

The Namibian NBSAP

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National Biodiversity Task Force

- Technical interdisciplinary and multi- sectoral Task force
- Representing Government agencies, NGO's , para-statal and the private sector, tertiary education institutions and civil society

NBSAP Development

- Started in 1998
- Funded by GRN, GEF, German Government
- Namibian organisations and individuals contributed indirectly
- Product of many months of inter-sectoral dialogue, debate and prioritisation of issues and activities
- Studied a range of strategies and action plans from other countries
- An editorial team of 3

W/G contributing to the National Programme

National Wetlands W/G	Coastal & Marine Biodiversity group	Terrestrial Biomonitoring Group
Mountain Ecosystem Subgroup	Long Term Ecological Research W/G (DRFN)	Restoration Ecology W/G
Forest Biodiversity Focal Group	Agricultural Biodiversity W/G	Biosystematics W/G
Namibian Biotechnology Alliance	Biotrade/ Bioprospecting Focal Group	Traditional Knowledge Focal Group
Information and Website Group	Finance Committee	GIS and Mapping Sub group

What does it aim to do?

- Provide strategic framework for natural resource management activities, including trade and economic incentives
- Provide a detailed, prioritised action plan, in the form of a matrix of activities needed to address the NBSAP effectively in the decade and
- Provide easy reference booklet with which funds can be mobilised from national, bilateral and multilateral sources to implement the strategy

Format of the strategy?

- III main parts
 - Introductory section on the issues and concepts which includes a comparison of positive and negative scenarios for Namibia
 - A ‘strategy’ of broad vision statements and policy objectives supported with a list of priority activities
 - An action plan which presents these activities in detail as logical-framework tables for planners, spelling out time frames, lead agencies, collaborators, indicative budgets, priority ranks and logical order for implementation

Who was involved?

- Government agencies
- Tertiary education institutions
- Parastatals and private sector
- NGO's and unions
- Political and policy decisionmakers