MODULE 1.3, HANDOUT #1: 10 qualities of a Servant Leader

- **Listening:** A servant leader has the motivation to listen actively to his fellow men and women and supports them.

- **Empathy:** A servant leader attempts to understand and empathise with others. Workers may be considered not only as employees, but are people who need to be treated with respect and appreciation to enhance their personal development.

- **Healing:** A great strength of a Servant Leader is the ability for healing oneself and others. A servant leader tries to help people solving their problems and conflicts in relationships, because he/she wants to develop the skills of each individual. This leads to the formation of a business culture in which the working environment is dynamic, fun and there is no fear of failure.

- **Awareness:** A servant leader needs to gain general awareness and especially self-awareness. He/she has the ability to view situations from a more integrated, holistic position. As a result, he gets a better understanding about ethics (between right and wrong) and values.

- **Persuasion:** A Servant Leader does not take advantage of his/her power and status by imposing compliance; he/she rather tries to convince them. This element distinguishes servant leadership most clearly from traditional, authoritarian models.

- **Conceptualization:** A servant leader thinks beyond day-to-day realities. That means he/she has the ability to see beyond the limits of the operating business and also focuses on long term operating goals.

- **Foresight:** Foresight is the ability to foresee the likely outcome of a situation. It enables the servant leader to learn about the past and to get a better understanding about the current reality. It also enables the servant leader to identify consequences actions will have on the future. This characteristic is closely related to conceptualisation. In contrast to the other characteristics which can be consciously developed foresight is a characteristic which one may be born with.

- **Stewardship:** Conservancy Committee members as the leaders of the conservancy have the task to hold their organization in trust for the greater good of society.

- **Commitment to the growth of people:** A servant leader is convinced that people have an intrinsic value beyond their contributions as workers. Therefore, he should nurture the personal, professional and spiritual growth of employees. For example he spends money for the personal and professional development of the people as well as having a personal interest in the ideas from everyone and involving workers in decision-making.
Conservancy Management Framework

1. PURPOSE/VISION?

2. WHAT MUST THE CONSERVANCY COMMITTEE MANAGE? (KEY MANAGEMENT COMPONENTS)

- Wildlife
- Natural resources
- Tourism
- Finances & Assets
- HIV/AIDS
- Comms & decision making
- Staff
- Legal issues

3. WHY?

4. FUTURE STATE?

5. KEY ELEMENTS?

- Organogram
- Zonation Map
- Guiding Principles

- Development and Annual Plan
- Quarterly Plans
- Monitoring and evaluation

1. Community Game Guards
2. Effective monitoring system
3. Wildlife Management plan
4. Supportive members
5. Zonation Map
Why will your purpose fail if you do not manage this item?

1. **Wildlife**
   Why will your purpose fail if you don’t manage your wildlife? The purpose will fail because wildlife is the cornerstone of the conservancy. If it is not managed properly the benefits that come from wildlife will be lost.

2. **Natural resources**
   Why will your purpose fail if you don’t manage natural resources? The purpose will fail because if natural resources are not managed, the environment will become degraded which will impact on livelihoods such as cropping, livestock and wildlife. Fewer tourists will visit and as a result the quality of life of members will decrease.

3. **Tourism**
   Why will your purpose fail if you don’t manage tourism? The purpose will fail because the means of making money for the conservancy will be removed or reduced as well as a major reason for members to protect wildlife.

4. **Finances**
   Why will your purpose fail if you don’t manage finances? The purpose will fail because the money generated will be wasted so there will not be enough to pay for the running costs of the conservancy and/or give benefits to the members.

5. **HIV/AIDS**
   Why will your purpose fail if you don’t manage HIV/AIDS? The purpose will fail because the conservancy will not achieve its purpose because the capacity of the CC, members and staff will be reduced due to illnesses and deaths.

6. **Staff**
   Why will the purpose fail if staff is not managed? The purpose will fail because the activities of the conservancy will not be carried out effectively.

7. **Assets**
   Why will your purpose fail if you don’t manage assets? The purpose will fail because running costs will increase and benefits to members will be minimised.

8. **Communication/decision making and organisational structure**
   Why will the purpose fail if communication/decision making and your organisational structure are not managed well? The purpose will fail because members and other stakeholders will not be involved in the management of the conservancy. This will result in a decline in support for the continuation of the conservancy.

9. **Legal issues**
   Why will your purpose fail if you do not manage legal issues? The purpose will fail because if no-one adheres to the rules, MET will remove its support from the conservancy, donors will no longer fund it, members will not receive benefits, and wildlife and natural resources will be reduced.
**THE REQUIRED STATE FOR EACH MANAGEMENT COMPONENT (HOW THEY MUST BE TO WORK WELL)**

**ENVIRONMENTAL:**

**Wildlife**
A system where wildlife is managed by the conservancy in a way that allows numbers to increase to optimum levels and ensures that benefits to members are maximised.

**Natural resources**
Natural resources that are being used sustainably and are improving towards optimal levels; that are managed by those directly engaged with them and are supported by the conservancy where appropriate.

**ECONOMIC:**

**Tourism**
Tourism which is well-planned and managed, takes local land use into account and optimises benefits to members.

**ORGANISATIONAL/SOCIAL:**

**Finances**
Funds generated by the conservancy that are managed in a precise, accountable, wise and transparent way to cover conservancy running costs and maximise benefits to members.

**HIV/AIDS**
The number of people being infected by the HIV virus is reduced and those affected or infected by the disease are helped as far as possible.

**Staff**
Satisfied, highly capable and well-motivated employees who ensure the conservancy is managed efficiently and effectively so that it is able to achieve its purpose.

**Assets**
Well-managed assets that last a long time, serve to bring about the conservancy’s purpose and therefore allow maximum benefits to members.

**Communication and Decision making**

*Internal* (CC - Members, Area reps and TA)
A CC that carries out mandated decisions/actions and consults members and others when required and informs members of progress.

*External* (CC to MET/Parks/MLRR/Gov. etc.)
A CC that builds relations with key outside stakeholders, consults when needed and lobbies for the improvement of the conservancy’s purpose.

**Legal issues**
A conservancy which follows the laws of Namibia, as well as its contract and constitution, to prevent deregistration and legal battles and to ensure that it operates as a sound legal body.
**Conservancy A**

**Internal Organogram**

Members from five villages (AGMs, GMs)

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- 2 Village 1 reps
- 2 Village 2 reps
- 2 Village 3 reps
- 2 Village 4 reps
- 2 Village 5 reps

10 reps from 5 villages, 1 TA rep, Chairman and Vice

Conservancy Committee

Manager

Employed Bookkeeper and Secretary

Enterprise Committee

Chief Game Guard, Game Guards
Camp site staff
Cleaner

TA
The Conservancy Chairperson and Manager – Roles and Duties

**Who is the Conservancy Manager or Coordinator?**

The Conservancy Manager is an employee of the conservancy, answerable to the conservancy management committee. The manager is employed to execute and supervise conservancy work plans and activities on behalf of the Conservancy committee or management.

**What are the Roles and Duties of the Conservancy Chairperson?**

- Provide overall direction to the conservancy.
- Facilitate meetings, agenda and call meetings.
- Chair or co-chair meetings when required.
- Ensure that decisions taken are implemented.
- Monitor the implementation of work plans and reports.
- Approve or reject plans and reports.
- Develop and implement a VET framework.
- Keep the conservancy members informed of matters that affect the conservancy and its members.
- Supervise the conservancy manager.
- Sign off all conservancy implementation and documents.
- Oversee implementation monitoring.

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**What are the Roles and Duties of the Conservancy Manager or Coordinator?**

- Day-to-day management of the conservancy on behalf of the CC.
- Establish and approve work plans by CC and membership.
- Monitor and follow up with work plans agreed to by the CC.
- Ensure timely implementation and achievement of conservancy objectives.
- Represent the conservancy in written forms to the conservancy area and regional or national level.
- Advise and be answerable to the Conservancy Committee.
- Collaborate with other links between the conservancy and its relevant partners (private sector, civil society).
- Manage conservancy resources and costs on behalf of the CC and members.
- Supervise and assess performance of conservancy staff.
- Compile reports for conservancy management and membership.
- Monitor and give guidance to conservancy enterprises.
- Facilitate the organization of business activities to meet the staff and Conservancy Committee needs.
- Organize communication and meetings.
- Link with MEC and other Government Agencies.
THE CONSERVANCY SECRETARY
The Roles and Duties

WHAT ARE THE ROLES AND DUTIES OF A SECRETARY?
• Prepare conservancy meeting agendas with all necessary information and documents.
• Act as a key person in conservancy decision-making processes.
• Keep and maintain all conservancy documents.
• Ensure that decisions made at meetings are implemented and not forgotten.
• Maintain the conservancy filing system for all conservancy documents.
• Maintain other conservancy records, including minutes of meetings, minutes of conferences, reports, etc.
• Responsible for conservancy publicity in the absence of a Publicity Officer.

WHAT IS THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING CONSERVANCY RECORDS?
• To serve as conservancy memory and document bank.
• Ensure that decisions made at meetings are implemented and not forgotten.
• A reminder of previous conservancy transactions and agreements.
• In case of conservancy being sued, the documents are important as evidence of all discussions and agreements entered.

WHOM IS A SECRETARY?
A conservancy officer who is responsible for maintaining records, preparing conservancy meetings, and other related tasks.

MODULE 1.3, HANDOUT #8: Roles and duties - Secretary
MODULE 1.3, HANDOUT #9: Founders of an organisation

How do we deal with founders within an organisation?

Who is a founder?
✓ Started the organisation with own resources.
✓ Has energy and time to devote to the growth of the organisation.
✓ Expect reward for their efforts …
✓ They ….

What is your experience with founders?
- They don’t want to share power or information.
- They want to be rewarded for their efforts.
- Constantly interfering.
- They are ….

How do you deal with founders?
✓ Conduct sessions to reflect on the future of the organisation.
✓ Put policies and tools in place. De-personalise discussions.
✓ See expectation and assist the growth. De-personalize discussions.
✓ Clearly outline roles and responsibilities and operate accordingly.
✓ Don’t try to solve “problems” over-night. It’s a process that takes time. Accompany ….
## Conflict Resolution

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The Laissez Faire Leadership Style
This is more of hands off type of leadership

The Autocratic Leadership Style
When one person takes all the decisions and does not give others the opportunity to participate in the decision-making process

The Participative Leadership Style
When decisions are made on the basis of the desires and the wishes of the majority (of the conservancy members in this instance)
Committee Meeting Minutes Template

Name of the Conservancy:

1. Date / Venue
2. Attendance - members
3. Absent with apologies / absent without apology.
4. Attendance - observers
5. Minutes of previous meeting

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8. Date for next Committee meeting

Minutes read and adopted at (date of Committee meeting): ..........................................................

Sign as the true reflection of the discussions:

Chairperson: .................................................................................................................................

Secretary: .................................................................................................................................
Scene 1: ‘Manager’ and ‘Treasurer’ of Nama Conservancy go to the bank

Manager: We have to go into Katima to get money. I have to pay the salaries for the month.

Treasurer: Yes, and I have to buy new batteries for the radios. How much money do you need for the salaries?

Manager: Let’s get $12,000 out of the bank, then I can get the batteries as well and any other things that we need for the office.

(Manager and Treasurer hike to Katima. They go into the bank, both sign the withdrawal slip, and the Manager takes the money.)

Manager: You need $9,000? Here you are, here is the $9,000. I shall look after the rest and bring you in the slips later. See you back at the conservancy.

Scene 2: ‘Manager’ and ‘Treasurer’ meet back at the Nama Conservancy offices

(The Treasurer is at his desk, writing up his cashbook. The Manager comes in; he gives him a pile of receipts.)

Manager: Here are the receipts for the things that I bought. I can’t stay as I have lots of workshops to go to. Don’t forget that you must produce a report for your members on Friday!

(The Manager leaves the office before the Treasurer can say anything.)

Treasurer: (looking through the receipts) It looks as though he has only spent $300. I think he took far more than that, but I can’t remember… Never mind, I must prepare this report.

Scene 3: The ‘Manager’ and conservancy members discuss conservancy money problems

(The members are looking at a report)

Member 1: I don’t understand it. You are showing that you have spent $9,300 in your report. We had $12,000 paid into the bank. Should we not have some money left then? Where is it?

Member 2: There is something wrong here. There is no money in our cash box!

Manager: Well, I don’t understand it either. That Treasurer has not done his job properly! Of course, I don’t know what goes on in finance because that is not my job. It is the Treasurer who should know.

Member 1: Where is the Treasurer now?

Manager: He had family business to attend to so he is not here.

Member 2: He is not doing his job well! I think he must be stealing money.
 MODULE 1.8, HANDOUT #14: Roles and responsibilities in conservancy financial management (page 1 of 3)
MODULE 1.3, HANDOUT #15: Ethics Role Play

Skit 1: Committee member asks conservancy manager to use the conservancy bakkie to carry chairs from the school to a village meeting he is organizing. He drives off and first goes to Agra where he buys sacks of chicken feed and six bales of Lucerne. He meets a friend who asks for a lift to the other side of town. He drives him there and then drives to his farm to deliver the livestock feed. Finally he goes to the school to load the chairs and arrives at the meeting place two hours late.

Skit 2: Committee member has been given conservancy funds to cover lunch expenses for a community meeting tomorrow. The evening before, he drives to town, stays in a fancy hotel and has a night out on the town. Next day, he has no money left to buy food and sodas for the meeting and asks the conservancy treasurer to give him more money.

Skit 3: Committee member persuades other committee members to employ his son as a driver. The young man has not yet gotten his driver’s license.
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**MODULE 1.3, HANDOUT #17: Conservancy Committee Performance Assessment**

**Conservancy Committee Performance Assessment**

**Exercise**
The following exercise is an opportunity for the CC as a Committee to indicate their current level of performance in each of the topics covered during the training by using the keys indicated below. The Trainer to ensure to have at least 3 different color stickers for the exercise. The exercise need to be done as a group (by the people coming from the same conservancy)

**Keys:**
- Green = We are doing very well as a CC
- Orange = We are doing somehow Ok
- Red = We are doing very badly in this area.

How well do you think your conservancy committee is doing in terms of the role of the Conservancy Committee members in terms of?

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<td>8. Overall as a CC – how will you rate your performance</td>
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**ACTION PLAN**

Title: Conservancy Committee Performance Improvement

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Participants receiving training in Module 1.3 are not subject to formal assessment. However, in order for you to assess the knowledge and skills you have acquired on conservancy committees and for the trainer to ascertain how effective the training has been, you are encouraged to answer for yourself the following questions and discuss your answers – as part of a group or individually – with your trainer.

1. Can I explain the importance of the conservancy committee?

2. Can I list and explain the roles and responsibilities of the conservancy committee?

3. Can I identify at least three different forms of decision making and explain some best practices in decision making?

4. Can I differentiate between rights and obligations and mention at least four rights and obligations of the conservancy committee?

5. Am I able to identify reasons of why communication is important within my conservancy?

6. Can I explain what record keeping is and list at least ten important documents that needs to be kept by the conservancy committee.

7. Am I able to explain why the handing over process to the new committee is important?

8. Am I able to explain the importance of conservancy committee meetings and mention at least three factors that can contribute towards effective meetings?

9. Am I able to explain what an agenda is and how to draw up an agenda for conservancy committees?
## MODULE 1.3, HANDOUT #10: Qualities of CC leaders

Some of the knowledge, skills and qualities needed by CC members

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<td>Good at organizing time</td>
<td>Honesty</td>
<td>Organizational ability</td>
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<td>Good at organizing people</td>
<td>Knowledge and skill to write, e.g. letters,</td>
<td>Previous experience with money</td>
<td>Manage logistics</td>
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<td>Diplomatic</td>
<td>Good at preparing reports</td>
<td>Financial responsibility and accountability</td>
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<td>Good at public relations</td>
<td>Good at taking minutes</td>
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<td>Supervision skills</td>
<td>Good with math and handling money</td>
<td>Honesty</td>
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<td>Ability to make good decisions</td>
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### Knowledge, skills and qualities

- Trustworthy
- Honesty
- Interest and ability to work as a team
- Respected by community members
- Trustworthy
- Interest and ability to work as a team