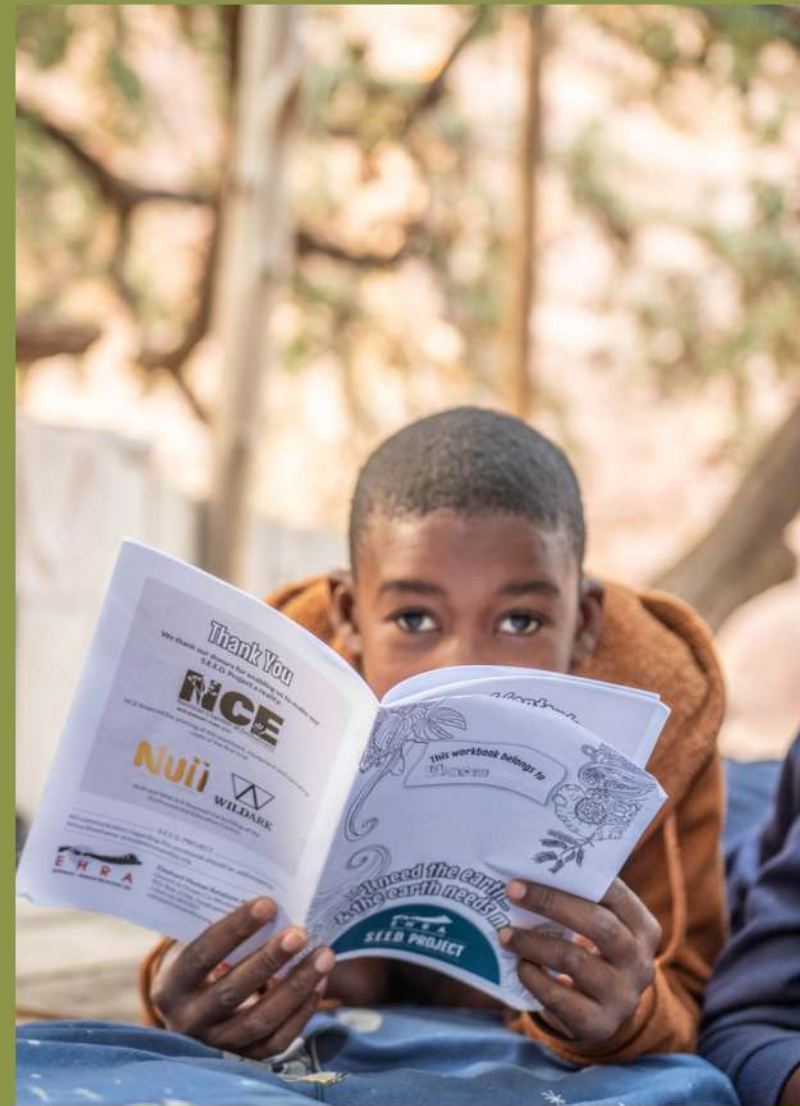




Namibian Chamber of Environment

2016-2026 Impact Report



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The Namibian Chamber of Environment (NCE) is an umbrella Association that provides a forum and mouthpiece for the broader environment sector, that lobbies government and other parties, raises funds for its members and represents the sector.

Namibian Chamber of Environment



2016-2026

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10 years of strengthening conservation, environment and sustainable development sectors through strategic investment in impact and legacy initiatives with support from Namibia's corporate sector

MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT

73 Full members
14 Associate



Office facilities provided



3 Vehicles



3 Aircraft

Helped establish or restructure

8 NGOs

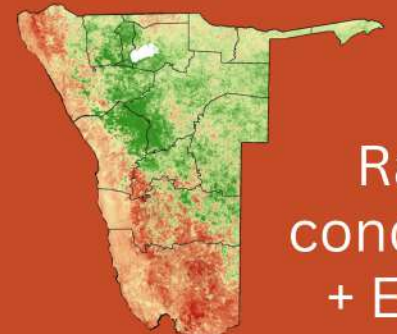
NATIONAL FACILITATION



>5 joint books published



4 national working groups



Rangeland condition maps + EIA Tracker



National conferences & workshops

TRAINING & MENTORING YOUNG NAMIBIANS



297 Post-grad Bursaries

300+ Youth Chamber Members

60+ School Enviro Clubs



Supported 80+ Pako Kids magazines



ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY RESEARCH



13 Wildlife Economy videos



3 Drought Relief + 1 EIA Newsletters



Mining Best Practices



Energy and climate

GRANTS MAKING



N\$36 million disbursed as grants

269 Projects in multiple sectors



ADVOCACY

Recommending transfer of Forestry to Ministry of Environment



Recommending sardine fishing moratorium



Opposing uranium in-situ leach mining

Opposing hunting import bans



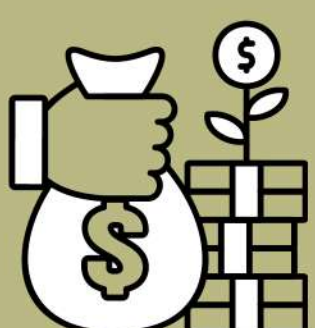
Opposing damaging hydrogen projects

Addressing poaching by Chinese nationals



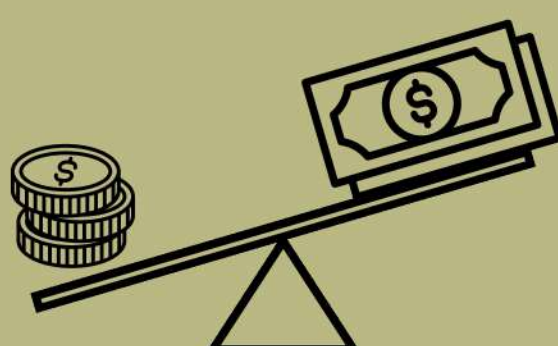
FUNDRAISING

13 Corporate Sponsors



Raised over N\$ 66 million mainly from Namibian corporates

Leveraged N\$71 from international agencies for every N\$1 raised locally



ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION



eLibrary of >31,000 documents

6 Atlases on 1 online platform



12 Scientific journal vols

CONSERVATION
NAMIBIA

7 Magazines
200+ articles

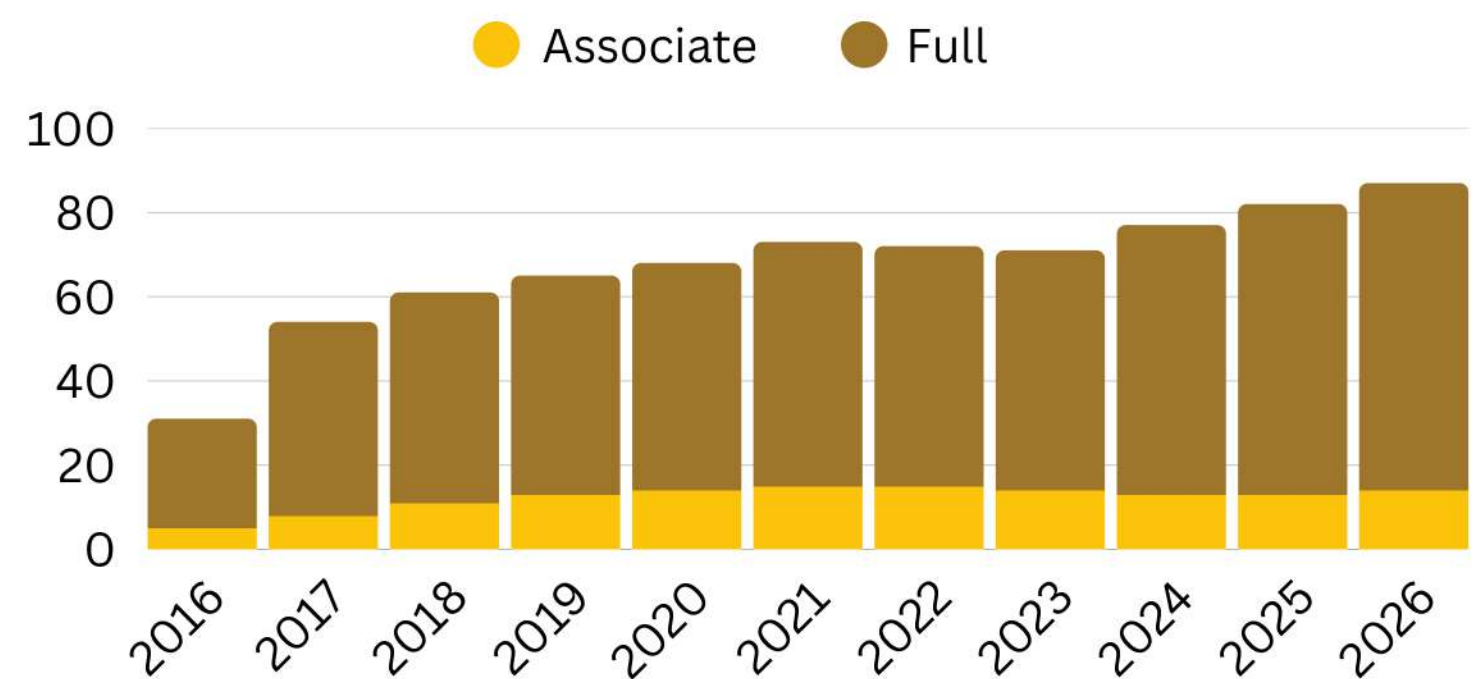
Membership Support

NCE exists to support the environmental sector in Namibia through its membership of 86 non-governmental organisations (NGOs) by channelling corporate investments into areas and issues that need it most.

Membership-driven umbrella body

As an umbrella for environmental organisations in Namibia, NCE is guided by its members through the Council, which elects an Executive Committee (ExCo) to provide oversight between Annual General Meetings. Membership is free to all.

Membership growth over time



Practical support services



Support, not competition

NCE does not compete for funding with its member organisations, nor does it implement projects in sectors where our members are already active. We play supporting and facilitative roles to bring our members together to address common issues.

Minimum overheads, maximum impact

With only two permanent staff members, NCE's overhead costs are kept to a minimum. These costs are covered by our anchor donor, B2Gold. All other donations are assigned to projects and grants with no overheads or management fees.



Networking

NCE's support is strategic and member-driven



Surveys



Anti-poaching



Informed advocacy



Research

Identifying and filling gaps

When we identify a gap in the environmental sector, we first consider if one of our members can fill it. If not, short-term gaps are addressed by NCE. Long-term gaps are covered by establishing new NGOs, working groups or national networks (e.g. NamNet).



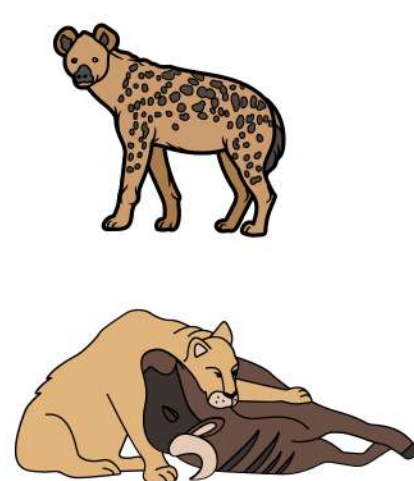
National Facilitation

By joining forces, our members can scale their efforts to the national level. NCE facilitates this by identifying gaps that require collaboration and bringing the right stakeholders together for targeted action.

Establishing working groups and networks

Working groups bring together NCE members and relevant government departments to address urgent issues that require extensive collaboration. These groups produce joint action plans, publications, and activities that address nationwide threats.

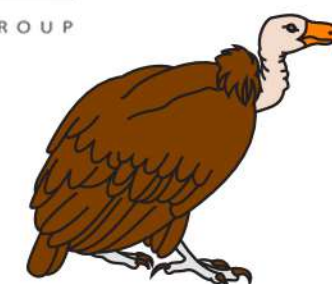
National working groups



Carnivores

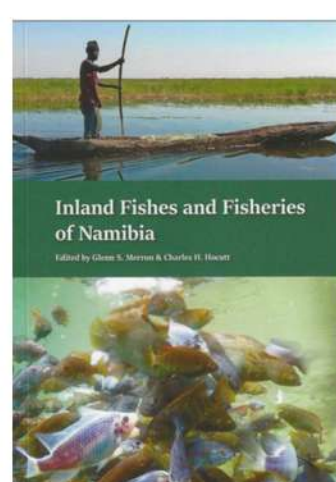
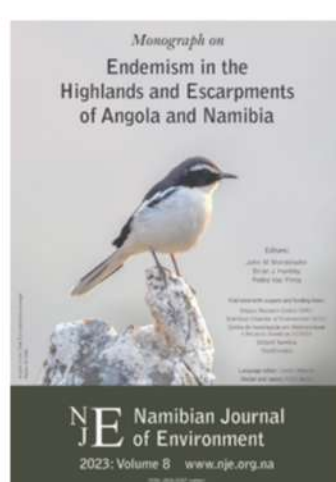
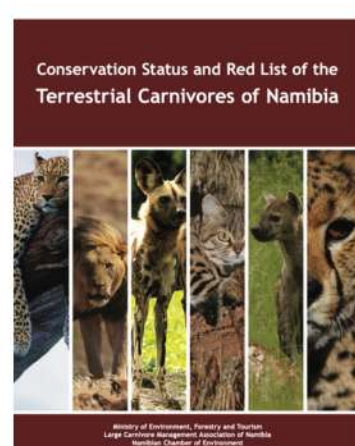
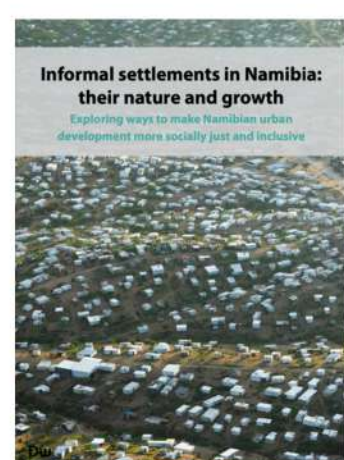


Invasive
aliens



Lead poisoning

Examples of published works



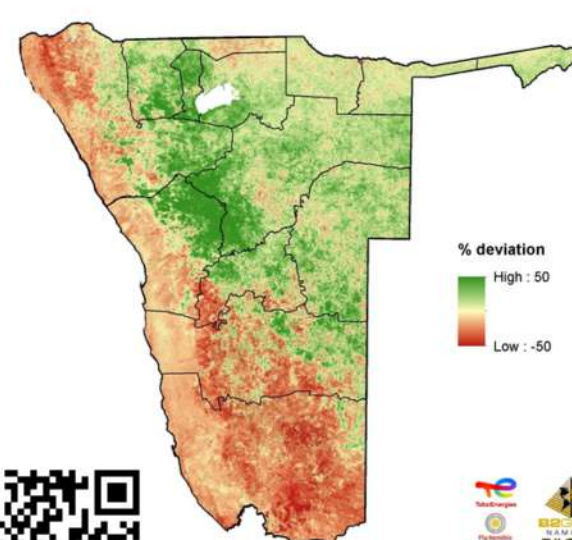
Publishing joint books and best-practice guidelines

The books that NCE sponsors aim to fill knowledge gaps, assess the current status of species or socio-economic issues, set industry-wide best practice standards, and chart the way forward for Namibia. These are available to the public and key stakeholders.

Creating platforms for national information

Monitoring changes and developments is key to developing appropriate responses. The rangeland monitor improves rapid response to drought, while the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Tracker facilitates public engagement with development projects.

Rangeland monitoring



EIA Tracker



14th African Small Mammal Symposium



Supported first-ever Southern African Wildlife Management Association conference in Namibia

Archaeological Southern Deserts



Carnivore Red Data assessment



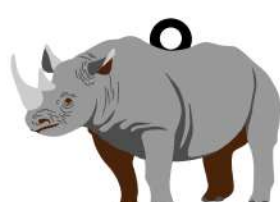
EAPAN mini-conferences



Mining Best Practices



Wildlife radio-telemetry



Hosting and facilitating cross-cutting conferences

Conferences allow Namibian researchers and practitioners to share their work and learn from their local and international peers. This cross-pollination of ideas, technologies, and approaches keeps us at the forefront of conservation.

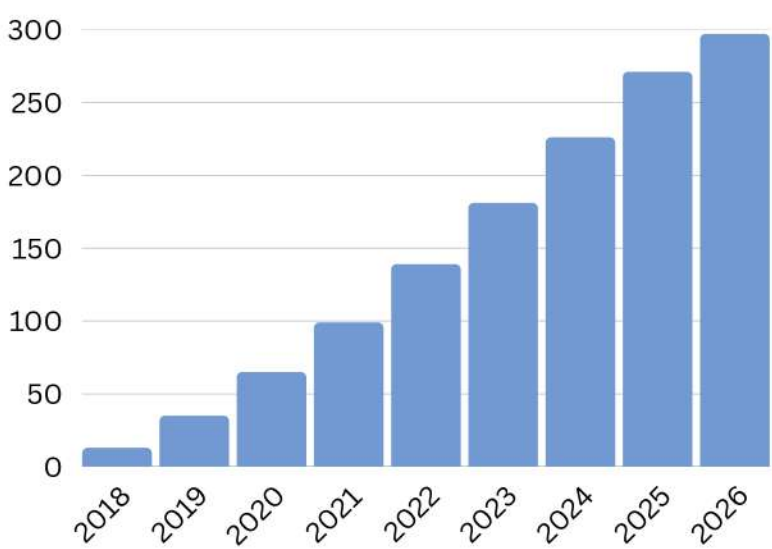
Training & Mentoring Young Namibians

The future of Namibia depends on the decisions and directions that our young people choose to take. NCE reaches schoolchildren through to early career professionals through education, inspiration, and financial support.

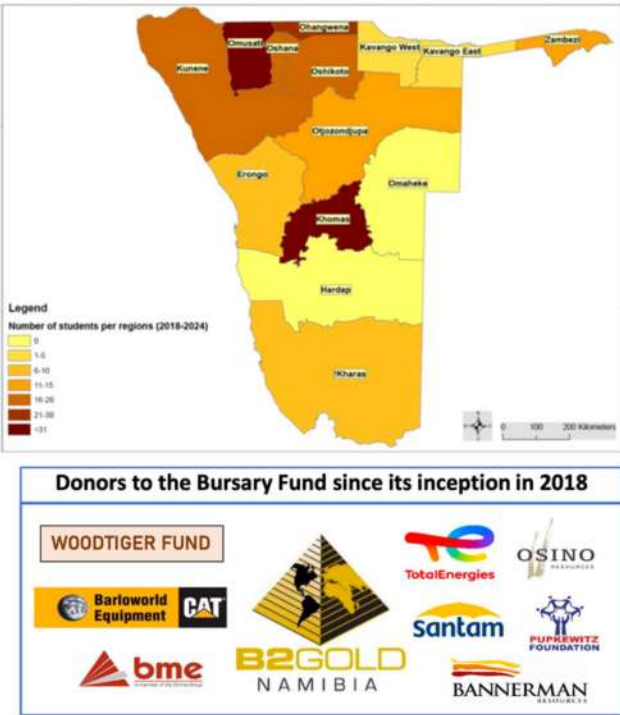
Bursaries for post-graduate students

The NCE Bursary Fund targets Namibians from disadvantaged backgrounds who want to complete post-graduate degrees. The board selects promising individuals and provides financial and practical assistance according to their specific needs.

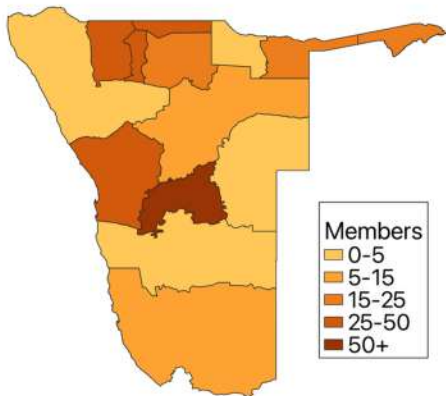
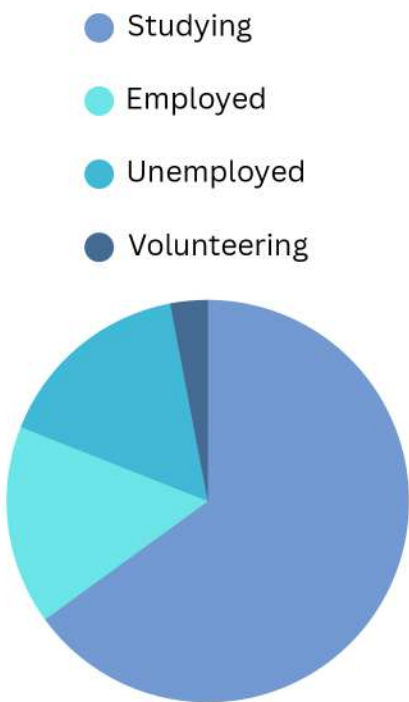
Cumulative number of students supported



Home regions of recipients



Youth Chamber



Regions where NYCE members come from

370 Individuals
17 Leaders
9 Regions
8 Youth organisations

Visit website:

Namibian Youth Chamber of Environment (NYCE)

Established with NCE's support in June 2024, NYCE aims to inspire and equip Namibians aged 18-35. Through webinars, awareness days, events, and field trips, these young professionals and students are becoming informed environmental champions.

School Environmental Clubs (SEC) of Namibia

SEC was established in April 2024 by a high school student to encourage his classmates to look after the environment. With NCE's support, this initiative has expanded to a network of over 60 environmental clubs in the Khomas and Erongo Regions.

Instilling a passion for environmental stewardship among young learners



20-70 club members per school



School quizzes and debates



Workshops on waste management, biodiversity, and climate change

Clean-up Campaigns



Workshops on waste management, biodiversity, and climate change

Supporting Pako Kids Magazine

Pako Kids Magazine was established in 2013 to teach school children about wildlife, pets, and the natural world in a way that is kind, accessible, and inspiring. Each edition is packed with activities and information. NCE has supported Pako since 2022.



Visit website:



Environmental Policy Research

Namibia's environmental policies and practices are critical for promoting truly sustainable development. NCE's national reach positions it to provide targeted information and data that inform policy and practice.

Supporting the wildlife economy

Namibia's wildlife economy supports thriving animal populations and creates jobs far beyond national parks. This series of educational films explain the conservation role of sustainable use, including hunting, in the wildlife economy.



Watch here:



Read more:



Mining Environmental Best Practices



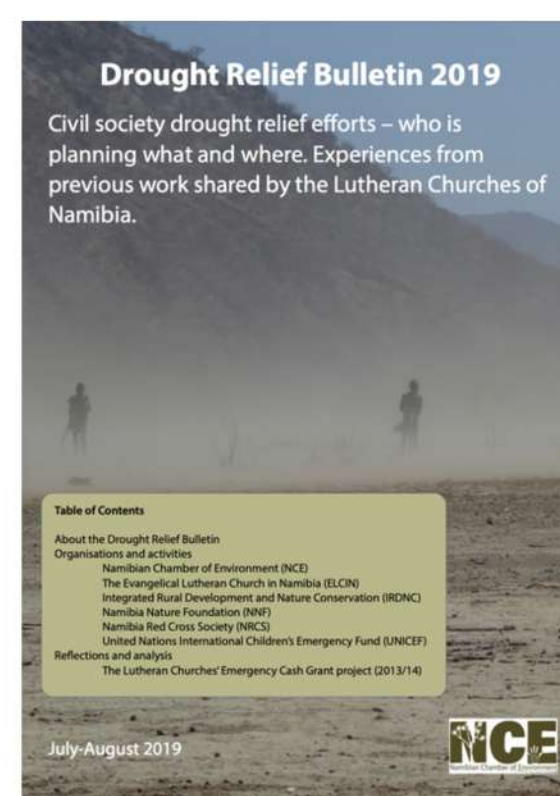
Environmental best practices

The mining industry worked with NCE to produce best practice guidelines that work for Namibia. NCE supports the Environmental Assessment Practitioners Association of Namibia (EAPAN) to increase professionalism in the EIA sub-sector.

Distributing targeted newsletters

Based on our knowledge of gaps and needs within different sectors, NCE developed targeted newsletters - one on drought relief (2019 only), and the other on EIAs (on-going).

These are shared via email to relevant stakeholders who need to stay informed.

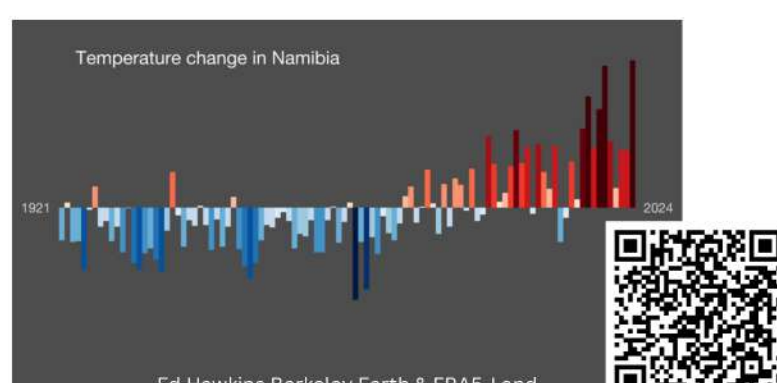


4 Blog articles explaining climate change and the options for Namibia to adapt



Assessing Namibia's Energy Options

Magazine article examining 7 different energy sources that Namibia is using or could pursue in future



Assessing Namibia's energy and climate options

NCE consulted broadly with its members over a six-month period before authoring several thought pieces and a position paper on climate, energy options, and the so-called "green" hydrogen proposal for the Tsau IlKhaeb (Sperrgebiet) National Park.

Grants Making

Part of NCE's support for its members is in the form of grants. This section highlights projects not included elsewhere. These grants aim to address root causes and opportunities, providing tangible and legacy outcomes.

Combatting wildlife crime

NCE established EcoWings and the Pangolin Rewards Scheme as part of national efforts to combat wildlife crime. EcoWings provides critical aerial support for anti-poaching patrols. Pangolin Rewards are cash incentives for anonymous tip-offs leading to arrest.



Learn more about EcoWings:



Education Partners

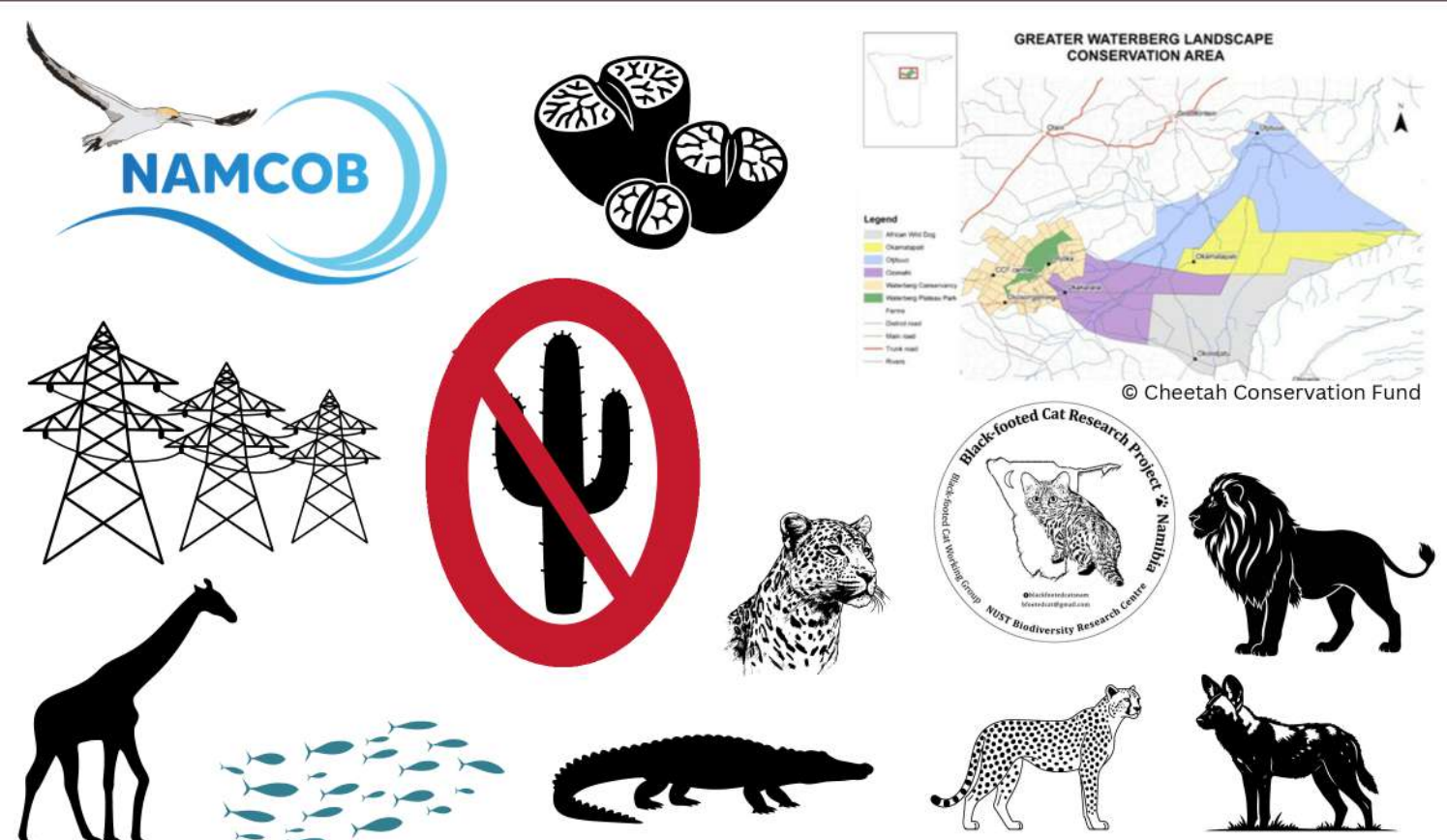


Environmental education and research

Grants to Elephant Human Relations Aid and M.H. Greef Primary School provided field trip opportunities for schoolchildren. Research grants to the Namibia University of Science and Technology and Life through Wildlife contribute to conservation knowledge.

Conserving species and ecosystems

Plant and animal research and conservation grants include: seabirds, carnivores, giraffes, crocodiles, fishes, succulents, and other plants. Ecosystem grants include: alien invasives, landscapes, human-wildlife conflict mitigation, and powerline impacts.



Marching to a better Namibia with black soldier flies

Presentation on OFULA project progress



Read blog article on black soldier fly farming



Nature-based enterprises

NCE supports business ideas that use natural resources and waste to support livelihoods. The black soldier fly farm turns organic waste into fertiliser and animal food. The OFULA project is researching the use of succulents for livestock fodder.

Advocacy

NCE provides support or critique of projects, policies or decisions on a case-by-case basis. We consistently advocate for an evidence-based approach that minimises negative impacts and maximises benefits for Namibia.

Over-fishing and deforestation

Deforestation, marine over-fishing, and poaching are key threats in Namibia. NCE opposed commercial timber harvesting, and supported the moratorium on sardine fishing. We met with the Chinese ambassador to address poaching by their citizens in Namibia



Support for 2017 fishing moratorium



Timber harvesting statement



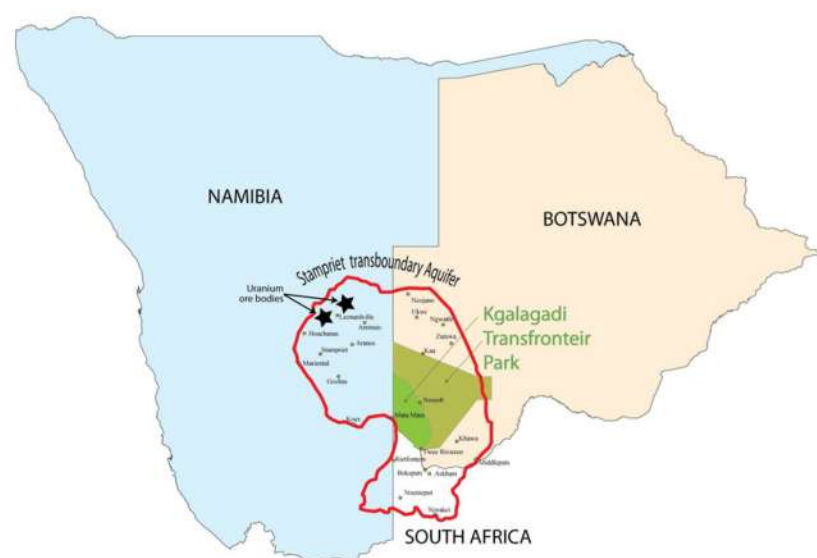
Why the Namibian moratorium on sardine fishing must continue
By Namibian Chamber of Environment



Advocating for continuing the fishing moratorium



Open letter to the Chinese ambassador



Stampriet Aquifer Uranium Mining Association

In partnership with SAUMA

Article on leach mining:



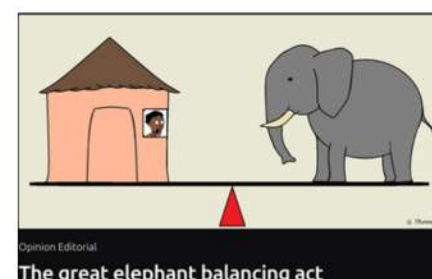
Uranium in-situ leach mining

NCE strongly opposes uranium in-situ leach mining in the Kalahari aquifer. The risks of permanently contaminating the only source of drinking water in south-east Namibia and neighbouring countries far outweigh the benefits from mining.

Hunting trophy import bans and sustainable use

The UK and other European countries are considering banning the importation of hunting trophies from African countries. This is part of a broader attack on the concept of sustainable use, which supports Namibia's wildlife economy.

Africa Geographic



Opinion Editorial
The great elephant balancing act



Richard Huxley
It's true – elephants are thriving in Namibia

Daily Maverick



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Tackling a tall story – a myopic focus on trophy hunting harms real giraffe conservation



Conservation & Environment in Namibia



NCE Supports
Advocacy for sustainable use and Namibia's wildlife economy

WHEN GREEN HYDROGEN TURNS RED
– Threatening a global biodiversity hotspot

Namibian Chamber of Environment
Position Paper
May 2024

Hydrogen position paper:



Buried in sand: What Namibia needs to learn from the desertification of South Africa's Succulent Karoo

Threats to the Succulent Karoo:



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“Green” hydrogen that threatens biodiversity

NCE strongly opposes the German-backed “green” hydrogen project in the Tsau-//Khaeb (Sperrgebiet) National Park. The socio-economic promises do not line up with real hydrogen markets, and the potential biodiversity cost is immense.

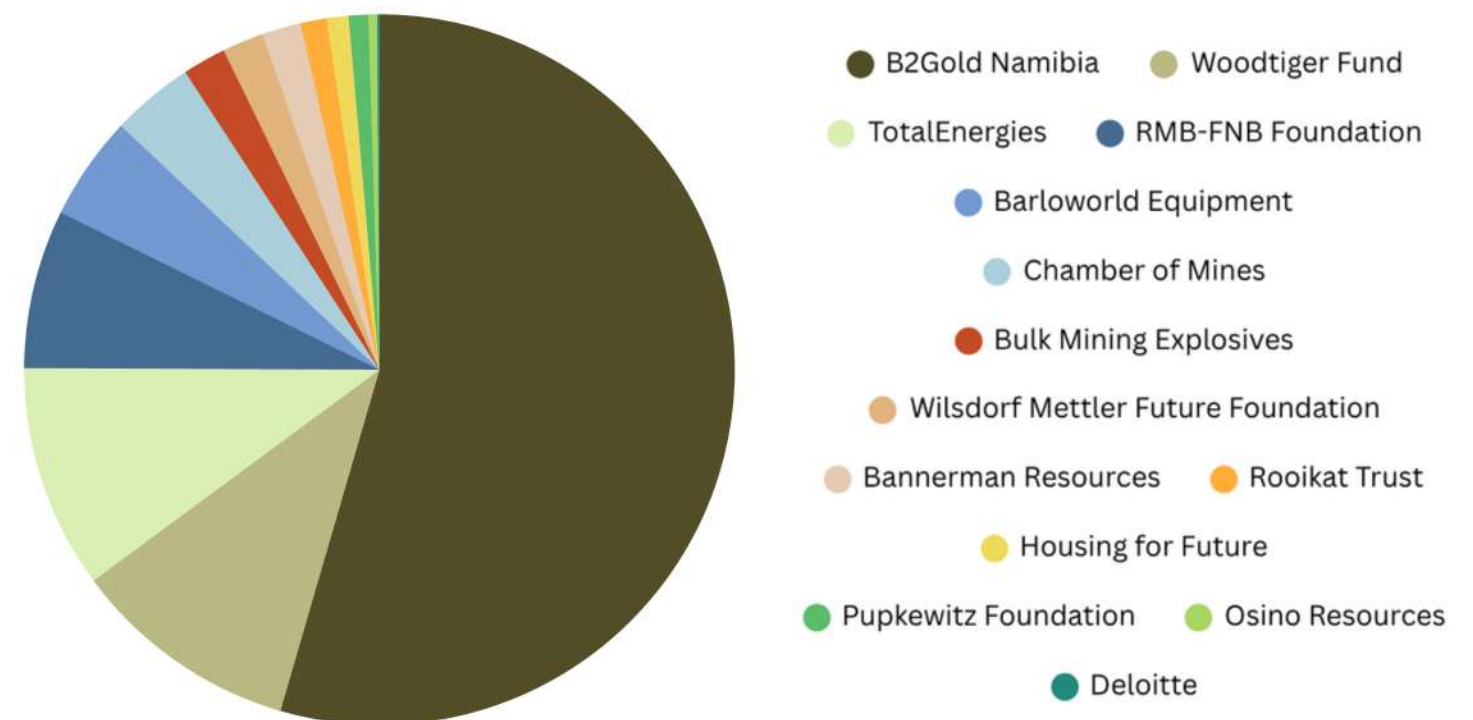
Fundraising

NCE's approach to fundraising follows principles in the King V Report on Corporate Governance. Part of this approach is to provide a platform for multiple companies to co-invest in all of NCE's programmes.

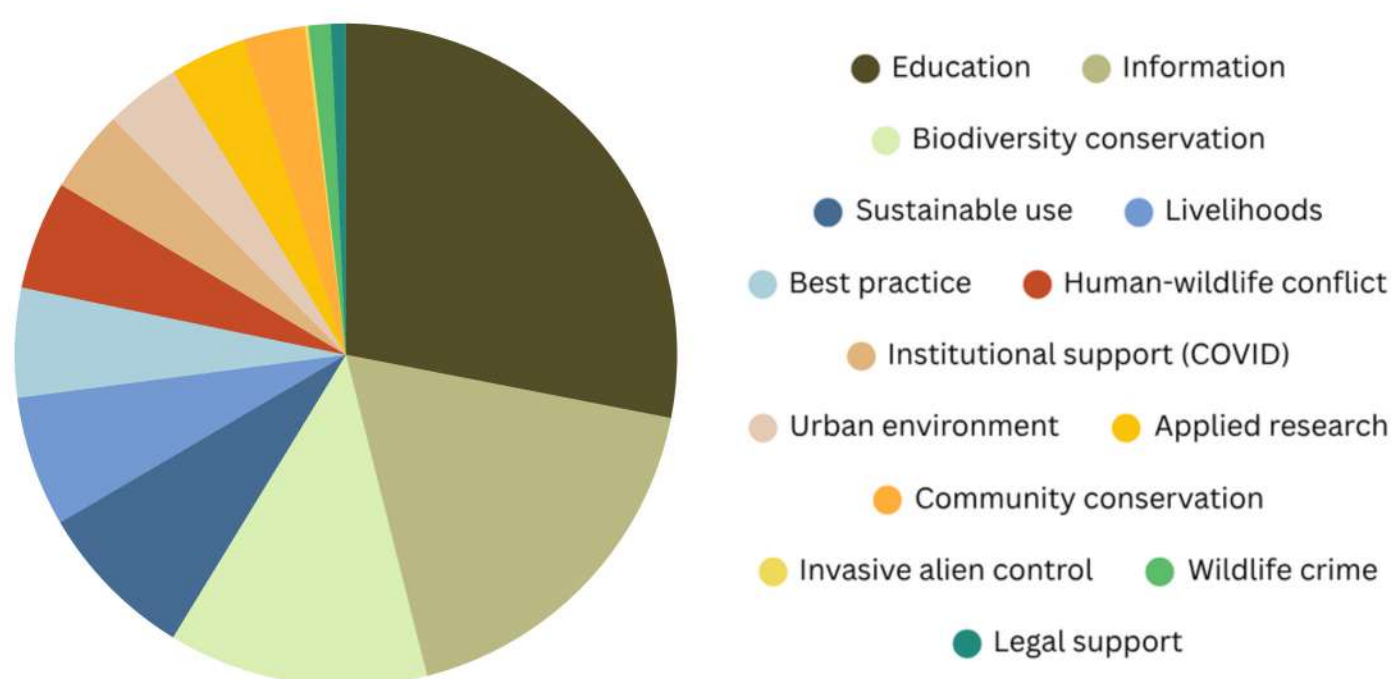
Our approach to fundraising

NCE seeks to work with corporate, foundation and individual donors rather than bilateral and multilateral donors. This reduces competition with our members and minimises bureaucracy.

Proportions of sponsorships received



Proportions of grants to different sectors



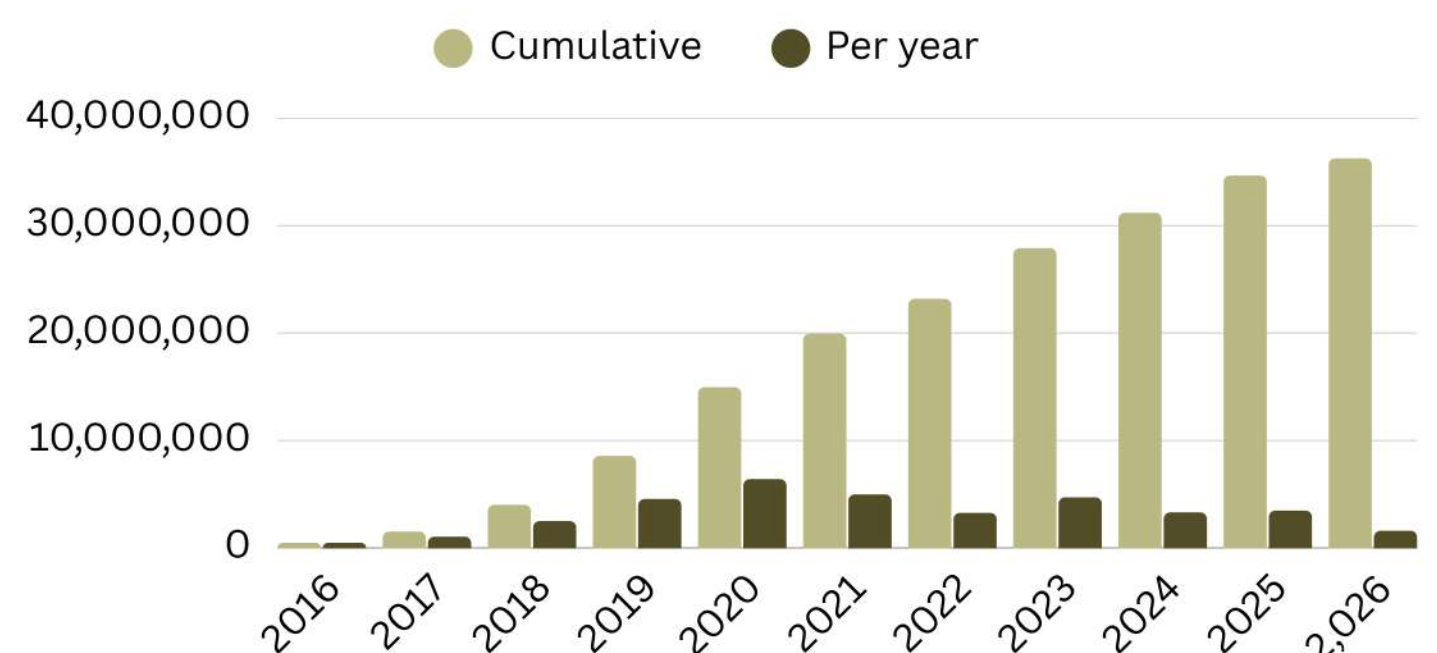
Going further together

Wherever possible, NCE encourages donors to contribute to one 'pot' of funding that supports all our initiatives. This ensures that each donor has a broad portfolio of what it supports, and that these contributions combine to make a real difference.

Leveraging support from seed funding

By setting up new networks and organisations, NCE has used its seed funding to generate greater donor interest. For every N\$1 that NCE invested from its funds, N\$71 has been leveraged from other donors to support the sector.

Value (N\$) of grants awarded



Our Sponsors



Outcomes rather than box ticking

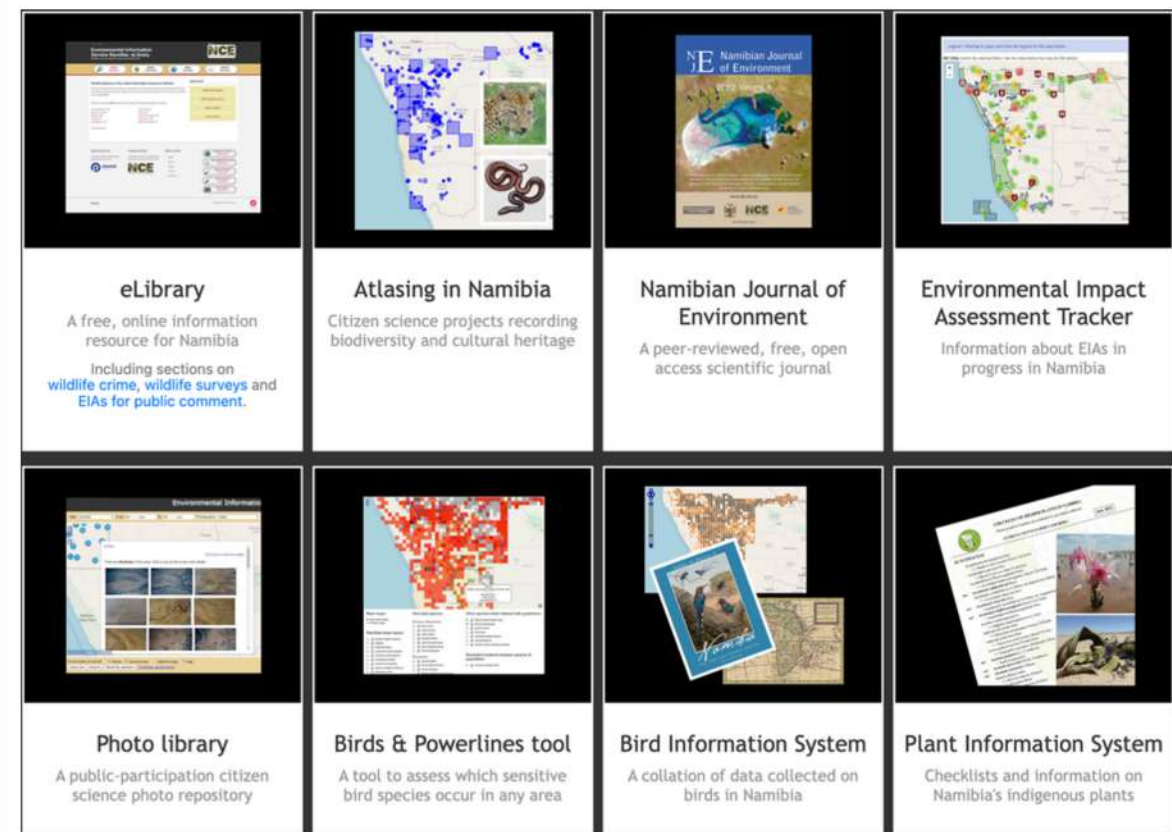
Our corporate donors are more interested in outcomes than in bureaucratic processes and box ticking. NCE's agenda is not controlled by donors, but driven from the membership. All initiatives and position statements are thus independent of special donor interests.

Environmental Information

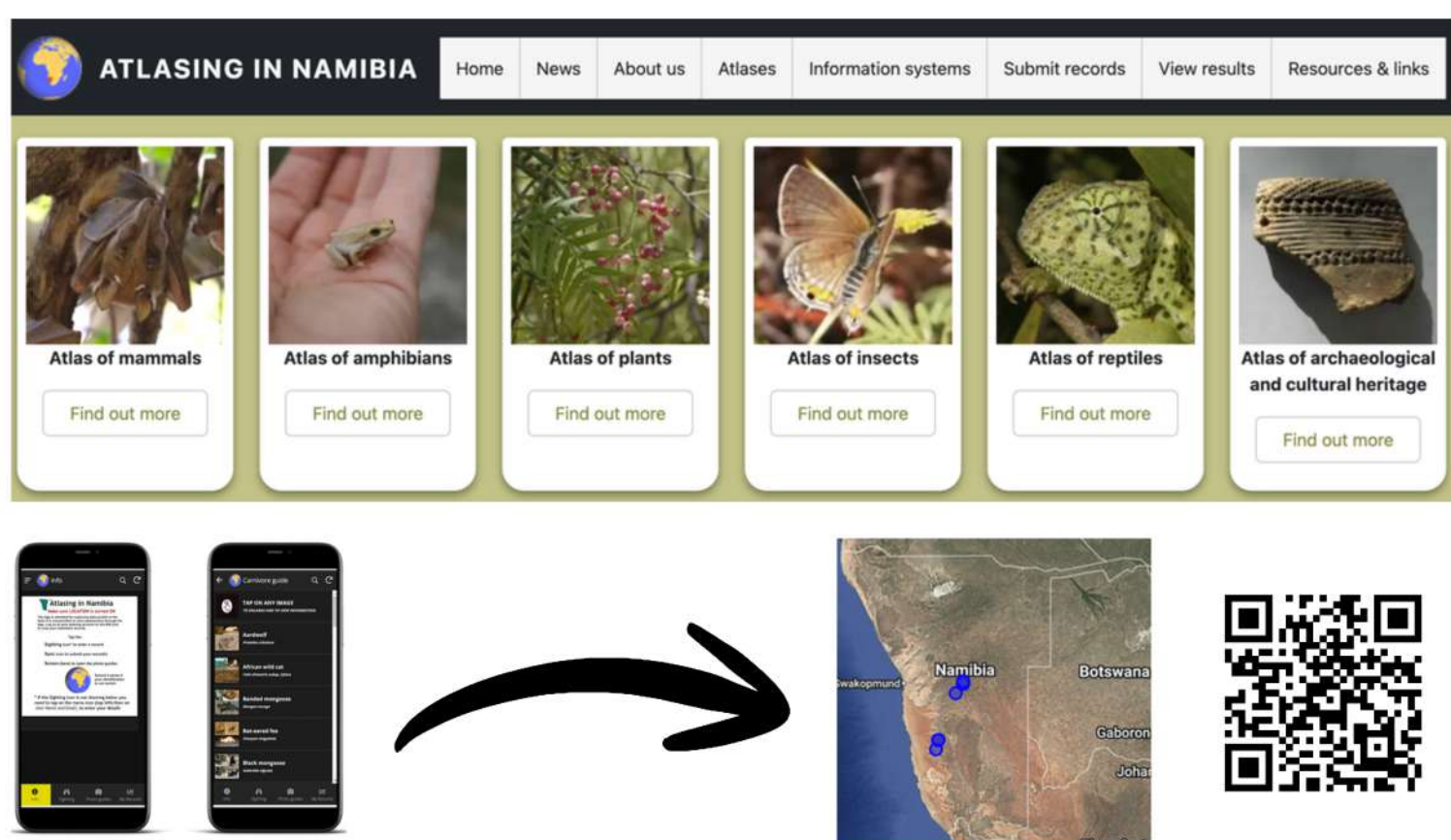
Information and transparency are critical elements of developing a strong civil society and engaged citizens. NCE has therefore established free-to-access platforms for scientists, practitioners, policymakers, and the public.

Free flow of public information

The Environmental Information System (EIS) of Namibia includes an eLibrary of over 31,000 resources relevant to Namibia. These include journal articles, academic theses, maps, reports, legislation, and literature that may be otherwise difficult to access.



Visit the
EIS
website



Promoting citizen science

The Atlasing section of the EIS and its associated mobile app allows citizen scientists to report their sightings into an online, interactive database. Records of mammals, amphibians, plants, insects, reptiles, and archaeological sites are accepted.

Platform for sharing Namibian science

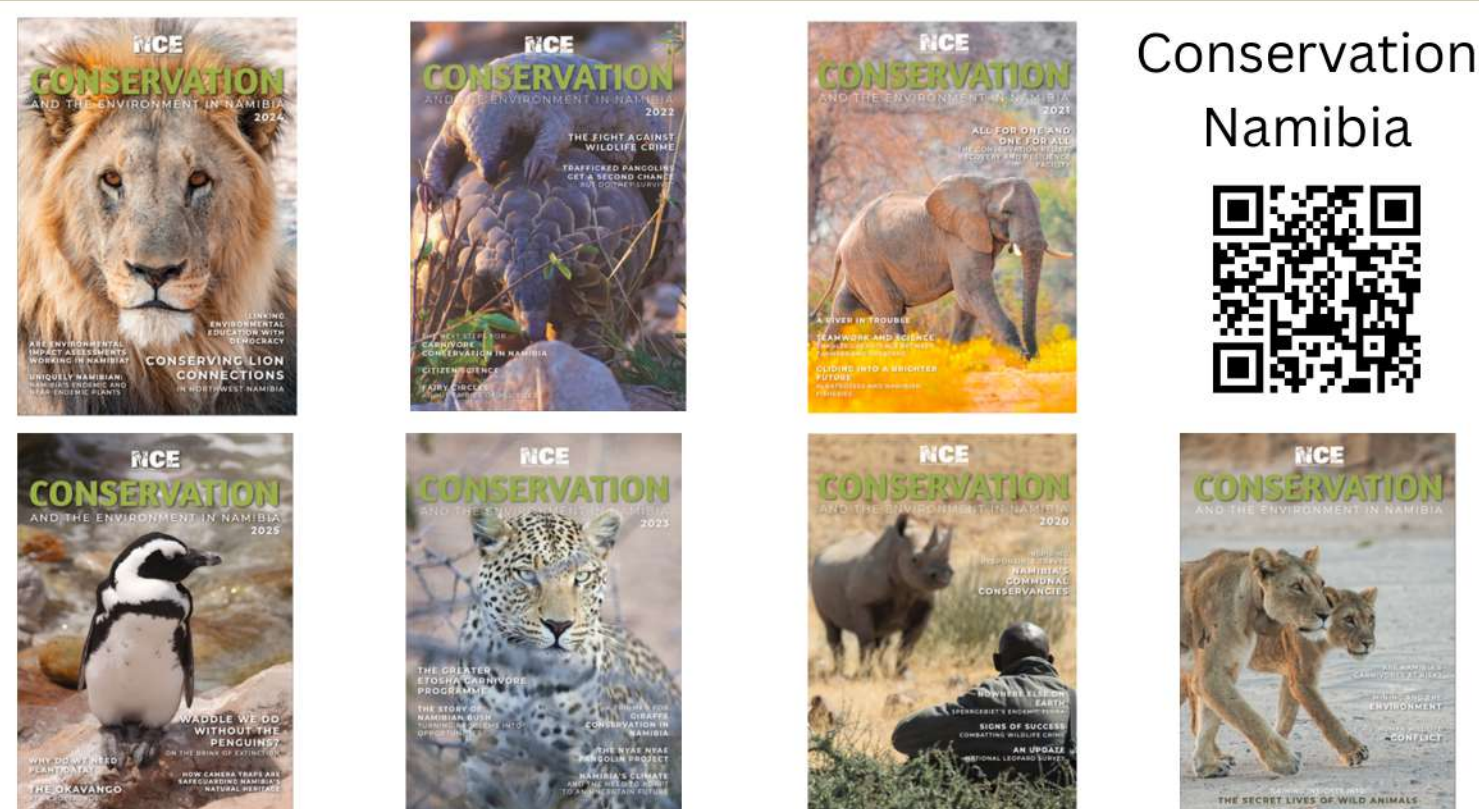
The Namibian Journal of Environment is a scientific journal that provides a free avenue for scientists to publish their work. Neither the author nor reader pays for this service - it is fully open access. NJE is listed on the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ).



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Conservation
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Telling Namibia's conservation stories

The Conservation Namibia website hosts online versions of the annual Conservation & Environment magazine, alongside blogs, videos, and factsheets. NCE and its members use this platform to showcase their work, or garner attention for concerning issues.



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