. The dry season fall between April and October while the wet season is falls between November and March. The region is known to experience frequent flooding.

According to Mendelsohn et al 2002, the average summer temperature is 20°C while during winter the average temperature is 5 °C and the average maximum and minimum annual temperature is 35 °C and 19 °C respectively.

7.5 Biodiversity

7.5.1 Flora

Zambezi region is the most densely vegetated region in Namibia. Due to its tropical nature, the areas has a tropical forest covered by thick bush, shrubs mature trees which are predominantly Rose Wood and various species of Acacia trees and tall glass in the floodplain while non-flooded areas have trees of mopane *(Colophospermum mopane)*, burkea-terminalia *(Terminalia sericea)*, Camelthorn Tree (on the left) and Giant Crowfoot, Mahogany and Makalani Trees .



Figure 8. Makalani and Natal Mahogany (on the left) and Camelthorn Tree and Giant Crowfoot (on the right) on 13 February 2024 (*Source: Red-Dune Consulting 2024*).

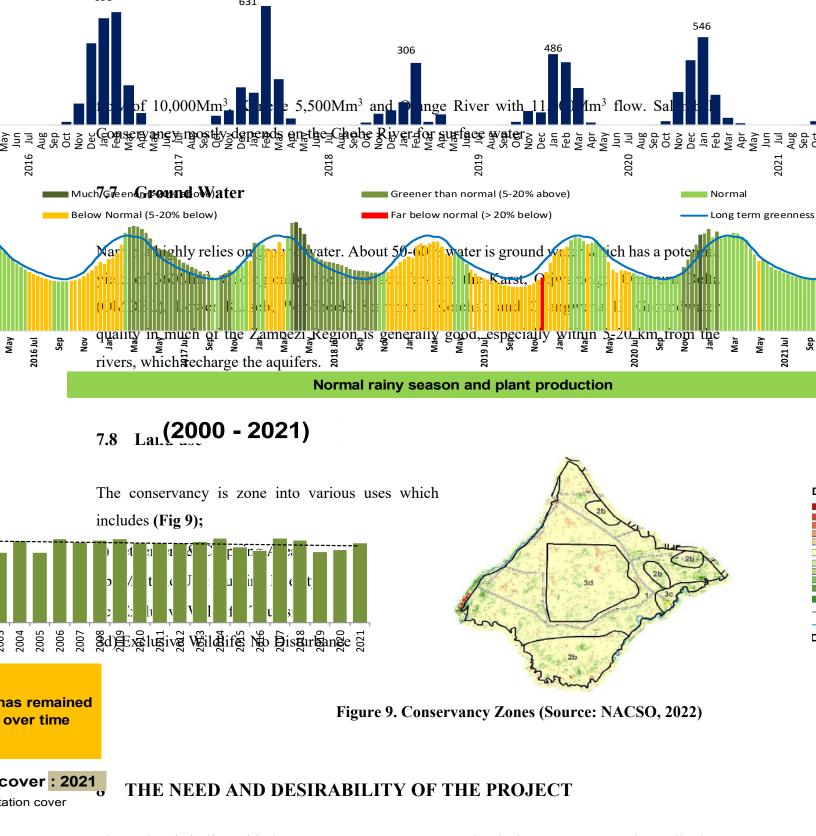
7.5.2 Fauna

The conservancy is home to a diversity of keystone wildlife species, the conservancy is home to elephants, buffalos, crocodiles, hippopotamus, zebras, lechwe, blue wildebeest, kudu, impala, waterbuck, reedbuck, lions, leopards and various fish species in the Chobe River.

7.6 Surface Water

The primary surface water in Namibia is found in dams in Ephemeral Rivers and Perennial Rivers which have a potential of 200 Mm³ and 1,105Mm³ per annum respectively. The Ephemeral Rivers in the interior flow during the raining season, where western flowing rivers drains into the Atlantic Ocean, Fish River drains into Orange River, Cuvelai system, which is not a defined River system but rather Iishanas or flood plain drains into Etosha Pan and partially contribute to Kavango, Kwando and Zambezi River.

Perennial River, which has permanent flow are all found on the border of the country. Zambezi in the northeast has a mean annual flow of 40,000 Mm³, its flow per second, 180Mm³, is about twice the overall Dams capacity in Namibia at 100Mm³. The Kwando / Linyati / Chobe has an annual



ground

The project is in line with the CBNRM programme toward reducing HWC-WC and contributing to conservation incentives and poverty reduction. In addition, the project contributes to the aim and objective of the Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) for Namibia which aims to

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achieve a sustainable water resources management regime, contributing to social equity, economic efficiency, and environmental sustainability.

9 POLICY AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Namibia has devised relevant policies, regulatory frameworks and institutions to ensure the conservation, sustainable use, access and benefit sharing of natural resources, biodiversity and ecosystems in line with international conventions and national legislation. The country is also party to several international treaties, conventions and multilateral agreements, and takes part in various international standards such as UNDP's SES, reviews and processes that are relevant to sustainable management of resources; access to basic rights including a clean environment.

Table 3. Policy and Legal Framework

Legislation	Relevant authority	Applicability
The Namibia Constitution	Government Republic of Namibia	The Namibian constitution is the supreme law of the country and makes provision for environmental protection and sustainable development.
Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007	Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism	The environmental management act No.7 of 2007 aims to promote sustainable use of natural resources and provides the framework for environmental and social impact assessment, demands precaution and mitiga of activities that may have negative impacts on the environment and provi for incidental matters. Furthermore, the act provides a list of activities that not be undertaken without an environmental clearance certificate.

Legislation	Relevant authority	Applicability
Environmental Assessment Policy (1995)	Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism	The Environmental Assessment Policy for Sustainable development and Environmental Conservation emphasize the importance of environmental assessments as a key tool towards implementing integrated environmental management. Sets an obligation to Namibians to prioritize the protection of ecosystems and related ecological processes. The policy subjects all developments to environmental assessment and provides guideline for the Environmental Assessment. The policy advocates that Environmental Assessment take due consideration of all potential impacts and mitigations measures should be incorporated in the project design and planning stages (as early as possible).
Pollution Control and Waste Management Bill (in preparation)	MEFT, MHSS and others	The Pollution Control and Waste Management Bill, intents to regulate and prevent the discharge of pollutants into the air and water as well as providing for general waste management.
Public Health Act (Act No. 36 of 1919)	Ministry of Health and Social Services	The Public Health Act aims to protect the public from nuisance and states that no person shall cause a nuisance or shall suffer to exist on any land or premises owned or occupied by him or of which he is in charge any nuisance or other condition liable to be injurious or dangerous to health.

Legislation	Relevant authority	Applicability
Water Resources Management Act (Act No. 11 of 2013) Water Act No, 54 of 1956	Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform	 This Act provides a framework for managing water resources based on the principles of integrated water resources management. It provides for the management, development, protection, conservation, and use of water resources. Therefore, water abstraction should satisfy the provisions of the water act (water abstraction / borehole permit should be applied from the respective ministry). This act states that, all water resources belong to the State. It prevents pollution and promotes the sustainable utilization of the resource. To protect these resources, this act requires that permits are obtained when activities involve the following: (a) Discharge of contaminated into water sources such as pipe, sewer, canal, sea outfall and (b) Disposal of water in a manner that may cause detrimental impact on the
Soil Conservation Act No. 76 of 1969 National Heritage Act No. 27 of 2004	Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform Ministry of Urban and Rural Development	 water resources This act promotes the conservation of soil, prevention of soil erosion. Prevent soil salinification. The Act makes provision for the protection and conservation of places and objects of heritage significance and the registration of such places and objects. Part V Section 46 of the Act prohibits removal, damage, alteration or excavation

Legislation	Relevant authority	Applicability
		of heritage sites or remains, while Section 48 sets out the procedure for application and granting of permits.
Regional Councils Act, 1992 (Act No. 22 of 1992)	Ministry of Urban and Rural Development	The Regional Councils Act legislates the establishment of Regional Councils that are responsible for the planning and coordination of regional policies and development. The main objective of this Act is to initiate, supervise, manage and evaluate regional development.

10 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Section 21 of the EIA Regulation requires the undertaking of an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) to follows a robust and comprehensive public consultation. This is an important process, because it gives members of the public, especially the Interested and Affected Parties to comment or raise concerns that may affect their socio-economic or general environment because of the project. Further, it solicits crucial local knowledge that the Environmental Assessment Practitioner may not have.

The Public Participation Process (PPP) was focused on members of the conservancy. While competent and or regulatory authority such as Ministry of Environment Forestry and Tourism (MEFT), Ministry of Agriculture Water and Land Reform (MAWLR), where consulted during the project development phase for application for the ECC.

10.1 Mahundu Village Consultation

A community meeting for Mahundu Village was held on 13 February 2024 at Mahundu Primary School *(Figure 10).*



Figure 10. Community Meeting at Mahundu Village, on 13 February 2024 (Source: Red-Dune Consulting 2024).

- The meeting was attended by 25 people, 12 women and 13 men including an area facilitator from Integrated Rural Development and Nature Conservation (IRDNC) and a consulting team of Red Dune Consulting (see appendix A).
- Mr. Libanda Fabian, the Manager of the conservancy presented the background of the project and the meeting objectives. He informed the meeting that the proposed development of water points is a result of the conservancy request to be assisted in dealing with the challenge of HWC involving crocodiles. He assured the meeting that, the proposed water development is a community project and no land will be required to be allocated to an individual or an institution.
- Red-Dune presented the meeting objectives, particularly the requirement of the Environmental Social Safeguards (ESS) as outlined in the project's Environmental Social Management Plan (ESMP).
- The meeting was informed that, the proposed water point will be developed with funding from Community Conservancy Fund of Namibia (CCFN) which received funding from the KfW development bank to support communal conservancies to mitigate issues of Human Wild Conflict (HWC).
- KfW require that the money is spent wisely and accounted for to the benefit of the communities and ensure that project implementing agencies observe the highest standard of Environmental and Social Safeguard (ESS) which aims to ensure that the project is environmental and social sustainability.
- The meeting was informed that, the ESS requirement does not be support projects if amongst many red-flags, if it involves:
 - Displacement of people
 - Destroying heritage sites
 - Damaging critical biodiversity habitat
 - Causing conflict within the communities
- Furthermore, the meeting was informed that, the proposed site must not be on an occupied land.
- The meeting was further informed that the protection of the environment is provided for under the Environmental Management Act (Act No. 7 of 2007) (EMA) and its Environmental Impact Assessment Regulation 2012 where EMA has listed Water Resource Developments activities,

such as drilling of boreholes not to be undertaken without an Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC).

- To obtain an ECC, a Social and Environmental Impact Assessment has to be undertaken, which is one of the core components of the consultation.
- Lastly the meeting was informed that, a consent letter is one of the requisites for the project to be implemented. This consent letter, called 'Free Prior Informed Consent' (FPIC) represent the community in understanding and agreeing to the proposed water development project. The FPIC was explained to the project as follows;
 - **FREE** refers to a consent given voluntarily and absent of coercion, intimidation or manipulation.
 - **PRIOR** means consent is sought sufficiently in advance of any authorization or commencement of activities
 - **INFORMED** means that community was well informed about the project and they know all information about the project.
 - **CONSENT** refers to the collective decision made by the rights-holders and reached through the customary decision-making processes of the affected peoples or communities.
- Free Prior Informed Consent was verbally obtained from the meeting by show of hands (see figure 11) and a FPIC letter was drafted in the presence of the community, read and signed by the Induna (village headman) (see appendix A).



Figure 11. Consent to the project

- The community further enquired the following;
 - Will the borehole be only meant for animals or people as well?
 - Red-Dune informed the meeting that the borehole was going to have a trough for animals and a tap for the people.
 - Recommended the boreholes to be near household to ensure security of associated infrastructure especially solar panels.
 - This is not necessary as the borehole will be equipped with a fence to prevent theft and destruction by elephants
 - The Induna urged for speed implementation of the project, due to high loss of livestock to crocodiles, especially during the dry season.

• The meeting adjourned with a prayer, and a site assessment with the community was undertaken.

10.1.1 Site Assessment

- A site location for the drilling of the borehole and placement of water troughs had already been selected by the community prior to the community engagement.
- Location: The site where the borehole will be drilled is located at the centre point of the village. It is currently an open space with no human settlements or crop fields on it. GPS Coordinates 274° Longitude 17, 97916667 E, 24,47250000 S
- Surrounding Land Use: Primary school situated 250 m in the Northern direction, homesteads, crash pan and electrical power lines (Fig 12).



Figure 12. Selected Borehole Drilling Site, Mahundu Village on 13 February 2024 (Source: Red-Dune Consulting 2024).

The site where the troughs will be constructed is situated at an approximate distance of 200 m southeast from the borehole site. The trough site is located where the current crash pan is, and the people in the area are already accustomed to having cattle in and around the crash pan (see Figure 13).



Figure 13. Surround area of the Trough site at Mahundu Village on 13 February 2024 (Source: Red-Dune Consulting, 2024).

Vegetation: There are no native or indigenous plants on both sites; however, the area is surrounded by Makalani, Natal Mahogany and some Grewia Cross berry trees, which will provide excellent shade for livestock (see Figure 14).



Figure 14. Makalani (on the left) and Natal Mahogany (on the right) Trees at Mahundu Village on 13 February 2024 (Source: Red-Dune Consulting 2024).

10.2 Ioma Village consultation

A community meeting for Ioma Village was held on 13 February 2024 at the Khuta area (Tradition Court) of Ioma village (**see Figure 15**).



Figure 15. Community Meeting at Ioma Khuta, Ioma Village on 14 February 2024 (Source: Red-Dune Consulting 2024).

- The meeting was attended by 32 people, 16 women (see appendix B).
- A similar approach of presentation was presented by the Conservancy Manager and Red Dunes as indicated above.
- After presentation, the community welcomed the project, however, the borehole site was not identified. The community requested Red-Dune to come back on 17th February 2024 while identifying the boreholes site.
- The community raised concern of solar panel theft which took place at Ioma (see Figure 16), and recommended that the proposed fence should be anti-theft.



Figure 16. Stolen solar panels for a borehole at Ioma on 17 February 2024 (Source: Red-Dune Consulting 2024).

10.3 Site Assessment

On Saturday 17th February 2024, Red-Dune undertook site assessment at Ioma. The identified site is in an open are free of vegetation, and only had glass cover (**Fig 17**). The areas is accessible by a village road. Site access will not require clearing of trees, unless tree branches that protrude in the roads could be trimmed.



Figure 17. Ioma borehole site assessment 17th February 2024 (Source: Red-Dune Consulting 2024).

11 NGOMA VILLAGE CONSULTATION

The meeting at Ngoma village was held on 14th February 2024 (Figure 18).



Figure 18. Community Meeting at Ngoma Sub-Khuta, Ngoma Village on Thursday, 14 February 2024 (Source: Red-Dune Consulting, 2024).

- The meeting was attended by 54 people, 25 women (see appendix C).
- A similar approach of presentation was presented by the Conservancy Manager and Red Dunes as indicated above.
- After presentation, the community welcomed the project.
- Like Mahundu and Ioma, the community raised concern of solar panel theft and recommended that the proposed fence should be anti-theft.
- A site had already been selected by the community prior to the community engagement.

11.1 Ngoma Village Site Assessment

Location: The site where the borehole will be drilled is located at the center of the livestock kraals and grazing areas GPS 106° 17,89305556 S, 24,70861111 E (Figure 19). It is currently an open space with no human settlements or crop fields on it. The trough site selected will be situated at a distance of 150 meters South East from the borehole site, GPS 142 ° Longitude SE 17°53`34" and latitude S 24°42`33"E



Figure 19. Selected Borehole Drilling Site, Ngoma Village on 14 February 2024 (Source: Red-Dune Consulting, 2024).

Surrounding land use: Homesteads situated at a distance of approximately 500 meters, mainly used for grazing.

Vegetation: There are no native or indigenous plants on both sites; however, the area is surrounded by Date, Camel thorn, Terminalia and Giant Crowfoot trees and none are endemic to the site **(Figure 20)**.



Figure 20. Camelthorn Tree (on the left) and Giant Crowfoot (on the right), Ngoma Village on Wednesday, 14 February 2024 (Source: Red-Dune Consulting, 2024).

12 IMPACT ASSESSMENT

12.1 Impact Identification

Potential impact were identified in accordance to the key Environmental Social Indicators (ESI)¹⁰ and using literature review, site assessment and public participation process and experience for Red-Dune Consulting.

12.1.1 Air Environment

Project activities that have potential of creating dust emission such as uncoordinated driving and drilling could deteriorate surrounding air quality from fugitive dust. Excess dust during work could be a health hazard to workers and the surrounding communities.

12.1.2 Noise Environment

Movement of heavy trucks and drill rigs, and drilling activities could produce excessive noise which could be noise nuisance to communities and hearing hazards to workers. Additionally, noise maybe generated from playing loud music or unnecessary hooting and revving of vehicles.

12.1.3 Water Environment

Drilling of boreholes has the potential of polluting underground water resources through oil spills. Additionally, poor underground water management could lead to over-abstraction what may deteriorate ground water.

¹⁰ Guidance Note UNDP Social and Environmental Standards Social and Environmental Assessment and Management July 2022

12.1.4 Biodiversity Environment

Poorly-informed or executed project activities could damage critical habitats and change landscape suitability for threatened species. This could be as a result of clearing of area to make provision for project activities which may lead to destruction fauna habitats.

12.1.5 Land Environment

Land degradation could happen if the movement of heavy vehicle in an area is not coordinated. Furthermore, project activities could produce pollution such as household and industrial, both solid and liquid which could pollute the land environment.

12.1.6 Employees And Community Health and Safety Environment

Occupational health and safety at workplace is a critical component to promote the welfare of the employees and public. The employment opportunities will create new social relationship which has the potential spreading diseases such as HIV-AIDS and workers as susceptible to vector diseases such as malaria. The bush working environment makes workers to be prone to venomous insect and snake bites which may lead to fatalities. Other health risk include workers exposure to excessive noise and dust and injuries.

12.1.7 Heritage and Archaeology Resources

Although this is part of the social environmental, due to its uniqueness and importance, a chance find will be developed. This impacts links to the project risk of activities to potentially damage critical habitats.

12.1.8 Dangerous good

Handling of fuel and lubricants at project sites could casus oil spill and pollute the environment.

12.2 Impact Assessment

12.2.1 Criterial for impact assessment

The criteria used to assess the impacts and the method of determining their significance is outlined below. This process conforms with international best practices and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations of Environmental Management Act, 2007 (Government Gazette No. 4878) EIA regulations.

12.2.1.1 Impact Type

Following the impact determination, the impacts are classified into two categories; positive and negative impacts.

Table 4. Impact Type

Impact type	0	No Impact
	+VE	Positive
	-VE	Negative

12.2.1.2 Probability of occurrence

All potential impacts are analysed to determine their likelihood of occurrences after proposed mitigation measures / residual effect after applying the developed mitigation measures.

Table 5. Likelihood occurrence

Likelihood	1	Improbable (Low likelihood)
occurrence	2	Low probability
	3	Probable (Likely to occur)
	4	Highly Probable (Most likely)
	5	Definite (Impact will occur irrespective of the applied mitigation
		measure)

12.2.1.3 Confidence level

The level of confidence residual effect¹¹ predictions which depends on the degree of uncertainty associated with the basis of understanding project interaction with the environment, available data/information, and the effectiveness of proposed mitigation. The confidence is determined under three levels Low, Medium and High (**Table 6**). When the uncertainty associated with the residual effect prediction increases, the level of confidence in the prediction becomes lower.

For example, the confidence level of uncertainty residual effect of noise, dust, vegetation disturbances and land degradation impacts by construction activities is high. However, the confidence level of uncertainty residual effect of drilling activities on the impact to heritage / archaeological resources is lower (thus a chance find is often developed as a precaution to mitigate the impact).

Confidence	L	1	Low	The uncertainty residual effect maybe well										
level				understood, but the impact severity is not known.										
				Precautional approach mitigation measures based on										
				literatures / world best practises are developed to										
				reduce the impact significance to low levels.										
	М	2	Medium	The uncertainty residual effect is partially understood										
				with available information and practical mitigation										
				measures with monitoring program to reduce the										
				impact significance to low levels.										
	Η	3	High	The uncertainty residual effect is well understood and										
				practical mitigation measures are developed to										
				mitigate the impact significance to low levels.										

 Table 6. Confidence level

¹¹ Residual impacts refer to those environmental effects predicted to remain after the application of mitigation outlined

12.2.1.4 Impact Significance

The residual effect prediction of the impact were rated under 5 categories; negligible=1, Low=2, Medium=3, High=4 and Severe=5.

Table 7. Risk Rating

1	Negligible (Based on the available information, the potential impact is found to	N
	not have a significant impact)	
2	Low (The presence of the impact's magnitude is expected to be temporal or	L
	localized, that may not require alteration to the operation of the project	
3	Medium (This impact is probable, limited in scale, expected to be of short term /	М
	temporary, can be avoided, managed and or mitigated with simple mitigation	
	measures.	
4	High (The impact is definite, mostly predictable, temporal, can be local, regional	Н
	or national and in long term and reversible. These are impacts that may affect	
	human rights, lands, natural resources, traditional livelihood, critical ecosystem	
	services. The severity of these impact are more limited than sever impacts.	
5	Severe (The impact is definite, it has significant adverse impacts on human	S
	population and or / the environment which are of large-scale magnitude and or	
	spatial extend such as large geographic area, large number of people or	
	transboundary nature. The impact duration is long term, permanent and often	
	irreversible. Impacts include displacement of human, destruction of critical	
	ecological systems and or cultural and heritage sites etc. The impact could have a	
	no-go implication unless the project is re-designed or proper mitigation can	
	practically be applied.	

12.2.1.5 Duration of Impacts

Under this criteria, the impact is analysed based on the time at which the impact will last. During construction, most of the impact are immediate and short term.

Table 8. Impact duration

Duration	1	Immediate							
	2	Short-term (0-5 years)							
	3	Medium-term (5-15 years)							
	4	Long-term (more than 15 years)							
	5	Permanent							

12.2.1.6 Geographical Scale

The impact is further analysed based on its geographical scale or spatial extend. For example, noise pollution from drilling activities will be site specific. Positive impacts such as potential government revenue through taxes and levies will be national, and employment will mainly be regional.

Table 9. Geographical extend of impact

Scale	1	Site specific
	2	Local
	3	Regional
	4	National
	5	International

12.2.1.7 Risk Assessment

The impact significance was determined using a risk matrix (**Table 10 below**). A five-by-five matrix was used where the impact severity was categorised and assigned scores from 1 to 5 as follows: Improbable=1, Low=2, Medium=3, High=4 and Severe=5. Similarly, the likelihood was assigned scores as follows; improbable=1, Low Likely=2, Probable=3, High Probability=4, Definite=5. The impact rating was determined by multiplying the impact severity and likelihood.

	5	5	10	15	20	25						
	Definite	Low	Medium	High	Severe	Severe						
ODD	4	4	8	12	16	20						
	High Probability	Low	Medium	High	High	Severe						
LIKELIHOOD	3	3	6	9	12	15						
	Probable	Low	Medium	Medium	High	High						
LIKI	2	2	4	6	8	10						
	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium						
	1	1	2	3	4	5						
	Improbable	Negligible	Low	Low	Low	Low						
		1 Negligible	2 Minor	3 Medium	4 High	5 Severe						
	IMPACT SEVERITY / CONSEQUENCE											
		Negligible	Low	Medium	High	Severe						

Table 10. Risk assessment matrix¹²

12.3 Mitigation Hierarchy

Best practises call for mitigation measures to follow a mitigation hierarchy that favours (i) avoidance of potential adverse impacts, and where avoidance is not possible, then (ii) minimization and reduction; where adverse residual impacts remain, then (iii) mitigation measures need to be applied, and, as a last resort, (iv) measures to offset impacts that cannot be appropriately mitigated. According to EIS regulations, the objectives mitigations are to;

- Find environmental ways of doing thing
- Promote environmental benefits of the project
- Avoid, Minimise or remedy negative impacts and
- Ensure that residual negative impacts are within acceptable levels,

Further, during consideration of the mitigation measure, the following mitigation hierarchy was followed;

- Avoid the negative impact through preventative means,
- Minimise the negative impacts to acceptable low levels and,
- If the above two are not possible, remedy or compensate the impact.

¹² Risk Management Guideline for the BC Public Sector (Province of British Columbia Risk Management Branch and Government Security Office 2012)

12.4 Potential Negative Impacts of the Project

- Noise pollution from heavy machinery and drilling
- Soil disturbance / land degradation
- Loss of habitat and biodiversity from site preparations and occupation
- Air pollution from vehicle emission and dust emission from drilling activities
- Health and Safety risk
- Risk of pollution from generated domestic solid wastes
- Risk of contamination of ground water from oil, grease and lubricants from heavy vehicles, and drilling activities.
- Poaching

12.5 Potential Positive Impact of the project

- Reduced HWC
- Direct and indirect creation of employment opportunities
- Knowledge and technology transfer.

12.6 Planning Phase: Impact Assessment

To ensure that the project is accepted by the public and avoid possible conflicts, the Zambezi regional council, traditional authorities and affected communities were consulted.

12.7 Siting Phase: Impact Assessment

Typically, before drilling of a borehole, a site assessment undertaken to determine the optimum location for drilling a process called siting of a borehole. This process involve analysis of geohydrology property of the area using two main conventional methods; (i) electrical resistivity

and (ii) ground conductivity. These method use Frequency Domain Electromagnetic (FDM) operated by a highly trained geohydrologist.

During this phase, there will be no evasive activities that could cause harm to the physical environment. To ensure social cohesion with the siting team, it will be required for the locals, particularly the traditional authorities to be informed about the presence of the siting team in the area. This activities is usually undertaken by two people, who will carry hand held FDM. The sited location will be pinned for marking purposes.

12.8 Drilling Phase:

Drilling is the major evasive and core environmental threat. This phase involves mobilization and moving of drilling equipment to the drilling site, construction of boreholes protective fence and solar panel platforms. Where necessary, setting up campsite at the drill site with supporting infrastructures such as ablution facilities, household solid waste and other solid waste. During this phase, occupation health and safety risk such as injuries emanating from operating equipment, insect (Mosquito) and snake bites as well as potential oil pollution. Table 11 below outline assessment of potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures during drilling phase.

Project- Environment Interaction	Description	Mitigation Measures	Impact type	Likelihood occurrence	Severity	Impact Rating	Geographical Extend	Duration	Reversibility (R)	Significance	Confidence Level
Employment /	Possible exclusion of	1. Ensure that all	+ve	2	2	4	nal	ect	n/a	Low	High
Socio-	locals community from	general work is					Regional	of project		Ĺ	
Economic	job opportunities. Unfair	reserved for local					R				
advancement	compensation of	people unless in						Life			
of local	workers. It is not	circumstances									
	anticipated that a	where specialized									
	significant number of	skills are required.									
	employment will be	2. Fair compensation									
	created during drilling	and labour									

Table 11. Social Environment: Impact Assessment

Project- Environment Interaction	Description	Mitigation Measures	Impact type	Likelihood occurrence	Severity	Impact Rating	Geographical Extend	Duration	Reversibility (R)	Significance	Confidence Level
		 practice as per Namibian Labour Laws must be followed 3. Ensure skill transfer to the locals 4. Use local supplier for good and service where possible 									

Project-	Description	Mitigation Measures								$\widehat{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}$		/el
Environment			e				ling	cal		ty (F	e	Lev
Interaction			typ	poo	ence	A	Rat	phio	u	ibilid	anc	ence
			Impact type	Likelihood	occurrence	Severity	Impact Rating	Geographical Extend	Duration	Reversibility (R)	Significance	Confidence Level
			Im	Lil	000	Ser	Im	Ge Ex	Du	Re	Sig	Co
Health and	Job opportunities leads	1. Provide awareness	-ve	2		2	4	cal	ion	n/a	Low	Hig
Safety for	to new social	to the employees on						d Lo	urat		Γ	h
employees and	relationship which often	dangers of						c and	ct D			
general public	spread disease,	HIV/AIDS, alcohol						Site Specific and Local	Project Duration			
	particularly pandemic	and drug abuse						e Spe	Ц			
	such as HIV and AIDS	2. Provide condoms on						Site				
	and substance abuse.	site										
	Hiring off unlicenced	3. Develop a safety										
	employees to operate	plan										
	vehicles and special	4. Ensure that every										
	machinery pose safety	employee goes										
	risk to themselves, co-	through an induction										
	workers and public.	course about safety										
	Additionally, employees	to train employees										
	are subject to dust and	on health and safety.										
	noise pollution as well	5. All drivers must be										
	as other occupational	in possession of										
	health and safety issues	appropriate driver's										
		licenses										

Project-	Description	Mitigation Measures							2		/el
Environment			e			ting	cal		Reversibility (R)	e	Confidence Level
Interaction			typ	ood ence	8	Rat	phie	u	ibilit	anc	ence
			Impact type	Likelihood occurrence	Severity	Impact Rating	Geographical Extend	Duration	vers	Significance	nfid
			Im	Lik occ	Ser	Im	Ge	Du	Rev	Sig	C01
		6. Adequate safety									
		signs must be put at									
		designated places.									
		7. Provide safe wears									
		such as, overalls,									
		safety boots, safety									
		eyeglasses, Hand									
		gloves and hard hat									
		etc to employees									
		8. Adhere to the									
		Labour act, non-									
		toxic human dust									
		exposure levels may									
		not exceed 5mg/m3									
		for respiratory dust									
		and 15mg/m3 for									
		total dust.									
		9. Employees must									
		NOT be exposed to									

Project-	Description	Mitigation Measures							2		vel
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Interaction			t typ	nood	<u>5</u>	t Ra	aphi I	uo	ilidi	canc	ence
			Impact type	Likelihood occurrence	Severity	Impact Rating	Geographical Extend	Duration	Reversibility (R)	Significance	Confidence Level
			In	Li oc	Se	In	E C	Dı	Ré	Si	Ŭ
		noise levels above									
		the required -85dB									
		(A) limit over a									
		period of 8 hours.									
		10. Abide by the									
		Occupational Health									
		and Safety and									
		Labour Act of									
		Namibia and other									
		statutory									
		requirement such as									
		International Labour									
		Practise (ILO)									
		11. Ensure adequate									
		first aid kit on site									
		taking into									
		consideration, insect									
		and snake bites									

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		12. Supervisors must									
		undergo an									
		occupational health									
		and first aid course,									
		13. Supply clean									
		drinking water to the									
		site, such as portable									
		water tank;									
		14. Used gendered									
		mobile toilets									
		15. Provide insect									
		repellent, mosquito									
		nets and if necessary									
		immunization to									
		prevent deadly									
		diseases such as									
		malaria.									
Heritage and	Potential unearthing of	1. Employee must be	-ve	2	2	4	Site peci	nst Tio	R	Low	High
Archaeology	archaeological material	trained on the					Site Speci	Const ructio		Lo	

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	or damaging heritage	possible find of									
	resources	heritage and									
		archaeological									
		material in the									
		area;									
		2. Implement a									
		chance find and									
		steps to be taken									
		for heritage and									
		archaeological									
		material finding									
		(Heritage (rock									
		painting and									
		drawings), human									
		remains or									
		artefacts) are									
		unearthed									
		3. Stopping the									
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		immediately									
		i. Informing the									
		operational									
		manager or									
		supervisor									
		ii. Cordoned of									
		the area with a									
		danger tape and									
		manager to take									
		appropriated									
		pictures.									
		iii.									
		Manager/super									
		visor must report									
		the finding to the									
		following									
		competent									
		authorities,									
		National Heritage									

Project- Environment Interaction	Description	Mitigation Measures	Impact type	Likelihood occurrence	Severity	Impact Rating	Geographical Extend	Duration	Reversibility (R)	Significance	Confidence Level
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Interaction			Impact type	Likelihood occurrence	Severity	Impact Rating	Geographical Extend	Duration	Reversibility	Significance	Confidence Level
Biodiversity: Flora	Destruction of trees	 Avoid cutting down mature and protected plant species. Ensure that access roads are rehabilitated after use to enhance revegetation 	-ve	2	2	4	Site Specific	Construction / Drilling	R	Low	High
Biodiversity: Fauna	Destruction of animal habitats such as bird nests, poaching, stealing of livestock	 Do not kill animal, unless such animals pose eminent danger to humans There must be ZERO tolerance to poaching to ensure this, no weapon and traps are allowed on site; 	-ve	2	2	4	Regional	Construction / Drilling	R	Low	High
Surface and Ground Water Pollution	Heavy vehicle and machinery may pollute water sources from leakages of oils,	 Fuelling of heavy vehicle on site must be well coordinated at designated places, Stationary vehicles must be provided with drip tray to capture 	-ve	2	2	4	Site Specific	Construction / Drilling	R	Low	High

Table 12. Bio-Physical Environment: Impacts Assessment

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	hydraulic fluids,	oil, lubricants and hydraulic fluids										
	lubricants and	leakages										
	greases. These	3. All vehicle and machinery must be										
	pollutants may	well service to avoid leakages										
	reach	4. Provide and train on oil spill										
	underground	emergency response										
	water through	5. Servicing of vehicles and machinery										
	seepage. Further	must take place at designate places										
	surface water may											
	be polluted from											
	surface run off											
	soils that is											
	polluted.											
Waste	General	1. Provide skip bins to collect waste	-ve	2		2	4	fic	ect	R	Low	High
Generation	household	and be disposed of at an approved						peci	proj		Γ	Hi
	pollution and	disposal site						Site Specific	Life of project			
	littering such as	2. Provide labelled household waste						N.	Lifé			
	used oil cans	drums for household solid waste.										
	drums, metals,	3. Do not burry waste on site										

Project-	Description	Mitigation Measures							2		vel
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Interaction			Impact type	Likelihood occurrence	ty	Impact Rating	Geographical Extend	uo	Reversibility (R)	Significance	Confidence Level
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	and household	4. Excavate a small biodegradable	Iı	L	Ň	Iı	E E	D	R	Ñ	C
	solid and liquid	waste site that would be dump									
	waste	filled at the end of the project,									
		alternatively, provide mobile									
		toilets that will be disposed at an									
		approved site and ensure separate									
		ablution facilities for men and									
		women.									
		5. Used oil, grease and lubricants									
		cans must be collected in									
		appropriate drums and disposed of									
		at an approved site									
		6. Maintain good housekeeping on									
		site.									
		7. Do not burry waste on site									
Dust	Land clearing,	1. Movement of heavy vehicles must	-ve	2	2	4	Site ific	iate	R	Low	High
Pollution	digging,	strictly be restricted on site.					and Site Specific	Immediate			Η
	excavation of						Local and Site Specific	Im			
	trenches, drilling,						Lo				

Project-	Description	Mitigation Measures								2		vel
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	movement of	2. Adhere to the minimum speed										
	vehicles and	limit of 30 or 40km/hour when on										
	heavy machinery	farm roads.										
	in site,	3. On site where soil is loosened by										
	transportation of	vehicle movement, apply dust a										
	material to site,	suppression method such as water										
	will create	spraying.										
	fugitive dust	4. During drilling, use water to										
	which could be a	suppress the dust										
	nuisance to the											
	surrounding.											
Land	Uncoordinated	1. Movement of heavy vehicles must	-ve	2		2	4	ific	ject	R	Low	High
degradation	movement of	be coordinated and restricted to be						Spec	f pro		Π	Щ
and pollution	heavy vehicles	on access roads						Site Specific	Life of project			
	and	2. Normally, public gravel roads are						•1	Li			
	uncoordinated	meant for light vehicles drilling										
	land clearing	vehicles have the potential to										
	could lead to soil	damage the access roads. Hence										
	erosion. Possible	proper road maintenance must be										

Project-	Description	Mitigation Measures										/el
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	spill and leakages	implemented to ensure that the										
	of fuel and	roads are left on good state										
	lubricants from	3. Fuelling of heavy vehicles on site										
	vehicle and	must be well coordinated at										
	machinery could	designated places										
	pollute the soil	4. Servicing of vehicles and										
	and eventually the	machinery must take place at										
	ground water	designated sites										
	resource.	5. Stationary vehicles must be										
		provided with drip tray to capture										
		oil, lubricants and hydraulic fluid										
		leakages										
		6. All vehicles and machinery must										
		be well serviced to avoid leakages										
		7. Provide and train on oil spill										
		emergency response.										

12.9 Operational Phase:

The main activities during the operational phase of the borehole is water abstraction which, if not well monitored could lead to over abstraction and consequently to deteriorating of water quality and potential impacts on vegetation from deepening of water table. The borehole could also cause social conflict whereby community in the surrounding area could claim ownership of the borehole and may prevent other communities from using the borehole. Table 13 below outlines the potential impacts during the operational phase and proposed mitigation measures.

Project- Environment Interaction	Description	Mitigation Measures	Impact type	Likelihood occurrence	Severity	Impact Rating	Geographical Extend	Duration	Reversibility (R)	Significance	Confidence Level
Reduced Human Wild- Life Conflict	The borehole operation will ensure domestic animals do not drink directly from the river.	 Animal owners / herders should ensure that animals are made to drink from water points to prevent crocodile attack. 	+ve	2	2	4	Site Specific	Life of project	R	Low	High

Table 13. Operational Phase Impact Assessment

Project-	Description	Mitigation Measures							2		/el
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			Impact type	Likelihood occurrence	Severity	Impact Rating	Geographical Extend	Duration	Reversibility (R)	Significance	Confidence Level
Increase in	Besides reducing	1. Aid in increasing water point in the	+ve	2	2	4	fic	ect	R	Low	High
community	HWC, the borehole	village					peci	proj		Γ	Η
water supply	will also make water	2. Reduced distance travel by people					Site Specific	Life of project			
	readily available for	to water points					Š	Lif			
	household use by the	3. Sustainable supply of water during									
	community	drought									
Over	High and	1. Do not abstract more than what is	-ve	2	2	4	cal	ect	R	Low	High
abstraction of	unsustainable water	recommended by the permit					Local	proje		Γ	Η
underground	abstraction which	2. Where possible, install automatic						Life of project			
water	could affect ground	measuring gauge to monitor						Lif			
	water quality	abstraction									
		3. Monitor water level periodically									
		3. Carry out periodic pumping yield to									
		assess aquifer sustainability									
		4. Undertake systematic water quality									
		assessment									
Risk of water	Elephant are	1. Construct an elephant proof fence	-ve	2	2	4	cal	of	R	Low	High
infrastructure	notorious known for	around the borehole and its					Local	Life of	1	L(Η
	damaging water	supporting infrastructures									

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Interaction			Impact type	Likelihood occurrence	Severity	Impact Rating	Geographical Extend	Duration	Reversibility	Significance	Confidence Level
destruction buy	points in search for	2. Build high and thick enough walls									
elephants	drinking water	that will prevent elephants access to									
		the water tank and solar infrastructures.									
Conflict of	Claim of ownership	1. Raise awareness of the indented	-ve	2	2	4	Local	ect	R	Low	High
water use buy	of water point /	purpose of the borehole					Lo	of project		Ĺ	H
villagers	borehole by some community members	 Ensure no one is made to be entitled to owning or have controlling power on who should use the borehole 						Life of			
Theft of	There are reported	1. Construct theft proof fence to	-ve	2	2	4	Local	ject	R	Low	High
borehole	cases where	protect solar panels					Lo	of project		Γ	Н
infrastructures	boreholes infrastructure such as solar panel are stolen							Life of			

13 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

The Grievance Procedures will be a process to facilitate for an easy and smooth process in which stakeholders are able to submit their complaints about the project activities or its consequences i) free of charge ii) without fear of retribution iii) anonymously and iv) user friendly channels.

It is important to emphasise that the Grievance Procedure will not address HWC incidents per se, because those are not caused by the Project. Grievances that are eligible are, for instance, cases where a party is disadvantaged as a result of a Project activity, or as a result of negligence on the part of the Project to follow its procedures thoroughly or fairly. Complainants may be by actual or potential beneficiaries of the Project, or any members of the public.

In generally, the grievances process will follow six (6) Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) value chain, namely; i) Receive and log grievance, ii) Acknowledge grievance, iii) Assess and Investigate iv) Grievance Resolution, iiv) Sign-off on grievance and iiiv) Monitor and continuously evaluate the effectiveness of the GRM.

Grievances will be addressed through the channels in the institutional structure presented below, in an efficient, effective and consistent manner.

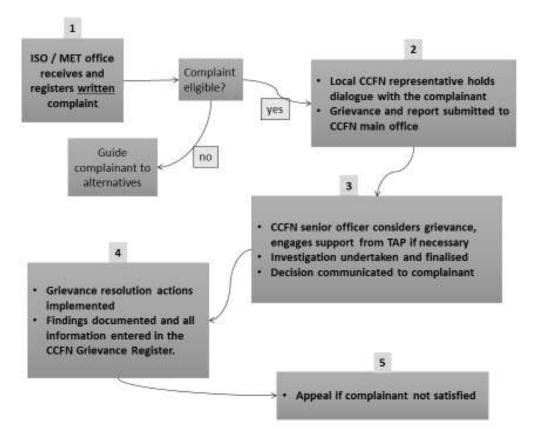


Figure 21. GRM flow chart (Source: ESMF_ Poverty Oriented Support to Community Conservation in Namibia)

The eligibility of the grievance will be assessed at the level where it is first received, at a local MEFT / ISO office (Step 1) and the following actions / steps will be undertaken. The grievance will be discussed with the complainant, with the objective of understanding the problem and giving the complainant a fair hearing (Step 2). The local CCFN representative will submit the grievance, and any notes of their own, to the CCFN head office for higher-level input to the issue (Step 2). The CCFN senior officer will investigate the substance of the grievance (Step 3). If necessary, assistance may be sought from the TAP. Further dialogue with the complainant and others affected by the grievance might also be necessary. The CCFN senior officer will compile a written report on the grievance and communicate the outcome to the complainant. Any actions necessary to resolve the grievance will be implemented by the relevant parties,

under the direction of the CCFN (Step 4). Resolution of the grievance will be documented and entered into the Grievance Register. Under normal conditions, a grievance will be resolved, and redress actions commenced within 30 days of receiving a complaint. A complainant is permitted to appeal against the decision by the CCFN, to the CCFN CEO (Step 5). In such a

case the CEO must present the grievance and the CCFN decision to the Board, for reconsideration.

14 DECOMMISSIONING AND REHABILITATION PLAN

Decommissioning is normally the reverse of construction where all installed equipment / structure must be removed. Supply of water to the community is aimed to be a life-long intervention unless of a pressing issue that would necessitate decommissioning. Aging equipment that requires replacement should be done by qualified Namibians to ensure smooth operation and constant water supply.

15 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

15.1 Conclusion

With the available information, the following conclusions were made:

- 1. The area is known to have high yield aquifer.
- 2. Over-abstraction of water has been not been reported in the area.
- 3. The area receives the highest rainfall in the country which increases potential of recharge.
- 4. HWC is critical in the area, and water is the main contributing factor.

15.2 Recommendations

- It is recommended to the approving authority for the issuance of the ECC.
- Ensure intermittent testing of water quality and obtain necessary fitness approval.

16 ANNEX 1. GROUNDWATER MONITORING PLAN

The purpose of the groundwater monitoring plan is to make sure that suitable procedures are in place to monitor and evaluate the response of the aquifer and the surrounding environment to the abstraction process. Furthermore, the plan is aimed to control the impacts of groundwater abstraction and contaminant loads, and monitoring aquifer response and quality. The proposed procedures shall also serve as an early warning system for over-abstraction.

16.1 Groundwater Quality

It is essential that the quality of groundwater abstracted is monitored on a realistically regular basis, to serve as an early warning of quality changes that may occur due to the abstraction; natural causes; or pollution. Undertake intermittent water quality testing.

16.2 Groundwater Level Measurements

The level of groundwater in the aquifer will serve to inform the water quantity vs the rate of abstraction. This will be critical given low to no recharge due to lower rainfall in the area. This provision is provided for in the monitoring sheet for water meter readings provided by the MAWLR to the borehole operator. It is therefore important that hydrological baseline information of water level is recorded to ensure time-variant collection of data. This type of monitoring becomes effective proof of errors when MAWLR also carries out periodic inspections.

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18 APPENDICES

18.1 Appendix A Consent letter Mahundu Village

B February 2024 To Whom It May Concern: Dear Sir Madam Subject: Free prior informed Consent for the drilling of Water point in communal Consonnais of Zamberi Region - Salambala Consorvancy: Mahunda Village. The above Subject bears reference, I Michael Sibeso, in My Capacity as the Induna for Mahundu Sub- Khuta in Salambala Conservancy hilly understand the above mentioned project and its benefit to our community. The proposed project does not interfere with our traditional horms and culture. We wellome it and encourage a dequate consulta. tion during the implementation of project ach-Vities. This letter to serve as a Free Prior Informed consent for the project Jours Sincerely Michael Sibeso (Induna) MAHUNDU SUB KUJA 081 2518791 P O. KATHIA MULILO Mahundu Sub-Khuta Salambala Conservancy

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18.2 Appendix B Consent letter: Ioma Village

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14 February 2004 TO Whom It May Concern Dear Sir / Madam Subject: free prior informed consent for the drilling of Water point in communal conservancies of Zambezi Region-Salambala Conservar. ay: Ngoma Village. The above subject bears reference, I. George Kawaile Ndopu in My capacity as the Induna for Ngoma sub-Khuta in Salambala Conservancy fully understant the above mentioned project and its benefit to our community. The proposed project does not interfere with our traditional norms and culture. We welcome it and encourage adequate consultation during the implementation of project activities. This letter to serve as a Free Prior Informed consent for the project. NGOMA SUB KHUS P/BAG 1032 NGWEZE Yours Sincerely, 14 FEB 2024 Altopu PUBLIC OF NAMIBI 0813460502/0813947254 Sital Induna Greorge Kawaile Ndopu Ngoma Village Sub-Khuta Goodd Kilugue Star Salambala Conservancy 0814235602

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