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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Gondwana Collection Namibia PTY Ltd has for the last 12 months followed the prescribed MET concession process and was chosen as the preferred developer to undertake a 40 Room lodge in the King Nehale Conservancy. A seventy-five (75) million financial investment has been secured for the development. The planned development will be named the Gondwana Etosha King Nehale Lodge and it is situated in the Oshikoto Region, Namibia in near the Etosha National Park.

The planned project triggers Listed Activities in terms of the Environmental Management Act, 2007 (Act No. 7 of 2007) and Regulations (2011). Therefore, an Environmental Clearance Certificate is required. As part of the Environmental Clearance Certificate application, an environmental impact assessment has been undertaken which satisfies the requirements of the Environmental Management Act, 2007. This Environmental Scoping Report and Environmental Management Plan shall be submitted as part of the application for the Environmental Clearance.

The assessment has been carried out for the construction and operations of the Etosha Gondwana King Nehale Lodge. The project includes the construction of an access road, powerline, water pipeline, sewerage recycling plant, water storage tanks, guest accommodation and entertainment areas.

The planned development is located in the Nama Karoo biome on a flat plane near the Etosha National Park, no plant species of high conservation value were identified within the project area. The site and extent of the lodge infrastructure were selected so as to minimise the environmental footprint, minimise the distance to sources of water and electricity and use existing infrastructure as far as possible.

The environmental and social impact assessment was undertaken using a methodology developed by Environmental Compliance Consultancy which is based on the International Finance Corporation standard for impact assessments. Through the scoping process, a baseline of the site and surrounding environment was compiled by undertaking a site visit and desktop literature review. Sensitive receptors were identified during this phase.

Due to the nature and scale of the project no significant impacts were identified during the scoping phase. Measures to mitigate and manage potential impacts on the environment during the construction and operational phases are outlined in the Draft Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP).



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# **DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

DEA Directorate of Environmental Affairs

EIA Environmental Impact Assessment

ESMP Environmental and Social Management Plan

ENP Etosha National Park

GDP Gross Domestic Product

IFC International Finance Cooperation

I&AP Interested and affected parties

MET Ministry of Environment and Tourism



# 1. INTRODUCTION

## 1.1. BACKGROUND TO THE PLANNED PROJECT

Tourism contributes much to the GDP of Namibia. Over one million tourists visit the country annually in search of resorts and destinations which are pristine and integrate the African culture. Gondwana Collection Namibia was founded in 1995 and operates various lodges in Namibia with the key focus of the company being to combine hospitality, nature conservation and social commitment in a sustainable manner. Over the past 7 years the Gondwana Collection has been partnering with communities in Namibia's north- eastern regions, particularly conservancies. Gondwana has a zero-tolerance for any activities that adversely affect biodiversity.

The Gondwana Collection Namibia PTY Ltd is looking to expand its offerings to a broader range of tourists travelling on different financial budgets and seeking different experiences in different regions in Namibia. The current lodges under the Gondwana Collection Namibia PTY Ltd cater to medium to upper market tourist wanting to stay in a reasonably priced lodge or a self-catering campsite.

The current development is a forty (40) room lodge in the King Nehale Conservancy in the Oshikoto region. Gondwana Collection has secured a N\$75 million financial investment for the lodge development. The planned development seeks to offer up-market accommodation with a 4-5-star rating and will expose tourists to the cultural experience in north central Namibia. This area has significant tourism potential and the planned development will generate income for the local conservancy and greater Namibian community. The newly formed venture is designed to further spread financial, social and environmental benefits that eco-tourism can bring to previously disenfranchised communities.



## 1.2. ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

The Environmental Management Act of 2007 stipulates that an Environmental Clearance Certificate is required to undertake Listed Activities under the Act and associated Regulations. Listed activities triggered by the planned project in accordance with the Environmental Management Act, 2007 and supporting regulations are as follows:

LISTED ACTIVITY	EIA SCREENING FINDING
STORAGE ACTIVITIES  1 (b) The transmission and supply of electricity	A NamPower line will be installed to provide electricity at the lodge site.
WASTE MANAGEMENT, TREATMENT, HANDLING AND DISPOSAL ACTIVITIES  (2.1) The construction of facilities for waste sites, treatment of waste and disposal of waste.  (2.3) The import, processing, use and recycling, temporary storage, transit or export of waste	Construction waste and rubble will be created during construction.  Household waste shall be generated during operations, which shall be collected and removed from the site for reused, recycling or final disposal at an appropriate facility.
TOURISM DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES  (6) The construction of resorts, lodges, hotels or other tourism and hospitality facilities	The planned project is the construction of a lodge.
WATER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENTS 8.6) Construction of industrial and domestic waste water treatment plants and related pipeline systems	Whilst the proposed project is not a dedicated facility for waste management, treatment or disposal, sewerage waste shall be produced on site and will require treatment prior to discharge. A sewerage treatment facility shall be installed.
MINING AND QUARRYING ACTIVITIES (3.2) Other forms of mining or extraction of any natural resources whether regulated by law or not.	Sand removal is required for construction activities. The sand will be sourced from an existing borrow pit.
<b>FORESTRY ACTIVITIES</b> (4) The clearance of forest areas, deforestation, forestation, timber harvesting or any other related activity that requires authorisation in term of the Forest Act, 2001 (Act No. 12 of 2001) or any other law.	Vegetation clearance is required in order to allow the construction of the proposed project.

## 1.3. Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is to present the findings of the EIA for the planned project. The EIA has been undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Management Act, 2007 and the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulation, 2007 (No. 30 of 2011) gazetted under the Environmental Management Act, 2007 (referred to herein as the EIA Regulations). This Scoping Report and appendices will be submitted to the Directorate of

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Environmental Affairs (DEA) at the Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET) for review as part of the application for an Environmental Clearance Certificate.

This report has been prepared by Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC). ECC's terms of reference for the assessment was strictly to address potential effects, whether positive or negative, and their relative significance, explore alternatives for technical recommendations and identify appropriate mitigation measures for potential impacts. The terms of reference for this project is:

- ECC will conduct site assessments to identify any potentially sensitive areas and conduct the initial environmental site assessment
- Set the regulatory framework for the project (Chapter 2)
- To identify potential issues associated with the proposed project through detailed revision of existing literature for the project site and surroundings - (Chapter 3)
- Describe and map the current (baseline) environment including the physically and social environment -(Chapter 4)
- Assess the impact on the environment and society from the proposed project including potential interactions with groundwater, surface water, air quality, noise, biodiversity, cultural and social impacts. Provide impact mitigation measures - (Chapter 4)
- Identify potential issues associated with the proposed project through consultation with interested and affected parties and key stakeholders. Conduct public consultation phase as required by the Act - (Chapter 5)
- Conducted an impact assessment on each potential impact generated by the proposed project (ECCs method
  is aligned to IFC standards) (Chapter 5)
- Provide recommendations to ensure the projects impacts on the environment and community are minimised
   (Chapter 5)
- Develop a practical and implementable ESMP to prevent and mitigate the impacts identified in the impact assessment process (Appendix A)

This report provides information for the Authorities, the public and stakeholders to aid in the decision-making process for the planned project. The objectives are to:

- Provide a description of the planned activities within the context of the planned site and conveyance routes
- Provide a description of the environment that may be affected by the activities
- Identify the laws and guidelines that needed to be considered in the assessment and preparation of this report
- Provide details of the public consultation process
- Describe the need and desirability of the development and all the activities relevant to the same
- Provide a high level environmental and social impact assessment on feasible alternatives that were considered,
   and
- Report the assessment findings, identifying the significance of effects, including cumulative effects.

In addition to the environmental assessment, a Draft Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) (Appendix A) is also required under the Environmental Management Act, 2007. The Draft ESMP becomes final once the environmental clearance has been issued. At subsequent renewal applications the amendments to the ESMP can be approved by the environmental commissioner. A Draft ESMP has been developed to provide a management framework

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for the planning and implementation of activities. The Draft ESMP provides guidelines, standards and arrangements to ensure that the potential environmental and social impacts are prevented, mitigated and/or minimised as far as possible and that statutory requirements and other legal obligations are fulfilled.

## 1.4. THE PROPONENT OF THE PLANNED PROJECT

The proponent of the planned project is Gondwana Collection Namibia (Pty) Ltd. The postal address is PO Box 90388, Windhoek. The group environmental officer can be contacted via <a href="mailto:environmental-envi

#### 1.5. Environmental Consultancy

ECC, a Namibian consultancy, registration number 2013/11401, has prepared this document on behalf of the proponent. ECC operates exclusively in the environmental, social, health and safety fields for clients across Southern Africa in the public and private sector. The CVs of the authors of this report are contained in Appendix B.

ECC is independent to the proponent and has no vested or financial interested in the planned project.

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## 1.6. REPORT STRUCTURE

Table 1 - Environmental Scoping Report Sections

SECTION	TITLE	CONTENT
-	Executive Summary	Executive summary of the EIA
-	Acronyms	A list of acronyms used during the report
1	Introduction	This section introduces the EIA and provides background information on
		the planned project, proponent and purpose of the report
2	Regulatory Framework	This chapter describes the Namibian environmental regulatory
		framework applicable to the project and how it has been considered in
		the assessment and the Scoping Report and ESMP.
3	Project Description	Presents a description of the planned project and how the planned
		project will be operated.
4	Bio-physical & Socio-	Presents a description of the baseline environment of the planned
	economic Environment	project site.
5	Environmental and	This chapter presents the predicted potential environmental and social
	Social Impact	effects arising from the planned project, and the mitigation and
	Assessment	management strategies to be applied to avoid or reduce the effects.
6	Conclusions	Concludes the findings of the EIA
7	References	A list of reference used for this report



Appendix A	Draft Environmental &	Description of management and mitigation measures for the planned
	Social Management	project
	Plan (ESMP)	
Appendix B	ECC CV's	Curriculum vitae of the authors of this report
Appendix C	Biodiversity List	Detailed list of all species of biodiversity in and around the planned
		project area
Appendix D	Assessment	Description of the assessment methodology used for the planned
	Methodology	project
Appendix E	Evidence of Public	Background Information Document, site notice, Newspaper adverts and
	Consultation	public consultation feedback (Appendix E1)



# 2. REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

## 2.1.INTRODUCTION

The Constitution of the Republic of Namibia, 1990 clearly defines the nation's position in relation to sustainable development and environmental management. The Constitution says that the State shall actively promote and maintain the welfare of the people by adopting policies aimed at the following:

"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; ...."

## The Constitution of the Republic of Namibia Article 95 (I)

This section of the report outlines the regulatory framework applicable to the planned project. The proponent is committed to upholding their part in complying with the provisions of the regulatory framework set out below.

## 2.2. International Conventions

INTERNATIONAL REGULATORY REGIME	SUMMARY	APPLICABILITY TO THE PROJECT
Convention on Biological Diversity (1992)	The Convention on Biological Diversity (1992) has the objectives:  - The conservation of biological diversity  - The sustainable use of biological resources, and  - The fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising from the use of genetic resources.	The vision of the planned project is to integrate the development into the natural environment and conserve and enhance the site's flora and fauna. The biological diversity of the site and surrounding area shall be conserved as part of the planned development.

## 2.3. NATIONAL POLICIES

NATIONAL REGULATORY REGIME	SUMMARY	APPLICABILITY TO THE PROJECT
Vision 2030	Vision 2030 sets out the nation's development programmes and strategies to achieve its national objectives. It sets out eight themes to realise the country's long-term vision.  Vision 2030 states that the overall goal of the vision is to improve the quality of life of the Namibian people to a level in line with the developed world.	The planned project shall meet the objectives of Vision 2030 and shall contribute to the overall development of the country while building capacity in the local communities.

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NATIONAL REGULATORY REGIME	SUMMARY	APPLICABILITY TO THE PROJECT
Fifth National Development Plan (NDP5)	The NDP5 is the fifth in the series of seven five-year national development plans that outline the objectives and aspiration of Namibia's long-term vision as expressed in Vision 2030. The NDP5 is structure on five pillars: economic progression, social transformation, environmental sustainability and good governance. Under the social transformation pillar is the goal of improved education.  A desired outcome of NDP5 is to have a diversified and competitive tourism sector with increased number of tourists from 1.4 million in 2015 to 1.8 million.	The planned project supports meeting the objectives of the NDP5 through creating opportunities for ecotourism.
The Environmental Assessment Policy	Approved by Cabinet in 1994, the Policy obliges Namibia to place a high priority on maintaining ecosystems and related ecological processes, and to uphold maximum biological diversity. The Policy recognises that environmental assessments are a key tool towards implementing integrated environmental management. The policy has also gained legislative support by the EMA.	Part of the planned projects vision is to maintain the ecosystems found on the planned site in order to integrate the facilities into the natural environment. An environmental assessment has also been undertaken as required under the EMA. The findings of which are presented in this report.

# 2.4. NATIONAL STATUTES

Environmental and social national Statutes, which are applicable to the planned project or have been considered in the assessment and are summarised in Table 2.

**Table 2 - National Statutes** 

NATIONAL REGULATORY REGIME	SUMMARY	APPLICABILITY TO THE PROJECT
Environmental Management Act, 2007 (Act No. 7 of 2007) and associated regulations, including the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulation, 2007 (No. 30 of 2011)	The Act aims to promote sustainable management of the environment and the use of natural resources by establishing principles for decision-making on matters affecting the environment.  It sets the principles of environmental management as well as the functions and powers of the Minister. The Act requires certain activities to obtain an environmental clearance certificate prior to project development. The Act states an EIA may be undertaken and submitted as part	This report (and ESMP) documents the findings of the EIA process undertaken for the planned project, which will form part of the environmental clearance application. The EIA and report have been undertaken in line with the requirements under the Act and associated regulations.



NATIONAL REGULATORY REGIME	SUMMARY	APPLICABILITY TO THE PROJECT
	of the environmental clearance certificate application. The MET is responsible for the protection and management of Namibia's natural environment. The Department of Environmental Affairs under the MET is responsible for the administration for the EIA process.	
Water Act, 54 of 1956	The Water Resources Management Act 24 of 2004 is presently without regulations; therefore, the Water Act No 54 of 1956 is still in force: P  Prohibits the pollution of underground and surface water bodies (\$23(1)).  Liability of clean-up costs after closure/abandonment of an activity (\$23(2)).  Protection from surface and underground water pollution	The Act stipulates obligations to prevent pollution of water. Pollution prevention measures have been considered in the assessment and incorporated into the ESMP.
National Heritage Act 27 of 2004	The Act provides for the protection and conservation of places and objects of heritage significance and the registration of such places and objects. It also makes provision for archaeological 'impact assessments'.	There is potential for heritage objects to be found on the sites, therefore the stipulations in the Act have been taken into consideration and are incorporated into the ESMP.
Forest Act, 2001 (12 of 2001) And associated Regulations	This Act provides for the establishment of the Forestry Council, and presents laws relating to the management and use of forests and forest produce. It also presents provisions for the protection of the environment and the control and management of forest fires.	Ecological impacts may occur as a result of the planned project due to some site clearance requirements. The project will ensure the Act is complied with, in particular:  - Clear the vegetation on more than 15 hectares on any piece of land or several pieces of land situated in the same locality which has predominantly woody vegetation requires a permit (\$23 (1) (b)).  - Tree species and any vegetation within 100m from a watercourse may not be removed without a permit (\$22(1) (a)).  - Protected species will be identified prior to construction works and measures to protect them, as set out in the ESMP.  - Permits for protect species under the Act must be obtained from MAWF prior to any disturbance.
Soil Conservation, 1969 (Act 76 of 1969) and the Soil Conservation	Makes provision for the prevention and control of soil erosion and the protection, improvement and conservation of soil,	Whilst minimum vegetation disturbance will occur on site during construction, there is potential to remove some and disturb soil. The construction methods

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NATIONAL REGULATORY REGIME	SUMMARY	APPLICABILITY TO THE PROJECT
Amendment Act (Act 38 of 1971)	vegetation and water supply sources and resources.  The Minister of Agriculture, Water & Forestry may issue directives to land owners in respect of, amongst others:  The prevention of erosion, the denudation, disturbance or drainage of land; and  Any other disturbance of the soil which creates or may create conditions which cause or may cause any form of erosion or pollution of water by silt or drift sand.	and final design have been considered in the design of the planned project and thus considered the potential degradation of soil.



# 3. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

## 3.1. NEED FOR THE PLANNED PROJECT

The development of the Gondwana Etosha King Nehale Lodge will attract tourists to the region thereby presenting opportunities for development in the region whilst exposing tourists to a full cultural experience. The tourism industry is an important contributor to the generation of revenue, rural development, employment and poverty reduction. The need to expand the tourism sector and ensure sustainability in the sector is highlighted in Namibia's 5<sup>th</sup> National Development Plan. The Gondwana Etosha King Nehale Lodge will be located in the central northern part of Namibia as depicted on the map in **Error! Reference source not found.** 

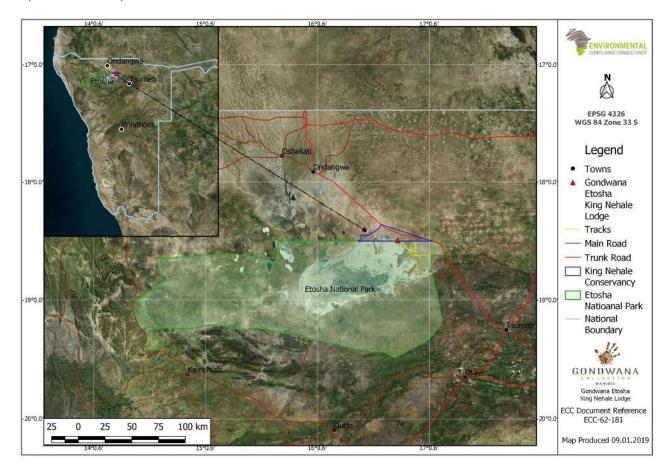


Figure 1: Planned location for Gondwana Etosha King Nehale Lodge



## 3.2. ALTERNATIVES AND HIGH LEVEL COMPARATIVE ASSESSMENT

## "No-go" Alternative

The no-go alternative presents the option for not undertaking the planned activity or any of its alternatives. In the event that the planned activities are not conducted, any potential impacts associated with the planned projects will be completely avoided. The Gondwana Etosha King Nehale Lodge has the potential to generate social-economic development in the area. Should the project not proceed the project benefits would not materialise. See Table 3

### **High Level Assessment of Alternatives**

The preferred alternative presents the option for proceeding with the planned project, whilst ensuring measures are in place to minimise environmental impacts on site. Site selection for the lodge was an iterative process and several sites were initially identified for the planned lodge development as shown in Figure 2Error! Reference source not found. A site assessment was conducted, and the alternative sites were evaluated, the outcome of which is presented in Table 3.

Table 3 – Alternative sites

OPTIONS	DESCRIPTION / LOCATION	POTENTIAL IMPACTS
No Go	NA	NA
Site 1	Shortest road to be constructed (1km)	Habitat alteration
	Near existing gate (no new gate to be constructed)	
	Shortest water pipeline 2.2 km from existing MET waterline	
	Vegetation type status (not threatened)	
	Habitat (not unique)	
Site 2	Lengthy road to be constructed (site situated 9km from gate)	Habitat alteration
	Far from existing gate (9km) (new gate needs to be constructed)	
	Water pipeline construction to be 9 km from existing MET waterline	
Site 3	Lengthy road to be constructed (4.4km along the fence of the Etosha National Park)	Habitat alteration



	4.4 km water pipeline to be constructed along fence	
Site 4	Lengthy road to be constructed (4.8 km along the fence of the Etosha National Park)	Habitat alteration
	4.8 km water pipeline to be constructed along fence	

Various factors were considered in the selection process such as environmental footprint, existing infrastructure and resources.

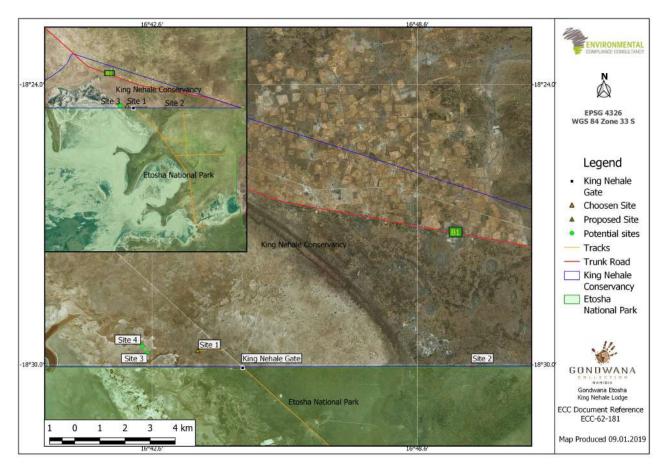


Figure 2: Alternative sites considered for lodge development



The findings of the site assessment indicated that Site 1 is the preferred site; the vegetation type on site is not threatened and no irreplaceable habitat will be damaged due to the lodge development The final site and design as shown in **Error! Reference source not found.** was selected in order to minimise the environmental footprint, the selected site does not require a long road to be constructed nor a long powerline. The preferred site is closest to the existing gate; therefore, a new gate does not need to be constructed as was the case with previously considered sites. The planned construction methods and lodge design ensures that impacts on the environment are minimal.

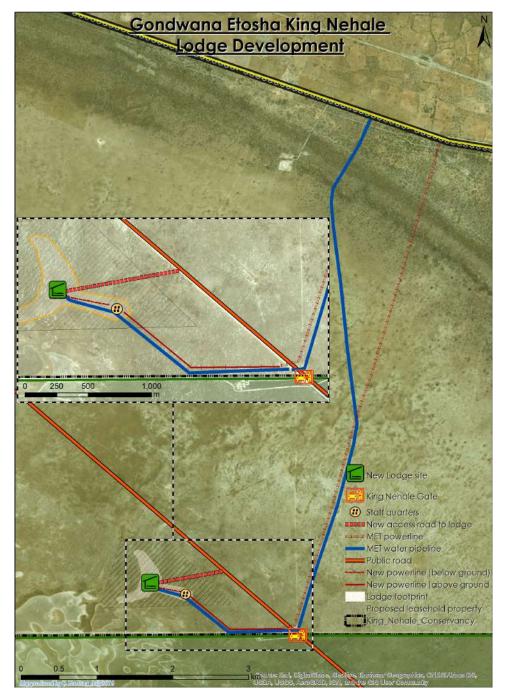




Figure 3: Final selected lodge site location

## 3.3. PLANNED PROJECT

The planned development entails the construction of tourist accommodation consisting of the following;

- Thirty- two (32) Guest rooms, each with an en-suite bathroom, external shower, private patio, splash pool
- Eight (8) family units with en-suite bathrooms, external showers, splash pools and private patio's
- Staff housing for up to forty staff, managers and supervisors
- Power line to provide electricity
- Water pipeline to convey fresh water from the Namwater supply waterline
- Room for back-up generator
- Entrance road, 1km
- Workers campsite during construction phase
- Removal of natural resources (sand /soil) for construction if required
- Water storage tanks, and
- Sewerage recycling plant.

The lodge will be constructed using sandbags which are a cheaper and eco-friendly alternative to bricks as shown in Figure 4. This method of construction is best suited for remote sites because of the use of ecologically sound and natural materials. The method leaves a very low carbon footprint and unskilled local labour can be used during the construction. Other recycled material which will be used for the for the construction of the lodge include recycled glass for paved walkways and parking lots. The planned final design is shown in Figure 5.





Figure 4: Planned construction method



Figure 5: Planned final lodge design

## 3.3.1. WORKERS AND ACCOMMODATION

During the construction phase of 18 months, up to seventy (70) temporary employment opportunities will be created. A campsite is to be set up as illustrated in during the construction phase to accommodate workers. Once the lodge moves into operation up to forty (40) people will be permanently employed and accommodated at the lodge. Employment will be sourced locally as far as practically possible.

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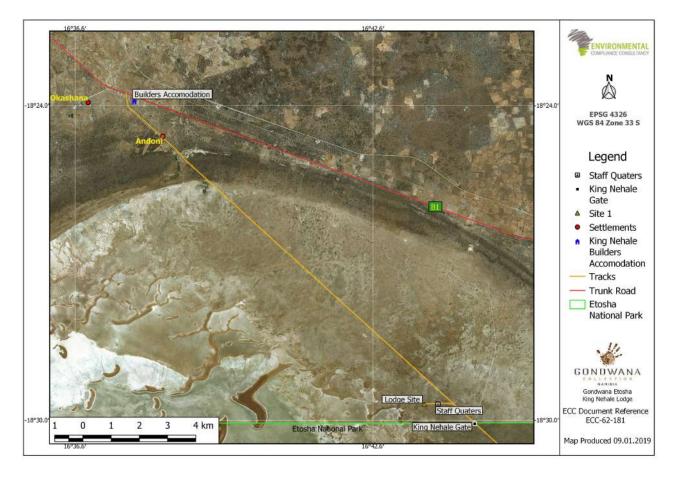


Figure 6: Accommodation to be constructed for workers during the construction period

### 3.3.2. RESOURCE USE AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

### WASTE

All waste which may attract scavengers to the site shall be stored in a location where it cannot be accessed. Waste will then be separated and stored at the staff quarters where it will be transported to the nearest recycling plant. Waste that cannot be recycled will be transported to the nearest dumpsite. The sludge from the sewerage system will be disposed of at an approved site. The organic compostable waste will be decomposed in a warm compost tank.

#### **ELECTRICITY**

NamPower currently has a powerline near the to the preferred site as shown in Figure 7. Energy will be sourced from NamPower in conjunction with the use of solar energy. Solar panel roofing will be located at the car park.





Figure 7: Existing powerline

#### WATER

Water will be sourced via Namwater via a privately installed water pipeline. Currently, there is a Namwater meter and borehole/pipeline connection (See Figure 8) along the B1 road 9km from the planned site. In order to save water, water saving devices will be used in the toilets and low flow shower heads and taps will be installed. The predicted Average Daily Demand (ADD) for the development is outlined in Table 4.

Table 4 - Maximum average daily water demand by the Namib Pod, based on 100% occupancy

DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QUANTITY	ADD (PAC)	TOTAL ADD (L/DAY)				
Guests	Person	96	170	16 320				
Staff	Person	24	170	4 080				
Services			5000	5 000				
Total at 100% occupa	Total at 100% occupancy							

A trickling filter sewerage plant or a similar alternative will be used for the treatment of sewerage and waste water. This will be located near the staff accommodation. Two septic tanks will be constructed near the guest rooms from where water will be pumped to the sewerage plant. Treated water will be returned to the ground via a soak away.





Figure 8: NamWater meter and borehole connection.

### **BUILDING MATERIAL**

The sand and gravel required during the construction phase will be sourced from an existing borrow pit which is under the management of the Omuthiya Town Council.

# 3.4. LIMITATIONS, UNCERTAINTIES AND ASSUMPTIONS

In line with EIA best practice, assumptions have been made based on realistic worst-case scenarios, thereby ensuring that the worst-case potential environmental impacts are identified and assessed.

In undertaking this investigation, the following has been assumed;

- The information provided by the client is accurate, and
- Should the project be authorised the proponent will implement any recommendations and mitigation measures outlined in this assessment

## 4. BIO-PHYSICAL AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The project location is in the King Nehale Conservancy in the Oshikoto Region, Namibia. The conservancy covers an area of 508.34km² of which 1.09km² is planned for the lodge property development. The planned development is approximately 2km to the Etosha King Nehale Gate, therefore existing infrastructure is in place to some extent. The access road to the lodge will be developed 16 km from the B1 road along the district road D3646. The access road to the lodge is planned to be approximately 1km from D3646.

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## 4.1. CLIMATE & RAINFALL

Namibia receives approximately 300 days of sunshine per annum. Average summer temperatures range from 20-34 degrees Celsius. In winter average daytime temperatures range between 18-22 degrees Celsius. The project site is situated in the Oshikoto Region, Namibia which has an average rainfall of 350 mm - 550 mm. The rainy season is between November and April. The average temperature ranges from  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$  - $28^{\circ}\text{C}$  from Winter to Summer.

## 4.2. LANDSCAPE AND TOPOGRAPHY

The planned project site is relatively flat with little to no elevated areas as shown in Figure 9. The elevation above sea level is 1001-1100m. The average annual rainfall is 350mm-550mm. The rainy season is between November and April. The average temperature ranges from 20°C -28°C from Winter to Summer.



Figure 9: Proposed project site

#### 4.3. BIODIVERSITY — FLORA

The construction and operational phases of the proposed development could potentially impact on the bio-physical environment, because of habitat disruption. The planned site is situated in the Acacia tree and shrub savanna sub biome consisting of the Karstveld vegetation type which is mostly dominated by mixed woodland (Mendelsohn et al., 2003). The project site is a plain area with the dominant flora on site being grasses as shown in Figure 10. No plant species of high conservation value were identified on/ or within the preferred site boundary during the site visit. Appendix C shows the species of biodiversity found in the vicinity of the Gondwana Etosha King Nehale Lodge – North Central Namibia.

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Figure 10: Grass species found on the planned project site

## 4.4. BIODIVERSITY - FAUNA

The conservancy is rich in a variety of wildlife species as well as locally rare species which are not often found in the conservancy but need special conservancy attention such as lions, black rhino's, caracal, elephants, leopards and ostriches (King Nehale status summary and natural resource report , 2014). Game species found in the conservancy include; springbok, hyena, blue wildebeest, jackal and guinea fowl. Appendix C shows the species of vertebrates and invertebrates found in the vicinity of the Gondwana Etosha King Nehale Lodge — North Central Namibia.

## 4.4.1. BIRD DIVERSITY

The planned project location is rich in a range of bird species (201-230) as shown in **Error! Reference source not found.** The proposed lodge site is in close proximity to the known flight paths of birds between the Andoni waterholes and the surrounding areas. This area is home to the blue crane which is globally vulnerable and critically endangered in Namibia. The wattled crane is also endangered in Namibia and visits the Etosha National Park regularly. A Detailed list of avian diversity can be found in Appendix C and proposed mitigation measures for bird-powerline interactions are outlined in the ESMP.



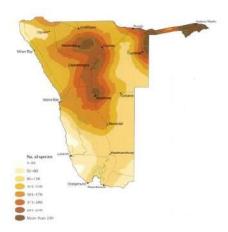


Figure 11: map showing bird species in Namibia (Mendelsohn et al., 2003)

## 4.5. SURFACE AND GROUND WATER

The planned site is located in the Etosha catchment area. Wells/springs are located in the vicinity, but not within the preferred site boundary. The image below shows a well located near the planned lodge site.



Figure 12: Well near planned project site

## 4.6. SOILS AND GEOLOGY

The soil type on the planned project site is mostly unconsolidated to semi consolidated sand, gravel and silt, locally calcrete. Figure 13 shows the soil at the planned project site.





Figure 13: Soil at planned project site

## 4.7. SOCIAL ASPECTS

The nearest receptors are located at the Etosha King Nehale Gate, which is approximately 2km from the lodge site. The Conservancy employs 4 staff members. In e of the biggest threats to the conservancy benefits at present is commercial poaching, with the rates of commercial poaching peaking in 2009 and steeply reducing since, from thirty- five (35) incidents of commercial poaching in 2009 to three (3) incidents in 2004 (King Nehale status summary and natural resource report, 2014). The predominant land use in the conservancy is hunting, cattle farming is also carried out within the conservancy.

#### 4.8. ECONOMIC ASPECTS

An audit done on the King Nehale Conservancy in 2014 indicated that the total returns in 2004 from the conservancy was N\$ 74 720 of which 88% was combined hunting returns (King Nehale status summary and natural resource report, 2014). The planned project presents several economic benefits for the area in terms of increased tourism activity and employment creation, as seventy people will be employed during the construction phase and forty (40) people will be employed once the lodge is operational.



## 5. ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

### 5.1. THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS

The EIA methodology applied to this EIA has been developed using the IFC standards and models, in particular Performance Standard 1, 'Assessment and management of environmental and social risks and impacts' (International Finance Corporation, 2017) (International Finance Corporation, 2012); Namibian Draft Procedures and Guidance for EIA and EMP (Republic of Namibia, 2008); international and national best practice; and over 25 years of combined EIA experience.

The basic assessment project plan is illustrated in Figure 14 and detailed further in the subsequent sections.



Figure 14 – EIA Scoping Process

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#### 5.1.1. SCREENING OF THE PLANNED PROJECT

The first stages of the EIA process were to register the project with the Competent Authority and undertake a screening exercise. The screening exercise determined that the planned project constituted listed activities in terms of the Environmental Management Act, 2007 and associated Regulations. During this process, the location, scale and duration of project activities was considered and any potential risks to the receiving environment were listed. A terms of reference for the environmental assessment was drawn up.

#### 5.1.2. SCOPING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

No detailed or full EIA was deemed necessary at the end of the screening phase. A high-level assessment to identify potential impacts; and confirm if further investigation was required. The severity of potential significant effects was assigned, and appropriate mitigations have been suggested. This report presents the findings of the scoping assessment. The conclusion summary is presented in Section 6.

#### 5.1.2.1. BASELINE STUDIES

A baseline study was undertaken as part of the scoping phase. It involved collecting all pertinent information from the current status of the receiving environment. This provided a baseline where changes that occur as a result of the planned project can be compared to it.

For the planned project, baseline information was obtained through desk-based study and a site inspection. The baseline focused on the environmental receptors that could be affected by the planned project. The baseline was presented in Section 4.

#### 5.1.2.2. IMPACT PREDICTION AND EVALUATION

Impact prediction and evaluation involves predicting the possible changes to the environment as a result of the development/project. The methodology presented in Appendix D was applied to determine the magnitude of impact and whether or not the impact was considered significant or if further investigation was required. The findings of the high-level assessment are presented in Section 5.3.

#### 5.2. CONSULTATION

Public participation and consultation as stipulated in Section 21 of the Environmental Management Act, 2007 and associated regulations for a project that requires an Environmental Clearance Certificate was carried out. Consultation was a compulsory and critical component of the scoping phase.

A key aim of the consultation process was to inform stakeholders and interested and affected parties (I&AP) about the planned project. Detailed consultation processes were conducted by Gondwana Pty Ltd; this included meeting with the Regional Council and the Traditional Authorities. The methods undertaken for the planned project are detailed as follows, which are in line with the requirements of the EIA Regulations.



#### 5.2.1. NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS

Notices regarding the planned project and associated activities were circulated in two newspapers namely the 'Namibian' and 'Republikein' on the 5th and 11th of October 2018. The purpose of this was to commence the consultation process and enable I&APs to register an interest in the project. The advertisements can be seen in Appendix E.

#### 5.2.2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

The Background Information Document (BID) presented a high-level description of the planned project; set out the EIA process and when and how consultation was undertaken, and contact details for further enquiries were made available to all registered I&APs. The BID can be found in Appendix E.

#### 5.2.3. SITE NOTICES

The site notice ensured that neighbouring properties and stakeholders were made aware of the planned project. The notice was set up at the planned lodge boundary as rendered in Appendix E.

#### 5.2.4. CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

Three people registered as I&AP's for the project, comments and responses from the registered I&AP's on the scoping report and ESMP are illustrated in appendix E1.

### **5.3.** Scoping Assessment Findings

When undertaking the scoping exercise, the design of the planned project and best practice measures were considered to ensure the likely significant effects and any required additional mitigation measures were identified. The following topics were considered during the scoping phase:

- Surface water and groundwater (including geomorphology)
- Soils
- Landscape (visual impacts, change in landscape, sense of place)
- Socio-economics (employment, local businesses, community, demographics & tourism, land use)
- Noise
- Biodiversity (fauna and flora)
- Human environment (infrastructural services, traffic and transport)
- Air Quality (including dust)
- Cultural Heritage and Palaeontological receptors

The source-pathway-receptor model was used to evaluate the potential impacts of the planned project and determine if further assessment is required.



- Source of potential impact where does the impact come from, e.g. the activity, ground excavation, which emits dust.
- The potential pathway how can the pollution / impact travel through the environment e.g. wind direction and speed.
- The receptor and effect what can be affected and how e.g. water body, sedimentation, water quality affected.

The findings of the scoping assessment phase are set out in Table 5

## Table 5 - Findings of scoping assessment phase

ENVIRONMENTAL OR SOCIAL IMPACT DESCRIPTION (HAZARD/RISK)	RECEPTOR	ТҮРЕ	PROJECT PHASE	EXTENT	DURATIO N	REVERSIBILI TY	SENSITIVITY BIOPHYSICAL ENVIRONME NT	SENSITIVITY SOCIAL ENVIRONME NT	LIKELIHOO D	RESIDUAL IMPACT AFTER MITIGATIO N
Vegetation clearance for construction of buildings, roads/tracks.	Terrestrial ecology and biodiversity	Direct	Constructio n	Local	Short Term	Partly Reversible	Small / Minor	Insignificant / Low	Certain	Minor (3)
Potential pollution of groundwater by hydrocarbons during construction	Groundwat er quality	Indirec t	Constructio n	Local	Temporar y	Partly Reversible	Insignificant / Low	NA	Unlikely	Low (1)
Chemicals and pathogens pollute groundwater when containment of sewage treatment plant is breached, or raw sewage is disposed on/near the site	Groundwat er quality	Indirec t	Constructio n and Operations	Local	Temporar y	Reversible	Small / Minor	NA	Unlikely	Low (1)



ENVIRONMENTAL OR SOCIAL IMPACT DESCRIPTION (HAZARD/RISK)	RECEPTOR	ТҮРЕ	PROJECT PHASE	EXTENT	DURATIO N	REVERSIBILI TY	SENSITIVITY BIOPHYSICAL ENVIRONME NT	SENSITIVITY SOCIAL ENVIRONME NT	LIKELIHOO D	RESIDUAL IMPACT AFTER MITIGATIO N
Reduction in soil quality	Soil	Direct	Constructio n	Local	Short Term	Partly Reversible	Small / Minor	NA	Likely	Low (2)
Changes to aesthetics- disturbed view from the road (tourists and local community)	Topography and Landscape	Indirec t	Constructio n and Operations	Local	Long Term	Irreversible	NA	Insignificant / Low	Likely	Low (1)
Light may cause disturbance/disorientat ion of animals at night	Terrestrial ecology and biodiversity	Direct	Operations	Local	Long Term	NA	Small / Minor	NA	Likely	Low (2)
Noise and lights may act as a distraction/attraction to different species.	Terrestrial ecology and biodiversity	Direct	Constructio n and Operations	Local	Long Term	NA	Insignificant / Low	NA	Unlikely	Low (1)
Increased pollution such as plastic etc.	Built Environme nt	Direct	Constructio n and Operations	Local	Long Term	Reversible	Insignificant / Low	Insignificant / Low	Unlikely	Low (1)



ENVIRONMENTAL OR SOCIAL IMPACT DESCRIPTION (HAZARD/RISK)	RECEPTOR	ТҮРЕ	PROJECT PHASE	EXTENT	DURATIO N	REVERSIBILI TY	SENSITIVITY BIOPHYSICAL ENVIRONME NT	SENSITIVITY SOCIAL ENVIRONME NT	LIKELIHOO D	RESIDUAL IMPACT AFTER MITIGATIO N
Impacts on birds due to powerline interactions	Terrestrial ecology and biodiversity	Indirec t	Operations	Internation al	Long Term	Partly Reversible	Small / Minor	NA	Likely	Low (1)
Increased human activity can impact biodiversity security	Terrestrial ecology and biodiversity	Direct	Constructio n and Operations	Internation al	Long Term	NA	Moderate / Medium	NA	Likely	Minor (3)
Impacts on flora and fauna due to dust	Terrestrial ecology and biodiversity	Direct	Constructio n	Local	Long Term	Reversible	Insignificant / Low	NA	Unlikely	Low (1)
Creation of local jobs (70) during the construction phase	Socio Economic Activities	Positiv e	Constructio n	Regional	Temporar y	NA	NA	Small / Minor	Certain	Moderate (6)

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ENVIRONMENTAL OR SOCIAL IMPACT DESCRIPTION (HAZARD/RISK)	RECEPTOR	ТҮРЕ	PROJECT PHASE	EXTENT	DURATIO N	REVERSIBILI TY	SENSITIVITY BIOPHYSICAL ENVIRONME NT	SENSITIVITY SOCIAL ENVIRONME NT	LIKELIHOO D	RESIDUAL IMPACT AFTER MITIGATIO N
Construction noise impacting neighboring residents	Community	Direct	Constructio n	Local	Short Term	NA	NA	Small / Minor	Unlikely	Low (1)
Operational noise impacting neighboring residents	Community	Direct	Operations	Local	Long Term	NA	NA	Insignificant / Low	Unlikely	Low (1)
Neighboring Properties visual amenity impacted by development	Topography and Landscape	Direct	Constructio n and Operations	Local	Long Term	Irreversible	NA	Insignificant / Low	Unlikely	Low (1)
Impacts on local community due to increased income generation	Socio Economic Activities	Positiv e	Constructio n and Operations	Local	Long Term	NA	NA	Small / Minor	Certain	Moderate (6)
Knowledge and technology skills transfer to workers during the operational phase and training of local employees	Socio Economic Activities	Positiv e	Constructio n and Operations	Regional	Long Term	NA	Small / Minor	Small / Minor	Likely	Minor (4)
Potential risk for social interactions and	Socio Economic Activities	Indirec t	Constructio n and Operations	Regional	Long Term	NA	NA	Small / Minor	Unlikely	Minor (4)

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ENVIRONMENTAL OR SOCIAL IMPACT DESCRIPTION (HAZARD/RISK)	RECEPTOR	ТҮРЕ	PROJECT PHASE	EXTENT	DURATIO N	REVERSIBILI TY	SENSITIVITY BIOPHYSICAL ENVIRONME NT	SENSITIVITY SOCIAL ENVIRONME NT	LIKELIHOO D	RESIDUAL IMPACT AFTER MITIGATIO N
transmission of infectious diseases										
Potential inconvenience due to operational noise to people utilizing small buildings (offices) at the Etosha King Nehale Gate	Community	Indirec t	Operations	Local	Long Term	NA	NA	Insignificant / Low	Unlikely	Low (1)
Creation of local jobs (40) during the operational phase	Socio Economic Activities	Positiv e	Operations	Regional	Long Term	NA	NA	Small / Minor	Certain	Moderate (6)
Potential for soil contamination due to breach of containment of sewage treatment plant	Soil	Indirec t	Operations	Local	Long Term	Reversible	Small / Minor	NA	Unlikely	Low (1)
Potential for soil contamination due to hydrocarbon spills	Soil	Direct	Constructio n	On-Site	Short Term	Reversible	Small / Minor	NA	Unlikely	Low (1)
Sand extraction for construction activities	Soil	Direct	Constructio n	Local	Short Term	NA	Insignificant / Low	NA	Certain	Minor (3)
Potential to unearth archaeological remains	Heritage	Direct	Constructio n	National	Temporar y	NA	NA	Small / Minor	Unlikely	Low (1)



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The findings of the scoping assessment indicate that the residual impacts of the planned project are within reasonable limits and no impact with a high risk has been identified. Mitigation and management measures are set out in the ESMP and through the implementation of these measures a significant reduction can be realized on the residual impacts of the planned project. A moderate 6 rating can be achieved in the socio-economic aspects of the project, which relates to the increase in employment and income generated for the local community from the planned project. The overall environmental impact is negative and of low significance while the social impacts are considered to be positive and significant, aligned to the 5th National Development Plan of Namibia.



### 5.4. Environmental and Social Management Plan

The ESMP for the planned project is presented in Appendix A. It provides management options to ensure the impacts of the planned project are minimised. An ESMP is a tool used to take pro-active action by addressing potential problems before they occur. This should limit the corrective measures needed, although additional mitigation measures might be included if necessary.

The management measures should be adhered to during all stages of the exploration activities. All persons involved and partaking in the planned activities should be made aware of the measures outlined in the ESMP to ensure activities are conducted in an environmentally sound manner.

The objectives of the ESMP are:

- To include all components of the development and operations of the project
- To prescribe the best practicable control methods to lessen the environmental impacts associated with the project
- To monitor and audit the performance of operational personnel in applying such controls, and
- To ensure that appropriate environmental training is provided to responsible operational personnel.



### 6. CONCLUSIONS

The environmental assessment that was undertaken for the planned project followed ECC's EIA methodology to identify if there is potential for significant effects to occur as a result of the planned project. Through the scoping process, no significant impacts to the environmental impacts have been identified. Various best practices and mitigation measures have been identified to avoid and reduce effects as far as reasonably practicable, as well as ensure the environment is protected and unforeseen effects are avoided.

On this basis, it is of the opinion of ECC that an Environmental Clearance Certificate could be issued, on condition that the management and mitigation measures specified in the ESMP are implemented and adhered to.



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### **APPENDIX A: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN**



### **APPENDIX B: ECC CVS**





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University of Pretoria South Africa

Bachelor of Applied Science Hons -Environmental Management

University of Stellenbosch South Africa Bachelors in Geography and Environment

Additional Qualifications:

- EcoNomics Sustainable Design Training Programme - Worley Parsons Int. Snake Bite and Snake Handling
- Level 1 & 2 First Aid
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**Publications:** 

"Some ecological side-effects of chemical and physical bush clearing in a southern African rangeland ecosystem" in the South African Journal of Botany. Published on 14 Aug 2015.



### Experience & Work History

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### **Managing Director**

Environmental Compliance Consultancy Providing professional consulting services to clients in Namibia with particular focus on approvals, ECCs, reporting and compliance.

- ECC Approvals
- Mine Closure Plans
- Rehabilitation Pipeline projects
- Cultural Change programmes
- IMS (ISO14001 and 18001)

### Feb 2015 - Current ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT & PRACTITIONER

Clients in SA & Namibia

In February 2015 an opportunity came about to launch my own business, Environmental Compliance Consultancy (ECC). During this time I have worked alongside Savannah Environmental (Pty) LTD and other consultancies to deliver several environmental projects including:

Abengoa Solar SA, Kaxu Solar One (100MW) Concentrating Solar Plants (CSP) Trough Environmental Control Officer during commissioning and rehabilitation phases Northern Cape Province, South Africa





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# **Professional Associations**

- South African Institute of Ecologists and Environmental Scientists (SAIE&ES)
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# **Fun Facts:**

- Keen fisherman (Big Game Fish)
- Passionate Hunter & Conservationist
- 21ft vessel certified skipper
- Summated Kilimanjaro
- Have survived scorpion stings and a snakebite!
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# Jan 2013 - Feb 2015 Environmental Coordinator

ROMPCO PIPELINE – Worley Parsons Mozambique and South Africa

Experience was gained in the oil & gas and construction industries. The pipeline length was 127km. Application and obtaining of environmental permits encompassed a large section of the role. The position also required the management of an on-site environmental team. It was required to meet with different governmental departments and build relationships with key individuals to allow swift communication and permit a platform for transparency. Ensured compliance with National, best neighbouring as well as IFC legislation and standards. Review and submission of monthly reports and monthly audits was also a requirement of the position.

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Master of Integrated Water Resources Management

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**Environmental Graduate** 

Environmental Compliance Consultancy

- Draft and develop the best practice mining guide for

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- Environmental Assessment activities
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Jun 2016 – Feb 2017

### **Research Intern**

Namibia University of Science and Technology

- Collection and management of research data
- Data analysis and report writing
- Organize workshops for stakeholders

Mar 2016 – Jun 2016

### **Research Assistant**

Namibia University of Science and Technology

- Coordinate project activities for the Environmental Engineering Master Programme,
- Assisting staff in the department with research activities.
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### **Laboratory Technologist**

Polytechnic of Namibia

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- Coordinate student trips and excursions, tutor and Prepare practical for students
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Namibia University of Science and Technology, Namibia

Bachelor of Engineering (B-ENG) in Mining

- Major subjects include: Drilling and blasting, Surface mining, Underground mining and Environmental Engineering
- Carried out Research on the application of X-Ray Florescent Technology at the Rosh Pinah Zinc Mine

# Experience & Work



2017

## History

August 2018-Present Junior "Environmental and Mining" Practitioner

Environmental Compliance Consultancy Draft and develop the best practice mining guide for the Namibian mining sector

Additional work includes

- Drafting EIA adverts and BID documents
- Assisting in the development of scoping reports and Environmental Management Plans for exploration projects

# Feb 2018 – Graduate Mining and Environment August 2018 Environmental Compliance Consultancy

Draft and develop Namibia's first Environmental Best Practice Guide for the Mining sector.

### Additional work includes:

- Adverts, Background Information Documents, Scoping Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Management Plan for Sand Mining Project;
- Drafting EIA Adverts for various projects;
- Engage with various stakeholders in the mining industry
- Attendance of stakeholder meetings and draft minutes

June 2017 – August 2017

#### Intern

Rosh Zinc Corporation

I carried out my final year research at the Rosh Pinah Zinc Mine whilst assisting with duties including

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Bachelor of Applied Science - Environmental Management April 2010

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# Experience & Work

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Jul 2018 - Present

Aug 2016 - Jan 2017

# Environmental Control Officer & GIS

Specialist

Environmental Compliance Consultancy Providing professional consulting services to clients in Namibia with focus on mapping and data collection, reporting and compliance.

- Consult and manage projects, including FSC group
- Manage and co-ordinate Geographic Information
- Interpretation of data and mapping
- Site visits and assessments

### **HSE** Manager

China State Construction and Engineering Corporation (Husab Mine)

- Conducted SHE Inductions of new employees' visitors and contractors on site
- Led relevant safety training for all levels within the business
- Reviewed safety training programs, procedure and policies
- Health and safety inspections
- Ensure all SHE incidents investigations and reporting are completed timely

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### **APPENDIX C: BIODIVERSITY LIST**

### **Reptile Diversity**

The reptile diversity known, and/or expected to occur in the general area of the proposed Etosha King Nehale Lodge is indicated in Table 1:

**Table 1.** Reptile diversity known and/or expected to occur in the general area of the proposed Etosha King Nehale Lodge – i.e. north-central Namibia.

Species: Scientific name	Species: Common name	Namibian conservation and legal	Intern	ational S	Status
		status	SARDB (2004)	IUCN (2016)	CITES
TURTLES AND TERRAPINS					
Stigmochelys pardalis	Leopard Tortoise	Vulnerable; Peripheral; Protected Game			C2
Psammobates oculiferus	Kalahari Tent Tortoise	Vulnerable; Protected Game			C2
Pelomedusa subrufa SNAKES	Marsh/Helmeted Terrapin	Secure			С3
Blind Snakes					
Rhinotyphlops boylei	Boyle's Beaked Blind Snake	Endemic; Secure			
Rhinotyphlops schinzi	Schinz's Beaked Blind Snake	Endemic; Secure	P		
Rhinotyphlops schlegelii	Schlegel's Beaked Blind Snake	Secure	-		
Thread Snakes					
Leptotyphlops scutifrons	Peters' Thread Snake	Secure			
Pythons					
Python anchietae	Dwarf Python	Endemic; Insufficiently known; Protected game		LC	C2
Python natalensis	Southern African Python	Vulnerable; Peripheral; Protected Game	V		C2
<b>Burrowing Asps</b>		Trotteeted Guine			
Atractraspis bibronii	Bibron's Burrowing Asp	Secure			
Atractraspis duerdeni	Duerden's Burrowing Asp	Endemic; Insufficiently known; Rare?			
Purple-glossed Snakes					
Amblyyodipsas ventrimaculata	Kalahari Purple-glossed Snake	Secure			
<b>Quill Snouted Snakes</b>	1 6				
Xenocalamus bicolour bicolor	Bicoloured Quill-snouted Snake	Secure			
Xenocalamus mechowii	Elongate Quill-snouted Snake	Secure			
Typical Snakes					
Lamprophis fuliginosus	Brown House Snake	Secure			
Lycophidion capense	Cape Wolf Snake	Secure			
Mehelya capensis	Cape File Snake	Secure			
Mehelya vernayi	Angola File Snake	Insufficiently known; Rare?			
Pseudaspis cana	Mole Snake	Secure			
Prosymna bivittata	Two-striped Shovel-snout	Secure			
Prosymna frontalis	South-western Shovel-snout	Endemic; Secure	P		
Psammophylax tritaeniatus	Striped Skaapsteker	Secure			
Psammophis trigrammus	Western Sand Snake	Endemic; Secure			
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Species: Scientific name	Species: Common name	Namibian conservation and legal	International Status			
		status	SARDB (2004)	IUCN (2016)	CITES	
Psammophis leightoni trinasalis	Namib Sand Snake	Secure				
Psammophis jallae	Jalla's Sand Snake	Insufficiently known; Rare?	P			
Psammophis subtaeniatus	Stripe-bellied Sand Snake	Secure				
Psammophis brevirostris leopardinus	Leopard/Short-snouted Grass Snake	Secure				
Psammophis mossambicus	Olive Grass Snake	Secure				
Philothamnus semivariegatus	Spotted Bush Snake	Secure				
Dasypeltis scabra	Common/Rhombic Egg Eater	Secure				
Telescopus semiannulatus	Eastern Tiger Snake	Secure				
Dispholidus typus	Boomslang	Secure				
Aspidelaps lubricus infuscatus	Coral Snake	Secure				
Aspidelaps scutatus	Shield-nose Snake	Secure				
Elapsoidea semiannulata	Angolan Garter Snake	Secure				
Elapsoidea sunderwallii	Sundevall's Garter Snake	Endemic; Secure				
Naja anchietae	Snouted Cobra	Secure				
Naja mossambica	Mozambique Spitting Cobra	Secure				
Naya nigricincta	Black-necked Spitting Cobra	Endemic; Secure	R			
Dendroaspis polylepis	Black Mamba	Secure				
Bitis arietans	Puff Adder	Secure				
Bitis caudalis	Horned Adder	Secure				
Worm Lizard						
Zygaspis quadrifrons	Kalahari Round-headed Worm Lizard	Secure				
Monopeltis anchietate	Anchieta's Spade-snouted Worm Lizard	Secure				
Monopeltis infuscata	Dusky Spade-snouted Worm Lizard	Secure				
Monopeltis mauricei	Slender Spade-snouted Worm Lizard	Secure				
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Skinks						
Acontias occidentalis	Percival's Legless Skink	Secure				
Lygosoma sundevallii	Sundevall's Writhing Skink	Secure				
Trachylepis capensis	Cape Skink	Secure				
Trachylepis occidentalis	Western Three-striped Skink	Secure				
Trachylepis spilogaster	Kalahari Tree Skink	Endemic; Secure				
Trachylepis striata wahlbergi	Striped Skink	Secure				
Trachylepis varia	Variable Skink	Secure				
Trachylepis variegata punctulata	Variegated Skink	Secure				
Panaspis wahlbergii	Wahlberg's Snake-eyed Skink	Endemic; Secure				
Old World Lizards	•					
Heliobolus lugubris	Bushveld Lizard	Secure				
Ichnotropis capensis	Cape Rough-scaled Lizard	Secure				
Ichnotropis squamulosa	Common Rough-scaled Lizard	Secure				
Nucras intertexta	Spotted Sandveld Lizard	Endemic; Secure				
Nucras holubi	Holub's Sandveld Lizard	Secure				
Pedioplanis lineoocellata	Spotted Sand Lizard	Endemic; Secure				
lineoocellata Pedioplanis namaquensis	Namaqua Sand Lizard	Secure				
Plated Lizards Gerrhosaurus multilineatus	Kalahari Plated Lizard	Secure				
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Species: Scientific name	Species: Common name	Namibian conservation and legal	International Status			
		status	SARDB (2004)	IUCN (2016)	CITES	
Gerrhosaurus nigrolineatus	Black-lined Plated Lizard	Secure				
Gerrhosaurus validus maltzahni	Giant Plated Lizard	Secure				
Girdled Lizards						
Cordylus jordani	Jordan's Girdled Lizard	Endemic; Secure			C2	
Monitors						
Varanus albigularis	Rock or White-throated Monitor	Vulnerable; Peripheral; Protected Game	Safe to Vulnerable	e	C2	
Agama						
Agama aculeata	Ground Agama	Secure				
Agama anchietae	Anchietae's Agama	Secure				
Agama planiceps	Namibian Rock Agama	Endemic; Secure				
Chameleons						
Chamaeleo dilepis	Flap-neck Chameleon	Secure		LC	C2	
Geckos	_					
Lygodactylus bradfieldi	Bradfield's Dwarf Gecko	Endemic; Secure				
Narudasia festiva	Festive Gecko	Endemic; Secure				
Pachydactylus bicolor	Velvety Thick-toed Gecko	Endemic; Secure				
Pachydactylus capensis	Cape Thick-toed Gecko	Endemic; Secure				
Pachydactylus turneri	Turner's Thick-toed Gecko	Secure				
Pachydactylus punctatus	Speckled Thick-toed Gecko	Secure				
Pachydactylus rugosus rugosus	Rough Thick-toed Gecko	Endemic; Secure				
Pachydactylus weberi	Weber's Thick-toed gecko	Endemic				
Ptenopus garrulus garrulus	Common Barking Gecko	Endemic; Secure				

Namibian conservation and legal status according to the Nature Conservation Ordinance No 4 of 1975 (Griffin 2003)

Endemic – includes Southern African Status (Branch 1998)

SARDB (2004): R = Rare; V = Vulnerable; P = Peripheral (South African Red Data Book)

IUCN (2016): LC = Least Concern (most other reptiles have not yet been assessed by the IUCN Red List)

CITES: Appendix 2 or 3 species

Source for literature review: Alexander and Marais (2007), Branch (1998), Branch (2008), Boycott and Bourquin 2000, Broadley (1983), Buys and Buys (1983), Cunningham (2006), Griffin (2003), Griffin (2007), Hebbard (n.d.), Marais (1992), Tolley and Burger (2007)

### **Amphibian Diversity**

The amphibian diversity known, and/or expected to occur in the general area of the proposed Etosha King Nehale Lodge is indicated in Table 2:

**Table 2.** Amphibian diversity known and/or expected to occur in the general area of the proposed Etosha King Nehale Lodge – i.e. north-central Namibia.

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Species: Scientific name	Species: Common name	Namibian conservation and legal status	International Status: IUCN (2016)
Rain Frog			
Breviceps adspersus	Bushveld Rain Frog		LC
Toads			
Amietophrynus poweri	Western Olive Toad		LC
Kassinas			
Kassina senegalensis	Bubbling Kassina		LC
Rubber Frog			
Phrynomantis affinis	Spotted Rubber Frog		LC
Phrynomantis annectens	Marbled Rubber Frog	Endemic	LC
Phrynomantis bifasciatus	Banded Rubber Frog		LC
Puddle Frog			
Phrynobatrachus mababiensis	Dwarf Puddle Frog		LC
Phrynobatrachus natalensis	Snoring Puddle Frog		LC
Ornate Frogs			
Hildebrandtia ornata	Ornate Frog		LC
Cacos			
Cacosternum boettgeri	Boettger's Caco		LC
Bullfrogs			
Pyxicephalus adspersus	Giant Bullfrog*		LC
Sand Frogs			
Tomopterna krugerensis	Knocking Sand Frog		LC
Tomopterna tandyi	Tandy's Sand Frog		LC
Platannas			
Xenopus laevis	Common Platanna		LC

Namibian conservation and legal status according to the Nature Conservation Ordinance No 4 of 1975 (Griffin 2003) IUCN (2016): LC = Least Concern

**Source for literature review:** Carruthers (2001), Channing (2001), Channing and Griffin (1993), Du Preez and Carruthers (2009), Griffin (2007), Passmore and Carruthers (1995)

### **Mammal Diversity**

The mammal diversity known, and/or expected to occur in the general area of the proposed Etosha King Nehale Lodge in Table 3:

**Table 3.** Mammal diversity known and/or expected to occur in the general area of the proposed Etosha King Nehale Lodge – i.e. north-central Namibia.

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<sup>\*</sup>The giant bullfrog is classified as "near threatened" by Du Preez and Carruthers (2009)



Species: Scientific name	Species: Common name	Namibian conservation and	International Status		
		legal status	IUCN (2016)	SARDB CITES (2004)	
Elephant Shrews			,	,	
Elephantulus intufi	Bushveld Elephant-shrew	Secure		DD	
Aardvark					
Orycteropus afer	Aardvark	Secure; Protected Game			
Shrews					
Crocidura fuscomurina	Tiny Musk Shrew	Secure		DD	
Crocidura cyanea	Reddish-grey Musk Shrew	Secure		DD	
Crocidura hirta	Lesser Red Musk Shrew	Secure		DD	
Hyrax					
Procavia capensis	Rock Hyrax	Secure; Problem animal			
Bats					
Cloeotis percivali	Percival's Short-eared Trident Bat	Not listed	$^{1}V$		
Eidolon helvum	African Straw-coloured Bat	Secure; Migrant	NT		
Hipposideros caffer	Sundevall's Leaf-nosed Bat	Secure		DD	
Hipposideros gigas	Giant Leaf-nosed Bat	Not listed	$^{1}NT$		
Hipposideros vittatus	Striped Leaf-nosed Bat	Not listed	NT		
Rhinolophus blasii	Blasius's Horseshoe Bat	Not listed	NT		
Rhinolophus clivosus	Geoffroy's Horseshoe Bat	Secure		NT	
Rhinolophus darlingi	Darling's Horseshoe Bat	Secure; Peripheral		NT	
Rhinolophus denti	Dent's Horseshoe Bat	Secure		NT	
Rhinolophus fumigatus	Rüppell's Horseshoe Bat	Secure		NT	
Rhinolophus hildebrandtii	Hildebrandt's Horseshoe Bat	Not listed			
Taphozous mauritianus	Mauritian Tomb Bat	Secure			
Nycteris thebaica	Egyptian Slit-faced Bat	Secure			
Chaerephon nigeriae	Nigerian Free-tailed Bat	Secure			
Mops midas	Midas Free-tailed Bat	Secure			
Tadarida aegyptiaca	Egyptian Free-tailed Bat	Secure			
Miniopterus natalensis	Natal Long-fingered Bat	Secure		NT	
Eptesticus hottentotus	Long-tailed Serotine Bat	Secure			
Glauconycteris variegata	Variegated Butterfly Bat	Secure		NT	
Laephotis botswanae	Botswana Long-eared Bat	Secure		V	
Mimetillus thomasi	Thomas Flat-headed Bat	Not listed			
Neoromicia capensis	Cape Serotine Bat	Secure			
Neoromicia zuluensis	Zulu Serotine Bat	Secure			
Pipistrellus rueppellii	Rüppell's Pipistrelle	Insufficiently known;			
		Peripheral			
Pipistrellus rusticus	Rusty Pipistrelle	Secure		NT	
Scotophilus dinganii	Yellow-bellied House Bat	Secure			
Hares and Rabbits					
Lepus saxatilis	Scrub Hare	Secure			
Pronolagus randensis	Jameson's Red Rock Rabbit	Secure			
Rodents					
Molerat					
Cryptomys damarensis	Damaraland Mole-Rat	Secure			
Porcupine					
Hystrix africaeaustralis	Cape Porcupine	Secure			
Rats and Mice					
Petromys typicus	Dassie Rat	Endemic; Secure		NT	
Pedetes capensis	Springhare	Secure			
Xerus inaurus	South African Ground Squirrel	Secure			
Graphiurus murinus	Woodland Dormouse	Secure			
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Species: Scientific name	Species: Common name	Namibian conservation and	International Status		
		legal status	IUCN (2016)	SARDB (2004)	CITES
Rhabdomys pumilio	Four-striped Grass Mouse	Secure	( )	( )	
Mus indutus	Desert Pygmy Mouse	Secure			
Mastomys natalensis	Natal Multimammate Mouse	Secure			
Mastomys coucha	Southern Multimammate Mouse	Secure			
Thallomys paedulcus	Acacia Rat	Secure			
Thallomys nigricauda	Black-tailed Tree Rat	Secure			
Aethomys chrysophilus	Red Veld Rat	Secure			
Aethomys namaquensis	Namaqua Rock Mouse	Secure			
Desmodillus auricularis	Cape Short-tailed Gerbil	Secure			
Gerbillurus paeba	Hairy-footed Gerbil	Secure			
Tatera leucogaster	Bushveld Gerbil	Secure		DD	
Tatera brantsii	Highveld Gerbil	Secure			
Saccostomus campestris	Pouched Mouse	Secure			
Malacothrix typica	Gerbil Mouse	Secure			
Steatomys pratensis	Fat Mouse	Secure			
Petromyscus collinus	Pygmy Rock Mouse	Endemic; Secure			
Mus musculus	House Mouse	Invasive alien			
Primates	Tiouse Wouse	mvasive anen			
Galago moholi	South African Galago	Vulnerable; Protected Game			C2
_	Chacma Baboon	Secure; Problem animal			C2
Papio ursinus	Спаста Баоооп	Secure; Problem animal			C2
<b>Hedgehog</b> <i>Atelerix frontalis angolae</i>	Southern African Hedgehog	Insufficiently Known; Rare; Protected Game		R; NT	
Pangolin		11425, 115000000 04440			
Manis temminckii	Ground Pangolin	Vulnerable; Peripheral; Protected Game		V	C2
Carnivores					
Proteles cristatus	Aardwolf	Insufficiently known; (Vulnerable?)			
Hyaena brunnea	Brown Hyena	Peripheral Insufficiently known; (Vulnerable?) Peripheral	NT	NT	
Crocuta crocuta	Spotted Hyena	Secure?; Peripheral		NT	
Acinonyx jubatus	Cheetah	Vulnerable; Protected Game	V	V	C1
Panthera pardus	Leopard	Secure?; Peripheral; Protected Game	NT		C1
Caracal caracal	Caracal	Secure; Problem Animal			C2
Felis silvestris	African Wild Cat	Vulnerable			C2
Felis nigripes	Black-footed Cat	Indeterminate; Rare	V		C1
Genetta genetta	Small Spotted Genet	Secure			
Suricata suricatta	Suricate	Secure			
Cynictis penicillata	Yellow Mongoose	Secure			
Galerella sanguinea	Slender Mongoose	Secure			
Mungos mungo	Banded Mongoose	Secure			
Helogale parvula	Dwarf Mongoose	Secure			
	Bat-eared Fox	Vulnerable?; Peripheral			
Otocyon megalotis Vulpes chama		Vulnerable?			
-	Cape Fox Black-backed Jackal	Secure; Problem animal			
Canis mesomelas		The state of the s		NT	
Mellivora capensis	Honey Badger/Ratel	Secure; Protected Game		NT	
Ictonyx striatus Pigs	Striped Polecat	Secure			



Species: Scientific name	Species: Common name	Namibian conservation and legal status	International Status		
		iegai status	IUCN (2016)	SARDB (2004)	CITES
Phacochoerus africanus Antelopes	Common Warthog	Secure; Huntable Game			
Tragelaphus strepsiceros	Greater Kudu	Secure; Huntable Game			
Tragelaphus oryx	Eland	Insufficiently known;			
		Vulnerable (?); Protected			
		Game			
Alcelaphus buselaphus	Red Hartebeest	Secure; Protected Game			
Oryx gazella	Gemsbok	Secure; Huntable game			
Sylvicapra grimmia	Common Duiker	Secure			
Antidorcas marsupialis	Springbok	Secure; Huntable game			
Madoqua damarensis	Damara Dik-Dik	Insufficiently known;			
•		Protected Game			
Raphicerus campestris	Steenbok	Secure; Protected Game			
Oreotragus oreotragus	Klipspringer	Secure; Specially Protected			
		Game			

SARDB (2004): R = Rare; E = Endangered; NT = Near Threatened; DD = Data Deficient

IUCN (2016): V = Vulnerable; NT = Near Threatened

CITES: Appendix 1 or 2 species

Other species not listed are viewed as "Least Concern" by IUCN (2016)

**Source for literature review:** De Graaff (1981), Griffin and Coetzee (2005), Estes (1995), Griffin (2007), Joubert and Mostert (1975), Monadjem *et al.* (2010), Skinner and Smithers (1990), Skinner and Chimimba (2005), Stander and Hanssen (2003) and Taylor (2000)

### **Avian Diversity**

The bird diversity known, and/or expected to occur in the general area of the proposed Etosha King Nehale Lodge is indicated in Table 4:

**Table 4.** Bird diversity known and/or expected to occur in the general area of the proposed Etosha King Nehale Lodge – i.e. north-central Namibia. [This table excludes migratory birds (e.g. Petrel, Albatross, Skua, etc.); species breeding extralimital (e.g. stints, sandpipers, etc.) and aquatic birds (e.g. ducks, herons, etc.) and rather focuses on birds that are breeding residents or can be found in the area during any time of the year. This would imply that many more birds (e.g. Palaearctic migrants and aquatic species) could occur in the area depending on "favourable" environmental conditions]

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Monadjem et al. (2010)



<b>Species: Scientific name</b>	Species: Common name	Namibian	International Status		
	•	conservation and legal status	Southern Africa	IUCN (2016)	
Struthio camelus	Common Ostrich				
Anthropoides paradiseus	Blue Crane				
Bugeranus carunculatus	Wattled Crane				
Scleroptila levaillantoides	Orange River Francolin		Near endemic		
Pternistis hartlaubi	Hartlaub's Spurfowl	Endemic	Near endemic		
Peliperdix coqui	Coqui Francolin				
Pternistis adspersus	Red-billed Spurfowl		Near endemic		
Dendroperdix sephaena	Crested Francolin				
Pternistis swainsonii	Swainson's Spurfowl				
Coturnix coturnix	Common Quail				
Coturnix delegorguei	Harlequin Quail				
Numida meleagris	Helmeted Guineafowl				
Turnix sylvaticus	Kurrichane Buttonquail				
Indicator minor	Lesser Honeyguide				
Campethera bennettii	Bennett's Woodpecker				
Campethera abingoni	Golden-tailed Woodpecker				
Dendropicos fuscescens	Cardinal Woodpecker				
Dendropicos namaquus	Bearded Woodpecker				
Tricholaema leucomelas	Acacia Pied Barbet		Near endemic		
Tockus monteiri	Monteiro's Hornbill	Endemic			
Tockus damarensis	Damara Hornbill	Endemic	Near endemic		
Tockus erythrorhynchus	Red-billed Hornbill				
Tockus leucomelas	Southern Yellow-billed Hornbill		Near endemic		
Tockus bradfieldi	Bradfield's Hornbill		Near endemic		
Tockus nasutus	African Grey Hornbill				
Upupa africana	African Hoopoe				
Phoeniculus purpureus	Green Wood-Hoopoe				
Phoeniculus damarensis	Violet Wood-Hoopoe	E; Endemic			
Rhinopomastus cyanomelas	Common Scimitarbill				
Coracias garrulus	European Roller	NT			
Coracias caudatus	Lilac-breasted Roller				
Coracias naevius	Purple Roller				
Merops hirundineus	Swallow-tailed Bee-eater				
Merops persicus	Blue-cheeked Bee-eater				
Merops apiaster	European Bee-eater				
Colius colius	White-backed Mousebird		Endemic		
Urocolius indicus	Red-faced Mousebird				
Poicephalus meyeri	Meyer's Parrot				
Poicephalus rueppellii	Rüppell's Parrot	NT; Endemic	Near endemic		
Agapornis roseicollis	Rosy-faced Lovebird	Endemic	Near endemic		
Cypsiurus parvus	African Palm Swift				
Apus apus	Common Swift				
Tachymarptis melba	Alpine Swift				
Apus bradfieldi	Bradfield's Swift		Near endemic		
Apus affinis	Little Swift				
Corythaixoides concolor	Grey Go-away Bird				
Tyto alba	Barn Owl				
Otus senegalensis	African Scops-Owl				
	Courthorn White food Coons Owl				
Ptilopsis granti	Southern White-faced Scops-Owl Marsh Owl				



Species: Scientific name	Species: Common name	Namibian	International Status		
	-	conservation and legal status	Southern Africa	IUCN (2016)	
Bubo africanus	Spotted Eagle Owl				
Bubo lacteus	Verreaux's Eagle-Owl				
Glaucidium perlatum	Pearl-spotted Owlet				
Glaucidium capense	African Barred Owlet				
Caprimulgus pectoralis	Fiery-necked Nightjar				
Caprimulgus tristigma	Freckled Nightjar				
Caprimulgus rufigena	Rufous-cheeked Nightjar				
Columba livia	Rock Dove				
Columba guinea	Speckled Pigeon				
Streptopelia capicola	Cape Turtle Dove				
Streptopelia senegalensis	Laughing Dove				
Turtur chalcospilos	Emerald-spotted Wood-dove				
Oena capensis	Namaqua Dove				
Neotis ludwigii	Ludwig's Bustard	E	Near endemic	E	
Ardeotis kori	Kori Bustard	NT		NT	
Lophotis ruficrista	Red-crested Korhaan		Near endemic		
Afrotis afraoides	Northern Black Korhaan		Endemic		
Pterocles namaqua	Namaqua Sandgrouse		Near endemic		
Pterocles bicinctus	Double-banded Sandgrouse		Near endemic		
Pterocles burchelli	Burchell's Sandgrouse		Near endemic		
Gallinago nigripennis	African Snipe				
Rostratula benghalensis	Greater Painted Snipe				
Burhinus capensis	Spotted Thick-knee				
Vanellus armatus	Blacksmith Lapwing				
Vanellus coronatus	Crowned Lapwing				
Rhinoptilus africanus	Double-banded Courser				
Rhinoptilus chalcopterus	Bronze-winged Courser				
Cursorius rufus	Burchell's Courser		Near endemic		
Cursorius temminckii	Temminck's Courser				
Macheiramphus alcinus	Bat Hawk				
Elanus caeruleus	Black-shouldered Kite				
Milvus aegyptius	Yellow-billed Kite				
Gyps africanus	White-backed Vulture	E		Е	
Gyps coprotheres	Cape Vulture	CE		Е	
Aegypius tracheliotos	Lappet-faced Vulture	V			
Trigonoceps occipitalis	White-headed Vulture	V			
Terathopius ecaudatus	Bateleur	E			
Haliaeetus vocifer	African Fish-Eagle	V			
Circaetus pectoralis	Black-chested Snake-Eagle				
Circaetus cinereus	Brown Snake-Eagle				
Circus maurus	Black Harrier	E			
Circus macrourus	Pallid Harrier	NT			
Polyboroides typus	African Harrier-Hawk				
Kaupifalco monogrammicus	Lizard Buzzard				
Melierax canorus	Southern Pale Chanting Goshawk		Near endemic		
Melierax gabar	Gabar Goshawk				
Accipiter badius	Shikra				
Accipiter minullus	Little Sparrowhawk				
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_	Ovambo Sparrowhawk				
Accipiter avampensis Buteo augur	Ovambo Sparrowhawk Augur Buzzard				



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		and legal status	Africa	IUCN (2016)
Aquila verreauxii	Verreaux's Eagle	NT		
Aquila spilogaster	African Hawk-Eagle			
Aquila pennatus	Booted Eagle	E		
Aquila wahlbergi	Wahlberg's Eagle			
Polemaetus bellicosus	Martial Eagle	E		V
Sagittarius serpentarius	Secretarybird	V		V
Polihierax semitorquatus	Pygmy Falcon			
Falco rupicolus	Rock Kestrel			
Falco rupicoloides	Greater Kestrel			
Falco chicquera	Red-necked Falcon			
Falco biarmicus	Lanner Falcon			
Falco peregrinus	Peregrine Falcon	NT		
Egretta garzetta	Little Egret	111		
Ardea cinerea	Grey Heron			
Ardea melanocephala	Black-headed Heron			
Bubulcus ibis	Cattle Egret			
Scopus umbretta	Hamerkop			
Threskiornis aethiopicus	African Sacred Ibis			
Anastomus lamelligerus	African Openbill			
	Black Stork	E		
Ciconia nigra	Woolly-necked Stork	Ľ		
Ciconia episcopus	•	E		
Ephippiorhynchus senegalensis	Saddle-billed Stork	E		
Leptoptilos crumeniferus	Marabou Stork	NT		
Oriolus auratus	African Golden Oriole			
Dicrurus adsimilis	Fork-tailed Drongo			
Terpsiphone viridis	African Paradise-Flycatcher			
Nilaus afer	Brubru			
Dryoscopus cubla	Black-backed Puffback			
Tcharga senegalus	Black-crowned Tcharga			
Tchagra australis	Brown-crowned Tchagra			
Laniarius atrococcineus	Crimson-breasted Shrike		Near endemic	
Prionops plumatus	White-crested Helmet-shirke			
Lanioturdus torquatus	White-tailed Shrike	Endemic	Near endemic	
Batis molitor	Chinspot Batis			
Batis pririt	Pririt Batis		Near endemic	
Corvus capensis	Cape Crow			
Corvus albus	Pied Crow			
Corvinella melanoleuca	Magpie Shrike			
Lanius collaris	Common Fiscal			
Eurocephalus anguitimens	Southern White-crowned Shrike		Near endemic	
Anthoscopus minutes	Cape Penduline Tit		Near endemic	
Parus niger	Southern Black Tit			
Parus carpi	Carp's Tit	Endemic	Near endemic	
Parus cinerascens	Ashy Tit		Endemic	
Riparia paludicola	Brown-throated Martin			
Riparia cincta	Banded Martin			
Hirundu albigularis	White-throated Swallow			
Hirundo dimidiata	Pearl-breasted Swallow			
Hirundo cucullata	Greater Striped Swallow			
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Hirundo abyssinica	Lesser Striped Swallow			



Species: Scientific name	<b>Species: Common name</b>	Namibian	International Status		
		conservation and legal status	Southern Africa	IUCN (2016)	
Hirundo fuligula	Rock Martin				
Pycnonotus nigricans	African Red-eyed Bulbul		Near endemic		
Achaetps pycnopygius	Rockrunner	Endemic	Near endemic		
Sylvietta rufescens	Long-billed Crombec				
Eremomela icteropygialis	Yellow-bellied Eremomela				
Eremomela usticollis	Burnt-necked Eremomela				
Turdoides bicolor	Southern Pied Babbler		Endemic		
Turdoides gymnogenys	Bare-cheeked Babbler	Endemic	Near endemic		
Parisoma subcaeruleum	Chestnut-vented Tit-Babbler		Near endemic		
Zosterops senegalensis	African Yellow White-eye				
Zosterops pallidus	Orange River White-eye		Endemic		
Cisticola chiniana	Rattling Cisticola				
Cisticola rufilatus	Tinkling Cisticola				
Cisticola subruficapilla	Grey-backed Cisticola		Near endemic		
Cisticola juncidis	Zitting Cisticola				
Cisticola jaridulus	Desert Cisticola				
Prinia flavicans	Black-chested Prinia				
Malcorus pectoralis	Rufous-eared Warbler		Endemic		
Camaroptera brevicaudata	Grey-backed Camaroptera				
Calamonastes fasciolatus	Barren Wren-Warbler		Near endemic		
Mirafra passerina	Monotonous Lark				
Mirafra africana	Rufous-naped Lark				
Mirafra fasciolata	Eastern Clapper Lark		Near endemic		
Mirafra sabota	Sabota Lark				
Calendulauda africanoides	Fawn-coloured Lark		Near endemic		
Chersomanes albofasciata	Spike-heeled Lark		Near endemic		
Eremopterix leucotis	Chestnut-backed Sparrowlark				
Eremopterix verticalis	Grey-backed Sparrowlark		Near endemic		
Calandrella cinerea	Red-capped Lark				
Spizocorys conirostris	Pink-billed Lark		Near endemic		
Monticola brevipes	Short-toed Rock Thrush				
Psophocichla litsitsirupa	Groundscraper Thrush				
Bradornis infuscatus	Chat Flycatcher		Near endemic		
Melaenornis mariquensis	Marico Flycatcher		Near endemic		
Cercotrichas leucophrys	White-browed Scrub-Robin				
Cercotrichas paena	Kalahari Scrub-Robin				
Oenanthe monticola	Mountain Wheatear		Near endemic		
Oenanthe pileata	Capped Wheatear				
Cercomela familiaris	Familiar Chat				
Myrmecocichla formicivora	Ant-eating Chat		Endemic		
Onychognathus nabouroup	Pale-winged Starling		Near endemic		
Lamprotornis nitens	Cape Glossy Starling				
Lamprotornis australis	Burchell's Starling				
Cinnyricinclus leucogaster	Violet-backed Starling				
Creatophora cinerea	Wattled Starling				
Chalcomitra amethystina	Amathyst Sunbird				
Chalcomitra senegalensis	Scarlet-chested Sunbird				
Cinnyris talatala	White-bellied Sunbird				
Nectarinia fusca	Dusky Sunbird		Near endemic		
Cinnyris mariquensis	Marico Sunbird				
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Species: Scientific name	Species: Common name	Namibian	International Status	
		conservation and legal status	Southern Africa	IUCN (2016)
Sporopipes squamifrons	Scaly-feathered Finch		Near endemic	
Plocepasser mahali	White-browed Sparrow-Weaver			
Philetairus socius	Sociable Weaver		Endemic	
Ploceus intermedius	Lesser Masked-Weaver			
Ploceus velatus	Southern Masked-Weaver			
Ploceus rubiginosus	Chestnut Weaver			
Quelea quelea	Red-billed Quelea			
Euplectes afer	Yellow-crowned Bishop			
Euplectes orix	Southern Red Bishop			
Ortygospiza atricollis	African Quailfinch			
Amadina erythrocephala	Red-headed Finch		Near endemic	
Amadina fasciata	Cut-throat Finch			
Estrilda erythronotos	Black-faced Waxbill			
Estrilda astrild	Common Waxbill			
Granatina granatina	Violet-eared Waxbill			
Uraeginthus angolensis	Blue Waxbill			
Pytilia melba	Green-winged Pytilia			
Vidua macroura	Pin-tailed Whydah			
Vidua paradisaea	Long-tailed Paradise-Whydah			
Vidua regia	Shaft-tailed Whydah			
Passer domesticus	House Sparrow			
Passer motitensis	Great Sparrow		Near endemic	
Passer melanurus	Cape Sparrow		Near endemic	
Passer griseus	Southern Grey-headed Sparrow			
Motacilla aguimp	African Pied Wagtail			
Motacilla capensis	Cape Wagtail			
Anthus cinnamomeus	African Pipit			
Anthus vaalensis	Buffy Pipit			
Crithagra atrogulariis	Black-throated Canary			
Serinus flaviventris	Yellow Canary		Near endemic	
Serinus albogularis	White-throated Canary		Near endemic	
Emberiza impetuani	Lark-like Bunting		Near endemic	
Emberiza tahapisi	Cinnamon-breasted Bunting			
Emberiza capensis	Cape Bunting		Near endemic	
Emberiza flaviventris	Golden-breasted Bunting			

Simmons et al. (2015): CE = Critically Endangered; E = Endangered; NT = Near threatened; V = Vulnerable

Endemic – Namibian status (Brown et al. 1998, Simmons et al. 2015)

Endemic and near endemic – southern African status (Hockey et al. 2006)

IUCN (2016): CE = Critically Endangered; E = Endangered; V = Vulnerable; NT = Near Threatened

**Source for literature review:** Brown (2008), Brown *et al.* (1998), Brown *et al.* (2006), Hockey *et al.* (2006), Komen (n.d.), Maclean (1985), Simmons *et al.* (2015), and Tarboton (2001)

### **Tree and Shrub Diversity**

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It is estimated that at least 79-109 species of larger trees and shrubs (>1m) — Coats Palgrave 1983 [81 sp.], Curtis and Mannheimer 2005 [91 sp.], Mannheimer and Curtis 2009 [128 sp], Van Wyk and Van Wyk 1997 [60 sp.]) — occur in the general area of the proposed Etosha King Nehale Lodge.

The trees and shrubs known, and/or expected to occur in the general area of the proposed Etosha King Nehale Lodge (derived from Curtis and Mannheimer 2005 and Mannheimer and Curtis 2009) is presented in Table 5 below. Species indicated are know from the quarter-degree square distribution principle used and don't necessarily occur throughout the entire area. Some species indicated to possibly occur in the area according to Coats Palgrave (1983) and Van Wyk and Van Wyk (1997) is excluded here.

**Table 5.** The trees and shrubs known, and/or expected to occur in the general area of the proposed Etosha King Nehale Lodge

Species: Scientific name	<b>Expected:</b> Curtis and	Expected: Mannheimer and	Status
	Mannheimer (2005)	Mannheimer and Curtis (2009)	
Acacia ataxacantha	vianinemer (2003)	√ (2009)	
Acacia auaxacanina Acacia erioloba	V	V	Protected (F#)
Acacia erubescens	<b>v</b>	<b>V</b>	Trotected (T#)
Acacia fleckii	<b>v</b>	<b>V</b>	
Acacia hebeclada	2/	2	
Acacia hereroensis	2/	2	
Acacia harroo	2/	2	
Acacia karroo Acacia kirki	V	2	
	V	N 2	
Acacia luederitzii	-1	N 2	
Acacia mellifera	γ	N	
Acacia nebrownii	.I	<b>V</b>	
Acacia nilotica	V	V	
Acacia reficiens	V	V	
Acacia senegal	V	V	
Acacia tortilis	V	V	
Adenium boehmianum		$\sqrt{}$	Protected (F#)
Albizia anthelmintica	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	Protected (F#)
Aloe litoralis	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	NC; C2; Protected (F#)
Bauhinia petersiana	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	
Berchemia discolor	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	Protected (F#)
Boscia albitrunca	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	Protected (F#)
Boscia foetida		$\sqrt{}$	
Burkea africana	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	Protected (F#)
Cadaba aphylla		$\sqrt{}$	
Caesalpinia rubra	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	
Carissa bispinosa		$\sqrt{}$	
Carissa edulis		$\sqrt{}$	
Catophractes alexandri	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	
Combretum apiculatum	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	
Combretum collinum	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	
Combretum engleri		$\sqrt{}$	
Combretum hereroense		$\sqrt{}$	
Combretum imberbe	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	Protected (F#)
Combretum psidioides		$\sqrt{}$	
Combretum zeyheri	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	
Commiphora africana		$\sqrt{}$	
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Species: Scientific name	Expected:	Expected:	Status
	Curtis and Mannheimer (2005)	Mannheimer and Curtis (2009)	
Commiphora angolensis	√ (2000)	V	
Commiphora glandulosa	$\sqrt{}$	$\checkmark$	
Commiphora glaucescens		$\checkmark$	Near-endemic
Commiphora mollis	$\sqrt{}$	$\checkmark$	
Commiphora pyracanthoides	$\sqrt{}$	$\checkmark$	
Commiphora tenuipetiolata		$\checkmark$	
Cordia sinensis		$\checkmark$	
Croton gratissimus	$\sqrt{}$	$\checkmark$	
Cyphostemma juttae		$\checkmark$	Endemic; NC; Protected (F#)
Dichrostachys cinerea	$\sqrt{}$	$\checkmark$	
Diospyros lycioides	$\sqrt{}$	$\checkmark$	
Dombeya rotundifolia	$\sqrt{}$	$\checkmark$	
Ehretia alba	$\sqrt{}$	$\checkmark$	
Elaeodendron transvaalense		$\checkmark$	Protected (F*)
Elephantorrhiza elephantina	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	` '
Elephantorrhiza suffruticosa	$\sqrt{}$	$\checkmark$	
Erythrina decora	$\sqrt{}$	$\checkmark$	Protected (F#); Endemic
Euclea divinorum	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	· //
Euclea undulata	$\sqrt{}$	$\checkmark$	
Euphorbia avasmontana	$\sqrt{}$	$\checkmark$	C2
Euphorbia guerichiana		$\checkmark$	C2
Euphorbia virosa		$\checkmark$	C2
Faidherbia albida	$\sqrt{}$	$\checkmark$	Protected (F#)
Ficus burkei	$\sqrt{}$	$\checkmark$	Protected (F#)
Ficus cordata	$\sqrt{}$	$\checkmark$	Protected (F#)
Ficus ilicina	$\sqrt{}$	$\checkmark$	,
Ficus sycomorus	$\sqrt{}$	$\checkmark$	Protected (F#)
Flueggea virosa	$\sqrt{}$		· /
Fockea multiflora	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	
Grewia avellana			
Grewia bicolor	$\sqrt{}$	$\checkmark$	
Grewia falcistipula	·	V	
Grewia flava	$\sqrt{}$	V	
Grewia flavescens	V	V	
Grewia olukondae	V	V	
Grewia retinervis	·	, V	
Grewia schinzii	•	, V	
Grewia subspathulata		, V	
Grewia tenax	$\sqrt{}$	, V	
Grewia villosa	, V	, V	
Gossypium triphyllum	•	, V	
Gossypium iriphytium Gymnosporia buxifolia		į	
Gymnosporia senegalensis	$\sqrt{}$	į	
Gyrocarpus americanus	1	Ž	Protected (F*)
Heteromorpha papillosa		Ž	Endemic
Ipomoea adenioides		Ž	Endenne
Kirkia acuminata	$\sqrt{}$	Ž	
Lannea discolor	*	$\sqrt{}$	
Lycium bosciifolium	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	
Lycium cinereum	$\sqrt{}$	V	
Lycium einereum Lycium eenii	$\sqrt[3]{}$	V	
Бусит вени Маегиа јипсеа	1	J	



Species: Scientific name	Expected: Curtis and Mannheimer (2005)	Expected: Mannheimer and Curtis (2009)	Status
Maerua parvifolia		V	
Maerua schinzii	$\sqrt{}$	$\checkmark$	Protected (F*)
Melianthus comosus	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	,
Montinia caryophyllacea	$\sqrt{}$	$\checkmark$	
Moringa ovalifolia	$\sqrt{}$	$\checkmark$	Protected (F*); NC; Near-endemic
Mundulea sericea	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	,,,,,,
Obetia carruthersiana	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	Near-endemic
Ochna pulchra	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	Protected (F*)
Olea europaea	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	Protected (F*)
Opilia campestris		$\sqrt{}$	,
Osyris lanceolata	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	
Ozoroa crassinervia	$\sqrt{}$		Near-endemic; Protected (F*)
Ozoroa insignis			, , , ,
Ozoroa paniculosa	$\sqrt{}$	V	
Pavetta zeyheri	•	V	
Peltophorum africanum	$\sqrt{}$	Ž	Protected (F*)
Phaeoptilum spinosum	V	Ž	11000000 (1 )
Philenoptera nelsii	V	Ž	Protected (F*)
Pouzolzia mixta	•	Ž	(1 )
Rhigozum brevispinosum	$\sqrt{}$	Ž	
Rhigozum trichotomum	•	Ž	
Rotheca myricoides		$\sqrt{}$	
Searsia ciliata	$\sqrt{}$	$\sqrt{}$	
Searsia lancea	ý	Ž	Protected (F#)
Searsia narlothii	V	Ž	Trotteeted (Tm)
Searsia pyroides	V	Ž	
Searsia tenuinervis	V	V	
Securidata longepedunculata	J	J	Protected (F*)
Spirostachys africana	V	V	Protected (F#)
Steganotaenia araliacea	J	J	Trotected (1 "/)
Strophanthus amboensis	•	J	Near-endemic
Tarchonanthus camphoratus	$\sqrt{}$	V	1 tour-endenne
Tarenonamnas campnoratas Terminalia brachystemma	Ž	J	
Terminalia prunioides	V	V	
Terminalia sericea	V	V	
Terminana sericea Tinnea rhodesiana	*	V	
Vangueria cyanescens	$\sqrt{}$	V	
Vangueria cyanescens Vangueria infausta	Y	V	
v angueria injaasia Ximenia americana		J	
Ximenia americana Ximenia caffra var. caffra	J	V	
Ziziphus mucronata	v 2	<b>v</b>	Protected (F#)

Endemic and Near-endemic – (Craven 1999, Curtis and Mannheimer 2005, Mannheimer and Curtis 2009)

**F#** – Forestry Act No. 12 of 2001

**F\*** – Curtis and Mannheimer (2005) + Mannheimer and Curtis (2009)

NC – Nature Conservation Ordinance No. 4 of 1975

**C2** – CITES Appendix 2 species (Curtis and Mannheimer 2005)

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### **Grass Diversity**

It is estimated that up to 111 grasses – 73 to 88 species – (Müller 2007 [88 sp.], Müller 1984 [73 sp.], Van Oudshoorn 1999 [73 sp.]) occur in the area.

The grasses known and/or expected to occur in the area (¹Müller 1984, ²Van Oudtshoorn 1999, and ³Müller 2007) is presented in Table 6 below.

**Table 6.** Grass diversity known and/or expected to occur in the general area of the proposed Etosha King Nehale Lodge – i.e. north-central Namibia.

Species: Scientific name	Status	<b>Ecological Status</b>	Grazing Value
<sup>2,3</sup> Andropogon chinensis		Decreaser	High
<sup>1</sup> Andropogon schinzii		Decreaser	High
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Anthephora pubescens		Decreaser	High
<sup>1,3</sup> Anthephora schinzii		?	Low
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Aristida adscensionis		Increaser 2	Low
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Aristida congesta		Increaser 2	Low
<sup>2,3</sup> Aristida stipitata		Increaser 2	Low
<sup>1,3</sup> Aristida effusa		?	Low
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Aristida meridionalis		Increaser 3	Low
<sup>,2,3</sup> Aristida rhiniochloa		Increaser 2	Low
<sup>1,3</sup> Aristida stipitata		Increaser 2	Low
<sup>3</sup> Aristida stipoides		?	Low
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Brachiaria deflexa		Increaser 2	Average
<sup>2</sup> Brachiaria eruciformis		Increaser 2	Average
<sup>1,2</sup> Bothriochloa radicans		Increaser 2	Low
Brachiaria malacodes		Increaser 2	Low
<sup>1,2</sup> Brachiaria marlothii		Increaser 2	Low
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Brachiaria nigropedata		Decreaser	High
Brachiaria poaeoides		?	Average
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Cenchrus ciliaris		Decreaser	High
Centropodia glauca		Decreaser	High
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Chloris virgata		Increaser 2	Average
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Cymbopogon caesius		Increaser 1	Low
Cymbopogon plurinodis		Increaser 1	Low
<sup>1,3</sup> Cymbopogon pospischilii		Increaser 1	Low
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Cynodon dactylon		Increaser 2	High
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Dactyloctenium aegyptium		Increaser 2	Average
<sup>1,3</sup> Danthoniopsis ramosa		?	Average
<sup>2,3</sup> Dichanthium annulatum		Decreaser	High
Dichanthium papillosum		Decreaser	High
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Digitaria eriantha		Decreaser	High
<sup>2,3</sup> Digitaria velutina		Increaser 2	Low
Diplachne fusca		Decreaser	High
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Echinochloa holubii		Increaser 2	Average
Eleusine coracana		Increaser 2	Low
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Elionurus muticus		Increaser 3	Low
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Enneapogon cenchroides		Increaser 2	Average
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Enneapogon desvauxii		Intermediate	Average

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Species: Scientific name	Status	<b>Ecological Status</b>	Grazing Value
<sup>3</sup> Enneapogon scaber		?	Low
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Enneapogon scoparius		Increaser 3	Low
<sup>1,3</sup> Entoplocamia aristulata		?	Average
<sup>1,3</sup> Eragrostis annulata		?	Low
<sup>2,3</sup> Eragrostis bicolor		?	Low
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Eragrostis biflora		Increaser 2	Low
<sup>2</sup> Eragrostis cilianensis		Increaser 2	Low
<sup>2</sup> Eragrostis curvula		Increaser 2	High
<sup>1,3</sup> Eragrostis cylindriflora		Increaser 2	Low
<sup>3</sup> Eragrostis dinteri		Increaser 2	Average
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Eragrostis echinochloidea		Increaser 2	Average
<sup>2</sup> Eragrostis gummiflua		Increaser 2	Low
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Eragrostis lehmanniana		Increaser 2	Average
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Eragrostis nindensis		Increaser 2	Average
<sup>1,3</sup> Eragrostis omahekensis	Endemic	Increaser 2	Low
<sup>1,3</sup> Eragrostis porosa		Increaser 2	Low
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Eragrostis rigidior		Increaser 2	Average
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Eragrostis rotifer		?	Average
<sup>l,3</sup> Eragrostis scopelophila	Endemic	Decreaser	Average
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Eragrostis superba		Increaser 2	Average
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Eragrostis trichophora		Increaser 2	Average
<sup>1</sup> Eragrostis truncata		?	Average
<sup>2,3</sup> Eragrostis viscosa		Increaser 2	Low
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Fingerhuthia africana		Decreaser	Average
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Heteropogon contortus		Increaser 2	Average
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Hyparrhenia hirta		Increaser 1	Average
* *		Increaser 1	Low
<sup>2</sup> Imperata cylindrica		?	
<sup>3</sup> Leptochloa fusca		·	Average
1,2,3 Melinis repens		Increaser 2	Low
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Microchloa caffra		Increaser 2	Low
<sup>1,3</sup> Monelytrum leuderitzianum		?	Low
<sup>3</sup> Odyssea paucinervis		?	Low
<sup>2,3</sup> Oropetium capense		Increaser 2	Low
1,2,3 Panicum coloratum		Decreaser	High
1,3Panicum lanipes		?	High
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Panicum maximum		Decreaser	High
<sup>3</sup> Panicum novemnerve		?	Low
<sup>3</sup> Panicum repens		Decreaser	High
1,3Panicum stapfianum		Decreaser	High
1,3Pennisetum foermeranum	Endemic	?	Low
<sup>l,3</sup> Pogonarthria fleckii		Increaser 2	Low
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Pogonarthria squarrosa		Increaser 2	Low
<sup>2,3</sup> Schizachyrium sanguineum		Increaser 1	Low
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Schmidtia kalahariensis		Increaser 2	Low
1,2,3 Schmidtia pappophoroides		Decreaser	High
<sup>1,3</sup> Setaria finita	Endemic	?	Low
<sup>2</sup> Setaria incrassata		Decreaser	High
<sup>2</sup> Setaria pallide-fusca		Increaser 2	Average
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Setaria verticillata		Increaser 2	Average
<sup>3</sup> Sorghum bicolor		?	High
<sup>2,3</sup> Sporobolus festivus		Increaser 2	Low
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Sporobolus fimbriatus		Decreaser	High
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Sporobolus ioclados		Increaser 2	Average



Species: Scientific name	Status	<b>Ecological Status</b>	Grazing Value
<sup>2</sup> Sporobolus pyramidalis		Increaser 2	Low
<sup>1,2</sup> Stipagrostis ciliata		Decreaser	High
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Stipagrostis hirtigluma		Increaser 2	Low
<sup>1,3</sup> Stipagrostis hochstetteriana		Decreaser	High
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Stipagrostis namaquensis		?	Average
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Stipagrostis obtusa		Decreaser	High
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Stipagrostis uniplumis		Increaser 2	Average
<sup>1,2</sup> Themeda triandra		Decreaser	High
<sup>2,3</sup> Tragus berteronianus		Increaser 2	Low
<sup>3</sup> Tragus racemosus		Increaser 2	Low
<sup>1,2,3</sup> Tricholaena monachne		Increaser 2	Average
<sup>2</sup> Trichoneura grandiglumis		Increaser 2	Low
<sup>1</sup> Triraphis purpurea		Increaser 1	Low
<sup>1,3</sup> Triraphis ramosissima		?	High
<sup>1</sup> Urochloa bolbodes		Decreaser	High
<sup>3</sup> Urochloa brachyura		?	Average
<sup>2,3</sup> Urochloa oligotricha		Decreaser	High
<sup>2,3</sup> Urochloa panicoides		Increaser 2	High
<sup>3</sup> Urochloa trichopus		?	Low
<sup>3</sup> Willkommia sarmentosa		?	High

Endemic - Müller (2007)

? – not classified in literature, but often similar to other species within the genus

None of the grass species known/expected to occur in the general area of the proposed Etosha King Nehale Lodge are however exclusively associated with the proposed development areas.



### APPENDIX D: ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY

The evaluation and prediction of environmental and social impacts require the assessment of the project characteristics against the baseline of environmental and social characteristics and ensuring all potentially significant impacts are identified and assessed.

The significance of an impact was determined by taking into consideration the combination of the sensitivity and importance/value of environmental and social receptors that may be affected by the planned project, the nature and characteristics of the impact, and the magnitude of potential change. The magnitude of change (the impact) is the identifiable changes to the existing environment which may be direct or indirect; temporary/short term, long term or permanent; and either beneficial or adverse. These are described as follows and thresholds provided in Tables 1 to 3.

- The **sensitivity and value of a receptor** are determined by identifying how sensitive and vulnerable a receptor is to change, and the importance of the receptor (internationally, nationally, regionally and locally).
- The **nature and characteristics of the impact** are determined through consideration of the frequency, duration, reversibility and probability and the impact occurring.
- The magnitude of change measures the scale or extent of the change from the baseline condition, irrespective of the value. The magnitude of change may alter over time, therefore temporal variation is considered (short-term, medium-term; long-term, reversible, reversible or permanent)

Table 1 - Sensitivity and Value of Receptor

SENSITIVITY AND VALUE	DESCRIPTION
High	Of value, importance or rarity on an international and national scale, and with very limited potential for substitution; and/or very sensitive to change or has little capacity to accommodate a change.
Medium	Of value, importance or rarity on a regional scale, and with limited potential for substitution; and/or moderate sensitivity to change, or moderate capacity to accommodate a change.
Low	Of value, importance or rarity on a local scale; and/or not particularly sensitive to change or has considerable capacity to accommodate a change.



### Table 2 - Nature of Impact

NATURE	DESCRIPTION
Positive	An impact that is considered to represent an improvement on the baseline or introduces a positive change.
Negative	An impact that is considered to represent an adverse change from the baseline or introduces a new undesirable factor.
Direct	Impacts causing an impact through direct interaction between a planned project activity and the receiving environment/receptors.
Indirect	Impacts that result from other activities that are encouraged to happen as a result / consequence of the Project. Associated with the project and may occur at a later time or wider area
Extent / Geographic	Scale
On-site	Impacts that are limited to the boundaries of the planned project site
Local	Impacts that occur in the local area of influence, including around the planned site and within the wider community
Regional	Impacts that affect a receptor that is regionally important by virtue of scale, designation, quality or rarity.
National	Impacts that affect a receptor that is nationally important by virtue of scale, designation, quality or rarity.
International	Impacts that affect a receptor that is internationally important by virtue of scale, designation, quality or rarity.
Duration	
Short-term	Impacts that are likely to last for the duration of the activity causing the impact and are recoverable
Medium-term	Impacts that are likely to continue after the activity causing the impact and are recoverable
Long-term	Impacts that are likely to last far beyond the end of the activity causing the damage but are recoverable over time
Reversibility	
Permanent /Irreversible	Impacts which are not reversible and are permanent
Temporary / Reversible	Impacts are reversible and recoverable in the future
Likelihood	
Certain	The impact is likely to occur
Likely	The impact is likely to occur under most circumstances
Unlikely	The impact is unlikely to occur



Table 3 - Magnitude of Change

MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE	DESCRIPTION
Major	Loss of resource, and quality and integrity of resource; severe damage to key characteristics, features or elements; or Large-scale or major improvement of resources quality; extensive restoration or enhancement; major improvement of attribute quality.
Moderate	Loss of resource, but not adversely affecting its integrity; partial loss of/damage to key characteristics, features or elements; or Benefit to, or addition of, key characteristics, features or elements; improvements of attribute quality.
Minor	Some measurable change in attributes, quality or vulnerability; minor loss of, or alteration to, one (or maybe more) key characteristic, feature or element; or Minor benefit to, or addition of, one (or maybe more) key characteristic, feature or element; some beneficial effect on attribute quality or a reduced risk of a negative effect occurring.
Negligible	Very minor loss or detrimental alteration to one (or maybe more) characteristic, feature or element; or  Very minor benefit to, or positive addition of, one (or maybe more) characteristic, feature or element.

The level of certainty has also been applied to the assessment to demonstrate how certain the assessment conclusions are and where there is potential for misinterpretation or a requirement to identify further mitigation measures, thereby adopting a precautionary approach. Where there is a low degree of certainty, monitoring and management measures can be implemented to determine if the impacts are worse than predicted and support the identification of additional mitigation measures through the lifetime of the planned project. Table 4 provides the levels of certainty applied to the assessment, as well as a description.



Table 4 - Level of certainty

LEVEL OF CERTAINTY	DESCRIPTION
High	Likely changes are well understood. Design/information/data used to determine impacts is very comprehensive.  Interactions are well understood and documented.  Predictions are modelled, and maps based on interpretations are supported by a large volume of data. Design/information/data has very comprehensive spatial coverage or resolution.
Medium	Likely changes are understood. Design/information/data used to determine impacts include a moderate level of detail.  Interactions are understood with some documented evidence.  Predictions are modelled but not yet validated and/or calibrated. Mapped outputs are supported by a moderate spatial coverage or resolution.
Low	Interactions are currently poorly understood and not documented.  Predictions are not modelled, and the assessment is based on expert interpretation using little or no quantitative data.  Design is not fully developed, or information has poor spatial coverage or resolution.

The significance of impacts has been derived using professional judgment and applying the identified thresholds for receptor sensitivity and magnitude of change (as discussed above) and guided by the matrix presented in Figure 1. The matrix is applicable for impacts that are either positive or negative. The distinction and description of significance and whether the impact is positive, or negative is provided in Table 4.

Figure 1 – Guide to significance ratings

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Significance is not defined in the Namibian EIA Regulations, however the Draft Procedure and Guidance for EIA and EMP states that the significance of a predicted impact depends upon its context and intensity. Accordingly, definitions for each level of significance has been provided in Table 4. These definitions were used to check the conclusions of the assessment of receptor sensitivity, nature of impact and magnitude of impact was appropriate.

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### Table 4 – Significance Description

SIGNIFICANCE OF IMPACT	DESCRIPTION
Major (negative)	Impacts are considered to be key factors in the decision-making process that may have an impact of major significance, or large magnitude impacts occur to highly valued/sensitive resource/receptors.  Impacts are expected to be permanent and non-reversible on a national scale and/or have international significance or result in a legislative non-compliance.
Moderate (negative)	Impacts are considered within acceptable limits and standards. Impacts are long-term, but reversible and/or have regional significance. These are generally (but not exclusively) associated with sites and features of national importance and resources/features that are unique and which, if lost, cannot be replaced or relocated.
Minor (negative)	Impacts are considered to be important factors but are unlikely to be key decision-making factors. The impact will be experienced, but the impact magnitude is sufficiently small (with and without mitigation) and well within accepted standards, and/or the receptor is of low sensitivity/value. Impacts are considered to be short-term, reversible and/or localized in extent.
Low (negative)	Impacts are considered to be local factors that are unlikely to be critical to decision-making.
Low – Major (Beneficial)	Impacts are considered to be beneficial to the environment and society:

To ensure the beneficial impacts are brought out in the assessment, green has been applied to ensure the different type of impact is clear. The description for each level of significance presented in Table 4 was also followed when determining the level of significance for a beneficial impact.

The significance of impacts has been derived using professional judgment and applying the identified thresholds for receptor sensitivity and magnitude of change, as well as the definition for significance. It most instances, moderate and major adverse impacts are considered as significant, however there may be some instances where impacts are lower than this but are considered to be significant. The following thresholds were therefore used to double check the assessment of significance had been applied appropriately; a significant impact would meet at least one of the following criteria:

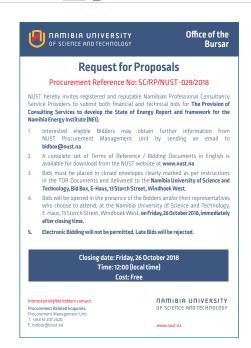
- It exceeds widely recognized levels of acceptable change;
- It threatens or enhances the viability or integrity of a receptor or receptor group of concern; and
- It is likely to be material to the ultimate decision about whether or not the environmental clearance certificate is granted.

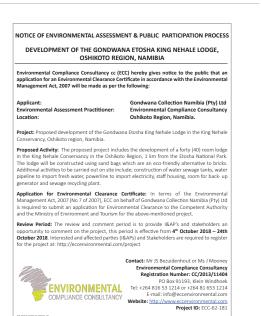
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Nene is the highest profile figure to give evidence at a probe into alleged influence-peddling by the Gupta family, friends of Zuma, who are accused of using their relationship with the former leader to unduly win state contracts.

Zuma has repeatedly denied accusations by his opponents that he pushed for a deal with President Vladimir Putin at a BRICS summit for Russia to build a fleet of nuclear power stations.

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#### MINING FIRMS SAY ZAMBIA'S TAX HIKE PLAN WOULD RUIN ECONOMY

Zambia's proposed mining tax increases would hobble Africa's second biggest copper industry, companies said on Thursday, a further warning to investors already concerned about the arready concerned about the country's mounting debt. Several mines would become unprofitable if the tax plans were implemented with overall copper production likely to fall, Zambia Chamber of Mines President Nathan Chishimba said.

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"More tax regime instability,
massive increases, and novel
taxes not seen anywhere else in
the world, will hurt the mining
industry and all those who rely on
its success," Chishimba said in a statement.

"As industry production shrinks through the impact, there will be less jobs, less taxes and as a



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result there will be less in the gov-ernment's bank account for many years to come."

## KENYA'S EARNINGS FROM TOURISM TO CLIMB - MINISTER

Kenya's tourism minister forecast that the country is likely to earn

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#### NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

DEVELOPMENT OF THE GONDWANA ETOSHA KING NEHALE LODGE, OSHIKOTO REGION, NAMIBIA

Environmental Compliance Consultancy cc (ECC) hereby gives notice to the public that an application for an Environmental Clearance Certificate in accordance with the Environmental Management Act, 2007 will be made as per the following:

Environmental Assessment Practitioner:

Location:

**Environmental Compliance Consultancy** Oshikoto Region, Namibia

Project: Proposed development of the Gondwana Etosha King Nehale Lodge in the King Nehale Conservancy, Oshikoto region, Namibia.

Proposed Activity: The proposed project includes the development of a forty (40) room lodge in the King Nehale Conservancy in the Oshikoto Region, 1 km from the Etosha National Park. The lodge will be constructed using sand bags which are an eco-friendly alternative to bricks. Additional activities to be carried out on site include; construction of water sewage tanks, water pipeline to import fresh water, powerline to import electricity, staff housing, room for back- up generator and sewage recycling plant.

Application for Environmental Clearance Certificate: In terms of the Environmenta Application for environmental Clearance Cerunicae: In terms of the Environmental Management Act, 2007 (No 7 of 2007), ECC on behalf of Gondwana Collection Namibia (Pty) Ltd is required to submit an application for Environmental Clearance to the Competent Authority and the Ministry of Environment and Tourism for the above-mentioned project.

Review Period: The review and comment period is to provide I&AP's and stakeholders an opportunity to comment on the project, this period is effective from 4th October 2018 – 24th October 2018. Interested and affected parties (I&APs) and Stakeholders are required to register for the project at: http://eccenvironmental.com/project



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TENDER DOCUMENTS TO BE HAND DELIVERED IN THE CORRECT TENDER BOX AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS

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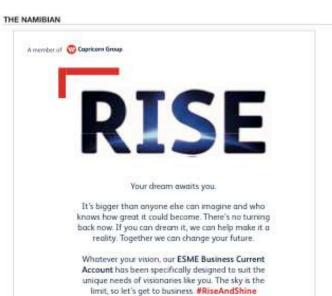
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# DEVELOPMENT OF THE GONDWANA ETOSHA KING NEHALE LODGE, OSHIKOTO REGION, NAMIBIA

Environmental IMPACT ASSESSMENT - OCTOBER 2018

CUENT: GONDWANA COLLECTION NAMIBIA PTY LTD

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT**



#### **PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT**

The purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to provide interested and affected parties (I&APS) a background to the proposed project: Development of the Gondwana Etosha King Nehale Lodge, and hereby invite I&APS to register as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process. Through registering, all I&APS will be kept informed throughout the EIA process, and a platform for participation will be provided to submit comments/recommendations pertaining to the project.

This BID includes the following:

- Proposed Project: What is proposed and where
- Why the project is deemed necessary and what benefits or adverse impacts are anticipated
- What alternatives to the project have been considered
- How the EIA process works
- The public participation and how to become involved
- Next steps and way forward

#### PROJECT INTRODUCTION

The project site is approximately 1km north of the Etosha National Park King Nehale Gate within the King Nehale Conservancy in the Oshikoto Region. Gondwana Collection Namibia PTY Ltd proposes to develop a lodge with a 4-5star rating consisting of forty (40) rooms. Gondwana Collection Namibia has been partnering with communities in the north eastern Regions of Namibia for the past seven (7) years, the Joint Venture Partnership with the King Nehale Conservancy is intended to further spread the financial and social benefits of ecotourism to the previously disenfranchised communities.

The proposed project triggers the Environmental Management Act of 2007 (Act No. 7 of 2007) due to it meeting the thresholds of the following Listed Activities:

1b the transmission and supply of electricity

- 2.1 the construction of waste sites, treatment of waste and disposal of waste
- 2.3 the import, processing, use and recycling, temporary storage, transit or export of waste
- 6. the construction of resorts, lodges, hotels or other tourism and hospitality facilities
- 8.6 construction of industrial and domestic wastewater treatment plants and related pipeline system

Environmental Compliance Consultancy [ECC] has been commissioned by the Proponent to undertake an environmental assessment and an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) in compliance with Namibian law in respect of, specifically, the Environmental Management Act of 2007 and associated Regulations. An Environmental Clearance application will be submitted to the Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET).

#### SCOPING

A SCOPING PROCESS IS A SHORTER PROCESS THAN A 'FULL' EIA BUT APPLIES THE SAME PRINCIPALS AND ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY.

#### INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT PROCESS

WHY IS AN INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT PROCESS IMPORTANT?

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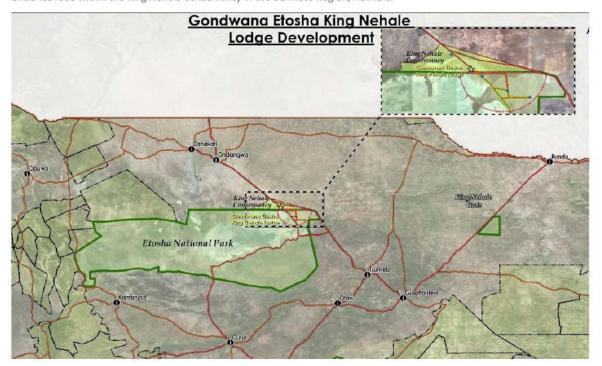
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#### SITE LOCATION

The project site is approximately 1km north of the Etosha National Park King Nehale Gate along the Etosha King Nehale Lodge entrance road within the King Nehale Conservancy in the Oshikoto Region, Namibia.



#### NEED FOR THE PROJECT

The development of the Gondwana Etosha King Nehale Lodge will aid development in the region whilst offering tourists a higher valued product (4-5 star rating) which is much higher than the current offerings by the Gondwana Collection Namibia PTY Ltd which currently caters for medium to upper market tourists seeking a reasonably priced lodge. The new development will expose tourists to a cultural experience in north central Namibia. This area has large tourism potential and will generate income for the indigenous community.

APPLICANT: GONDWANA COLLECTION NAMIBIA PTY

LTD

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER:** 

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE CONSULTANCY** 

COMPETENT AUTHORITY:

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM (MET)

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#### GONDWANA ETOSHA KING NEHALE LODGE DEVELOPMENT

### WHAT IS PROPOSED?

The Gondwana Collection Namibia PTY Ltd proposes to develop a lodge with a 4-5star rating, the lodge buildings will be constructed using sandbags which are an eco-friendly alternative to bricks. The construction method is ideal for remote sites which have a low carbon footprint. Once operational the lodge will provide employment to forty (40) permanent staff members, the staff accommodation will be approximately 400 meters from the lodge site. The proposed development will consist of the following;

- Thirty-two (32) guest rooms and eight (8) family units each with an en-suite bathroom, external shower, private patio and splash pools;
- A main lodge area (bar, laundry, courtyard, toilets, reception and offices);
- Staff housing for 20 staff;
- A room housing the back-up generator;
- A powerline to import electricity;
- A water pipeline;
- Waste storage tanks; and
- Sewage recycling plants.









#### WHAT ALTERNATIVES ARE BEING CONSIDERED?

Best practice environmental assessment methodology calls for consideration of different alternatives to a project being developed. The alternatives for the proposed project are currently being considered, which shall be included the EIA Scoping Report. Some of these alternatives include, but not limited to design development, alternative site locations and distance from utilities such as access road, electricity and water.

#### SCOPE OF ASSESSMENT

The Gondwana Etosha King Nehale Lodge will be situated approximately 1km from the Etosha King Nehale gate. The Lodge will offer up-market accommodation in close proximity to the Etosha National Park and offer tourists a central Namibian cultural experience. The development will be positioned among the existing vegetation on the plains and will be designed to blend into the environment.

The proposed project could potentially result in environmental and social impacts, both beneficial and adverse. The following construction activities are envisaged which shall be further refined as the project develops:

- Minimal vegetation clearance;
- Creation of access and internal roads;
- A car park will be located in an existing clearing, which might be slightly enlarged. Solar panels will be located
  in the car park to provide some shade;
- Construction of drainage infrastructure, power and water supply infrastructure, sewerage treatment facility and associated connections and pipework; and
- Construction of walkways made from recycled glass, walkways will be illuminated by LED lights that are focused on the path and not upwards, in this way minimizing light pollution.

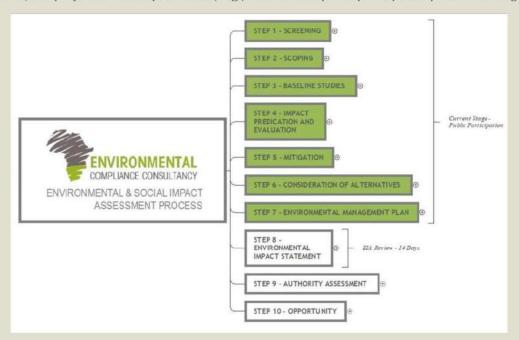
Due to the nature of the proposed project, the design philosophy and vision of the development, and the implementation of industry best practice mitigation measures, the effects on the environment and society are expected to be minimal and localised. It is likely that there may be some short term, temporary localised disruption to ecological features (flora and fauna) on the site during the construction phase. During operations, it is likely that there may be some minor adverse as well as beneficial effects to the local society and economy.





#### THE EIA PROCESS

The EIA process that shall be followed is in accordance with Environmental Management Act 2007. ECC shall conduct the environmental application process and manage the public participation process. Following the EIA process flowchart below, this project is currently at the Scoping phase and the public participation process is being conducted.



#### ECC will perform the following:

- Identify key stakeholders, authorities and municipalities, environmental groups and interested or affected members of the public, hereafter referred to as I&APs;
- Compile a BID for the proposed development (this document);
- Advertise the environmental application in two national newspapers;
- Place an on-site notices at conspicuous places at/ near the proposed development boundary;
- If required host a public meeting to encourage stakeholder participation and engagement, and provide details
  of issues identified by the environmental practitioner, stakeholders and I&APs;
- Record all comments of I&APs and present such comments, as well as responses provided by ECC, in the Comments and Responses Report, which will be included in the Scoping Report that shall submitted to MME and the MET; and
- Circulate the I&AP comments to the project team.





# MOVING FORWARD...

#### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION & HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Public Participation is an important part of the EIA process; it allows the public and other stakeholders to raise concerns or provide valuable local environmental knowledge that can benefit the assessment, in addition it can aid the design evolution process.

The commenting period for the project for all I&APs will be 14 days from notification (newspaper adverts). The Draft Scoping Report will be made available to all relevant stakeholders and I&APs for further comment, before the final submission to the MET and the Competent Authority.

1&APs are encouraged to register in this Scoping Process using our website.

http://eccenvironmental.com/projects/

Comments must be submitted in writing and can be emailed to the following address:

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Tel: +264 81 626 7278

Please note the EIA review period will be 14 days from the date that the I&AP have been notified.

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#### NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

#### DEVELOPMENT OF THE GONDWANA ETOSHA KING NEHALE LODGE, OSHIKOTO REGION, NAMIBIA

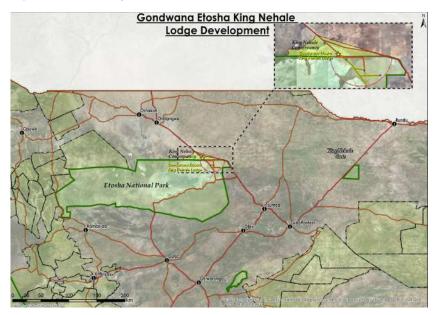
Environmental Compliance Consultancy CC (ECC) hereby gives notice to the public that an application for an Environmental Clearance Certificate in accordance with the Environmental Management Act, 2007 will be made as per the following:

Applicant: Gondwana Collection Namibia (Pty) Ltd
Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP): Environmental Compliance Consultancy

Project: Proposed development of the Gondwana Etosha King Nehale Lodge in the King Nehale Conservancy, Oshikoto Region, Namibia.

**Proposed Activity:** The proposed project is for the development of a forty (40) room lodge in the King Nehale Conservancy in the Oshikoto Region. The lodge will be constructed using sand bags which are an eco-friendly alternative to bricks. Additional activities to be carried out on site include; construction of water sewage tanks, water pipeline to import fresh water, powerline to import electricity, staff housing, room for back- up generator, sewage recycling plant and construction of an access road.

Project Location: Oshikoto Region, Namibia.



Application for Environmental Clearance Certificate: In terms of the Environmental Management Act, 2007 (No 7 of 2007), ECC on behalf of Gondwana Collection Namibia (Pty) Ltd is required to submit an application for Environmental Clearance to the Competent Authority and the Ministry of Environment and Tourism for the above-mentioned project.

Purpose of the Review and Comment Period: As part of the public participation process, the purpose of the review and comment period is to present the proposed project and to afford interested and affected parties an opportunity to comment on the project to ensure that all issues and concerns are captured and considered in the assessment.



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#### Appendix E1 – Interested and Affected Party Comments

#### Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 1:14:58 PM Central Africa Time

Subject: RE: Public Review - Gondwana Etosha King Nehale Lodge

Date: Wednesday, 12 December 2018 at 12:58:33 PM Central Africa Time

From: Mike & Ann Scott

To: 'Stephan Bezuidenhout'

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Dear Stephan

Thank you for your comprehensive Draft Scoping and Environmental & Social Management Plan. We have a few comments for you to consider in terms of the avifauna and the power supply:

- 1. The marking of the entire above-ground section of power line is strongly recommended, in view of its proximity to Etosha National Park and the known flightpaths of birds between the Andoni waterholes and surrounding areas, in particular the Blue Crane, Critically Endangered in Namibia and globally Vulnerable; resident in the Park for much of the year, and breeding in the Park during the summer. Wattled Crane, Endangered in Namibia and also globally Vulnerable, also visits the Andoni area from time to time. The Blue Crane at least should be included in your bird list (p57).
- 2. Mitigation for bird and power line interactions:

To mitigate for power line collisions, the recommended marking device is a Double Loop Bird Flight Diverter, fitted to the top conductor at 5-10 m intervals, alternating black and white. Alternatively (or in combination) the Viper Live Bird Flapper could be considered. Both devices are manufactured by Preformed Line Products (PLP).

Further mitigation measures to prevent electrocutions should also be incorporated:

- the earthing on wooden power line poles should stop 300 mm below the lowest phase to provide an "air space safety gap", in order to reduce electrocution risk; this procedure is known as "gapping".
- transformer/switchgear structures should be designed in such a way that they are not attractive as bird perches/nesting sites; selected live components should be insulated (e.g. using PVC piping or low-density polyethylene pipe [LDPE]; contact NamPower for advice).
- on strain structures where "jumper" wires are used in a horizontal configuration, the two outer jumpers should be suspended below the cross arm and the third/centre jumper should be insulated, or offset; or all jumpers insulated.
- should bird electrocutions take place, safe alternative perching areas/perching platforms may be provided.
- 3. The mitigation should take place during the construction stage, rather than the operational stage; regular monitoring would be important during the operational stage.
- 4. You may want to check on the relevant power line utility: in the North NamPower is responsible for transmission/high voltage lines, but Nored would be responsible for distribution/low voltage lines.
- 5. We have already forwarded our previous concerns about bird collisions in the Andoni area to Quintin Hartung at Gondwana, but let us know if you would also like us to forward this correspondence to you.

Please let us know if you require any further details.

Best wishes Ann & Mike Scott

From: Stephan Bezuidenhout <stephan@eccenvironmental.com>

Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 5:48 PM

To: Stephan Bezuidenhout <stephan@eccenvironmental.com>
Subject: Public Review - Gondwana Etosha King Nehale Lodge

Dear Registered Interested and Affected Parties,

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## Potential threat to birds by the low voltage distribution power line north of King Nehale Gate, Etosha National Park

A relatively new low voltage power line in the area north of the King Nehale Gate, servicing the gate infrastructure at Andoni in the Etosha National Park (NP; see Figure 1), is regarded as a potential threat to birds in the area.



Figure 1. Approximate position of the low voltage (HLPCD) power line (star) in the area of the King Nehale gate, immediately north of Andoni in the Etosha National Park.

The line is about 6.5 km long. The structure is a horizontal line post compact delta (HLPCD), i.e. a single pole with three conductors running 80 cm beneath each other (Figure 2). This structure is used widely for low voltage, private distribution lines in Namibia.

The mission of the NamPower/NNF Strategic Partnership is to address wildlife and power line interactions in Namibia. The data collated by the Partnership over the past five years (see websites http://www.nnf.org.na/project/nampowernnf-partnership/13/5/5.html and www.the-eis.com) has identified this structure as both a collision risk for bird species such as bustards, flamingos and raptors in Namibia, and an electrocution risk for gregarious species such as vultures when more than one bird attempts to sit on the same pole. The power line incidents recorded for 280 individual birds to date have involved the mortality of sixty birds (22%) on HLPCD lines and associated structures (Figure 3 & 4). Given the difficulty of recording such incidents, this figure is likely to be an underestimate.





Figure 2. The HLPCD (horizontal line post compact delta) structure is used widely for low voltage, private power lines throughout Namibia.

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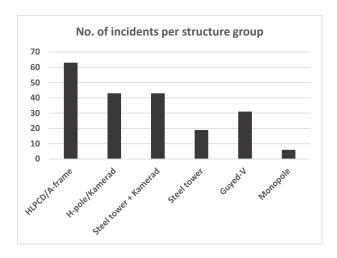


Figure 3. The HLPCD structure has been implicated in a number of power line incidents in Namibia, resulting in at least 60 wildlife mortalities to date (NamPower/NNF Strategic Partnership).





Figure 4. Examples of bird mortalities recorded on low voltage/HLPCD structures:

Top left: Kori Bustard collision (Aroab 33 kV line, July 2013);

Top right: Greater Flamingo collision (2 birds; Gibeon 33 kV line, September 2012);

Bottom left & right: Lappet-faced Vulture electrocution (Aroab 33 kV line, July 2013) (NamPower/NNF Strategic Partnership).





The proximity of this power line to the Etosha NP is a cause for concern, given the rich diversity of birdlife and the location of the Andoni waterhole and associated water bodies <4 km away from the line. Birds move regularly between the plains and water bodies of this area and those of the neighbouring agricultural areas, including the Omadhiya Lake system.

Using 1816DB as a representative quarter degree square for the area, at least 23 bird species have been identified that are sensitive to impacts of collisions on power lines; of these, at least 11 are also prone to electrocutions on power line structures (Figure 5; Table 1). These species are likely to fly diurnally and/or nocturnally.



Figure 5. Power line sensitive bird species in Etosha NP and environs (www.the-eis.com 2014). The number of species per quarter degree grid (QDS) is indicated by light (low) to dark (high).

#### 23 Red-listed bird species affected by power lines in QDS 1816DB

\*Globally Threatened

#### **Potential impacts:**

#### Collision

Critically Endangered: \*Blue Crane, \*Cape Vulture

Endangered: Bateleur, Black Stork, Great White Pelican, Martial Eagle, Saddle-billed Stork,

Slaty Egret, Tawny Eagle, \*Wattled Crane

Near Threatened: Black-winged Pratincole, \*Grey Crowned Crane, Maccoa Duck, Marabou

Stork, Peregrine Falcon, Verreauxs' (Black) Eagle, \*White-backed Vulture

*Vulnerable*: Chestnut-banded Plover, Greater Flamingo, \*Lappet-faced Vulture, \*Lesser

Flamingo, White-headed Vulture *Power line sensitive*: Kori Bustard

#### **Electrocution:**

Critically Endangered: \*Cape Vulture

Endangered: Bateleur, Black Stork, Martial Eagle, Tawny Eagle

Near Threatened: Marabou Stork, Peregrine Falcon, Verreauxs' (Black) Eagle, \*White-backed

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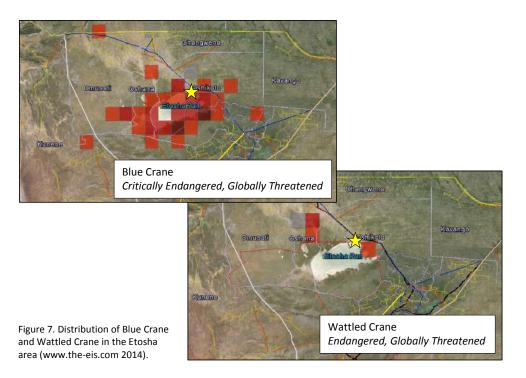
Vulnerable: \*Lappet-faced Vulture, White-headed Vulture



The three crane species are of high concern. In particular, the small Blue Crane population (*Critically Endangered* in Namibia and also *Globally Threatened*; Figure 6 & 7) is in decline, with a maximum of only 23 birds recorded in 2013, compared to 60 in 2006; the loss of even one individual in a power line incident would thus be significant. Wattled Cranes (*Endangered* in Namibia and also *Globally Threatened*) have recently made their appearance at Andoni, and are similarly at risk (Figure 6-8).



Figure 6. Two Wattled Cranes (centre) with a group of Blue Cranes at Andoni in April 2013. This is one of the first records of Wattled Cranes within Etosha National Park in living memory. Note the larger 132 kV power line running along the B1 road in the background.





Blue Cranes are highly susceptible to collisions with overhead power lines (Shaw *et al.* 2010). Recent research (Martin & Shaw 2010) indicates that due to the existence of blind areas in their visual field, these birds will be blind in the direction of travel when in flight. Apart from the crane family, this characteristic is shared by other bird groups including bustards, storks and some raptors including vultures and snake-eagles.

In a survey of 199 km of power lines in the Cape Overberg, SA (where approximately half of the global population of Blue Cranes is found), Blue Cranes were found to be the most common in terms of mortalities (54% of all carcasses; Shaw *et al.* 2010). A collision rate of 0.31 cranes/km power line per year was estimated, implying an annual take-off of 12% (5-23%) of the total population within the Overberg study area. This is regarded as a possibly unsustainable source of mortality.

The Namibia Blue Crane Project was initiated by the Namibia Crane Working Group in 2006 (see http://www.nnf.org.na/CRANES/index.htm). Ringing and satellite tracking studies and seasonal surveys have shown that, in the Etosha area, Blue Cranes move regularly between the Andoni plains/ water bodies and the neighbouring agricultural areas/wetlands, including Okashana north of Andoni, and chiefly the Omadhiya Lakes including Lake Oponono (Figure 8). Any power lines on their flight paths would present an unforeseen obstruction, especially in areas where the birds are taking off from or coming in to land at water bodies and in poor light. During the rainy season the situation is exacerbated by the more extensive presence of water in unusual areas. It appears that an EIA may not have been conducted for the construction of the power line – which would have helped identify these risks in advance.



Figure 8. A recent record of 12 Blue Cranes and one Wattled Crane in the Lake Oponono area, north of Etosha NP (Boorman & Kolb pers. comm.). These two species are seen in association in the area. Blue Cranes are known to move between Lake Oponono and the Andoni area.

These concerns about power lines in the area are supported by the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the Proposed 400 kV Transmission Line from Ruacana to Oshivelo via Ongwediva, currently in process (Enviro Dynamics; J Pallett pers. comm.). The proposed new line is considered a risk to bird species such as cranes in the Etosha NP and environs, and the initial route has been moved further to the north-east and east of Andoni as a primary mitigation measure. Additional potential mitigation measures, namely marking, are under discussion.





Figure 9. Two Wattled Cranes coming in low from the north to land near the Andoni waterhole in April 2013. This water hole is <4 km south of the HLPCD power line.

#### Recommendations

Mitigation for the high potential impacts of the King Nehale HLPCD line is regarded as a matter of urgency.

- The ideal mitigation would be to replace the line with a good solar system, and we would like to request that the feasibility of this option is first investigated. A sponsorship, e.g. by INNOSUN, could be explored as this matter is of high conservation priority.
- Alternatively, burying the line beneath the ground could be investigated.
- Should this not be possible, the marking of the entire line with one or more suitable mitigation devices should be implemented. Provision should be made for mitigation for both diurnal and nocturnal flight patterns.
- Given the high potential for scavenging in the area, the effectiveness of the line marking should be monitored regularly, on a weekly basis for at least the first year afterwards and thereafter at least once a month for the life of the line.

The NamPower/NNF Strategic Partnership is willing to assist on request, where possible.

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