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... means practising legally-entrenched community-based natural resource management under the guidance of a formal, national-level CBNRM programme. Communal conservancies, community forests and other community conservation organisations are officially registered entities with legal rights to manage the natural resources under their defined jurisdiction. Rural Namibians are empowered to govern their own environmental affairs, and the generated returns flow directly to communities.

2014/15



over 165,182 km² covered by community conservation

includes communal conservancies and community forests

about 184,000 people living in community conservation areas

another 5,400 members of the Kyaramacan Ass. live in Bwabwata N.P.

about N\$ 91.15 million in cash income and in-kind benefits generated for local communities through community conservation

includes some CBNRM returns from outside registered community conservation areas

sectors generating the returns were: tourism, related SMEs and craft sales with about N\$ 45.27 million sustainable consumptive game use with about N\$ 36.41 million

indigenous plant products with about N\$ 7.60 million and miscellaneous income of about N\$ 1.87 million

wildlife, plants, fish and other resources are being sustainably managed across large areas of land through conservation partnerships, enabling healthy environments

The Namibian CBNRM Programme is based on strong partnerships between the Namibian government, international donor agencies, local and international NGOs, the private sector and community conservation organisations



