Marienfluss Conservancy named after the Marienfluss Valley

Marienfluss Conservancy

State Protected Areas

Freehold Conservancies

Tourism Concessions

Community Forests

Forest Reserve

Registered Communal Conservancies

Emerging Communal Conservancies

Kunene River







Conservancy enterprises such as the Okarihombo

Campsite provide income and employment. Many interesting birds occur in the Marienfluss Conservancy, with many of Namibia's near-endemic species present, including Benguela long-billed lark, Gray's lark, Hartlaub's francolin, Carp's tit, rosyfaced lovebird, Rüppell's

resources

mammals

mountain zebra

springbok klipspringer

leopard

cheetah

jackal

spotted hyaena

Large parts of the

brown hyaena

korhaan, Herero chat, and rockrunner.

Since the establishment of conservancies, wildlife numbers have steadily

increased in communal areas. In Marienfluss, the wildlife population includes:

Overall Endemism

of Terrestrial Fauna & Flora



Tourism provides a variety of economic opportunities.

Joint-venture enterprises, such as Okahirongo River Camp provide significant income, employment, training and other benefits.



The sustainable harvesting of Commiphora resin for use by the international cosmetic industry generates

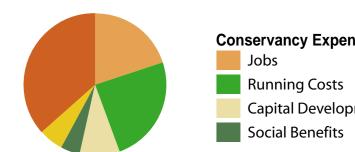
conservancy are covered by grassland, which provides grazing for wildlife and livestock Common trees include mopane, sheperd's tree and Commiphora species. Watercourses are lined with a great variety of trees, including Ana trees, makalani palms and mustard trees.

benefits from natural resources

Benefits to the conservancy and its members are obtained from:

- Wilderness Safaris Serra Cafema Camp (joint-venture agreement)
- Skeleton Coast Safaris Kunene Camp (joint-venture agreement)
- Okahirongo River Camp (joint-venture ägreement)
- Camp Syncro (joint-venture agreement)
- Okarohombo Campsite (community enterprise)
- trophy hunting concession agreement
- own-use hunting
- Commiphora resin harvesting

The conservancy spends money and creates benefits in these sectors:



Conservancy Expenditure Running Costs Capital Developments

Household Meat Private Sector Jobs

The conservancy creates a variety of community and individual benefits,

- creating employment and paying staff salaries
- distributing game meat to households and the school
- covering conservancy running costs
- developing waterpoints for livestock

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- making an annual contribution to traditional authorities
- mitigating human wildlife conflicts
- conservancy members receive a variety of other benefits, including
- transport for school children and people needing medical attention

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a conservancy is:

- a legally registered area with clearly defined borders and a constituted management body run by the community for the development of residents and the sustainable use of wildlife and tourism
- managed by a group elected to serve the interests of all its members
- a place where residents can add income from wildlife and tourism to traditional farming activities
- managed for productive gain • a place where the value of the natural resources increases,

a place where wildlife populations increase as they are

- enhancing the value of the land a forum through which services and developments can be
- zoned for multiple uses too minimise conflict and maximise the interests of all stakeholders

milestones and successes

channelled and integrated

- **1993** the first community campsite is developed
- 1996 policy changes allow communal area residents to benefit from wildlife and tourism by forming conservancies
- **1998** the Marienfluss community begins the process to register as a conservancy
- **2001** Marienfluss Conservancy is registered in January
- **2001** Marienfluss Conservancy becomes part of the annual North-West Game Count
- **2003** implementation of the Event Book monitoring system in Marienfluss Conservancy
- **2006** harvesting of *Commiphora* resin for export to the international cosmetic industry begins in Marienfluss and three other conservancies
- 2007 Marienfluss Conservancy becomes financially independent and is able to cover own operating expenses
- **2010** registration as a community forest is initiated



People living in a conservancy share a common vision for managing their area. Local cultures and social dynamics are of great interest to tourists.

Natural resources diversify economic opportunities and are a driver of economic growth. Spectacular landscapes are a key tourism attraction.

Free-roaming wildlife, such as this springbok, can generate a variety of benefits and create a key tourism attraction.

Conservancy residents engage in a variety of livelihood activities including livestock herding, crop production and natural resource use.

patrols, monitoring using the Event Book, mitigating human wildlife conflict and facilitating development.

Community Game Guards employed by the conservancy monitor wildlife and other resources and

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important income for Himba women.



The conservancy has a committee and employs staff Conservancy activities include game counts and and is managed using a mixture of modern methods & technologies and traditional knowledge & skills.

Marienfluss

create the foundations for adaptive management.