

Marienfluss Conservancy

named after the Marienfluss Valley



Tourism provides a variety of economic opportunities. Conservancy enterprises such as the Okarihombo Campsite provide income and employment.



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 important income for Himba women.



resources

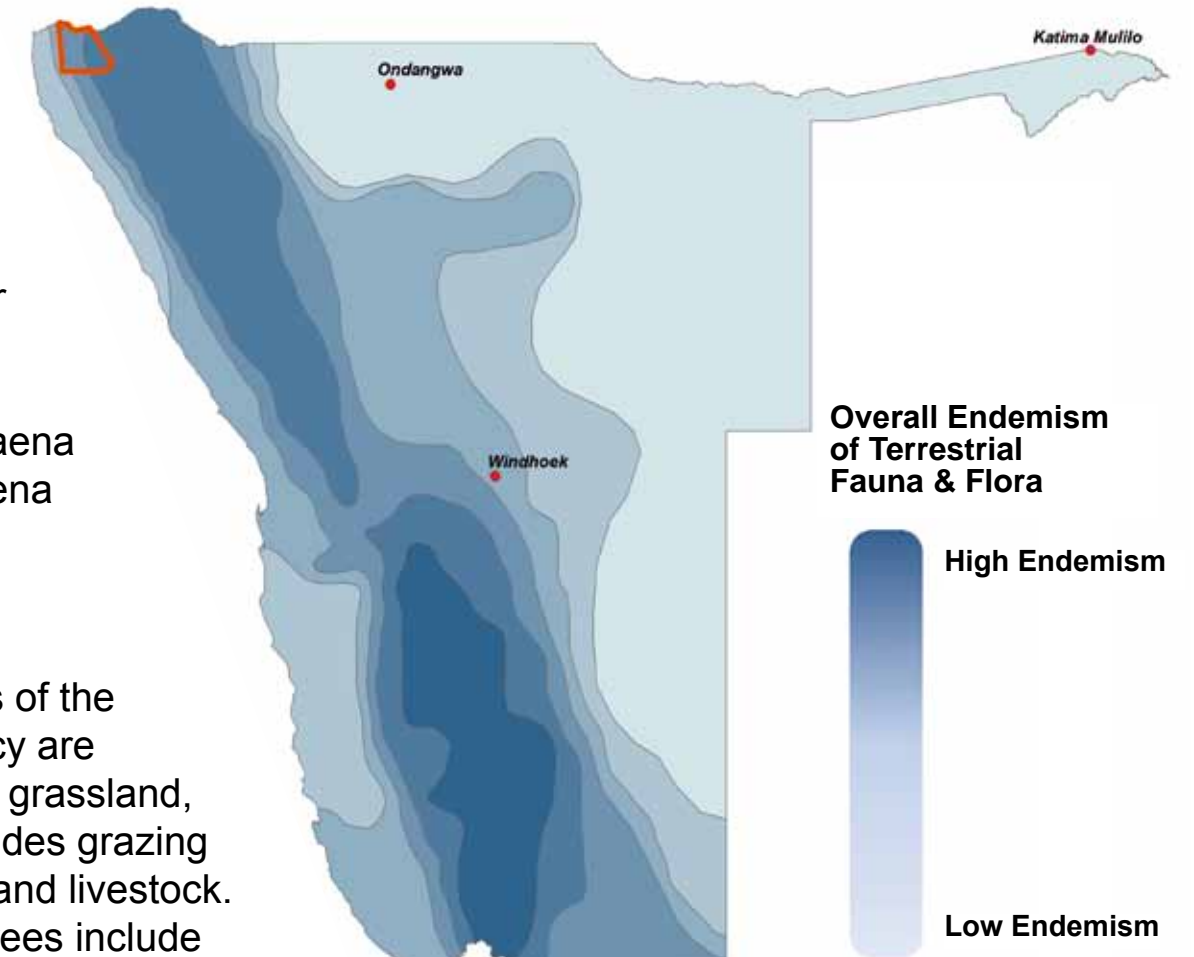
birds

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 korhaan, Herero chat, and rockrunner.

mammals

Since the establishment of conservancies, wildlife numbers have steadily increased in communal areas. In Marienfluss, the wildlife population includes: mountain zebra

giraffe
kudu
dik dik
duiker
steenbok
gemsbok
springbok
klipspringer
leopard
cheetah
spotted hyaena
brown hyaena
jackal



plants

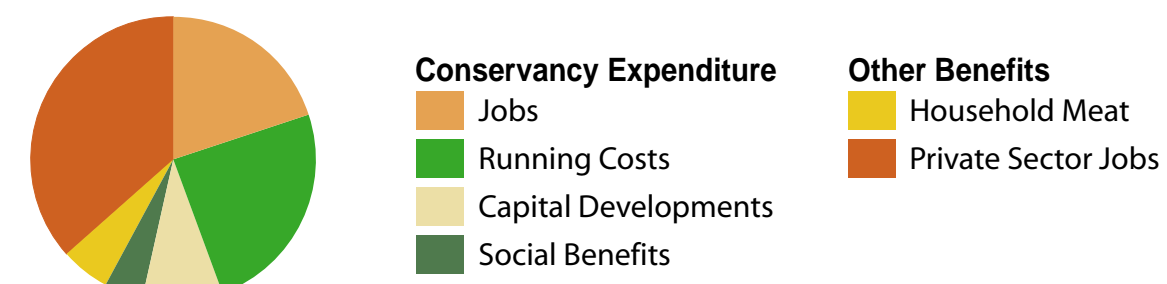
Large parts of the conservancy are covered by grassland, which provides grazing for wildlife and livestock. Common trees include mopane, shepherd's tree and Commiphora species. Watercourses are lined with a great variety of trees, including Ana trees, makalani palms and mustard trees.

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 agreement)
- 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:



The conservancy creates a variety of community and individual benefits, including:

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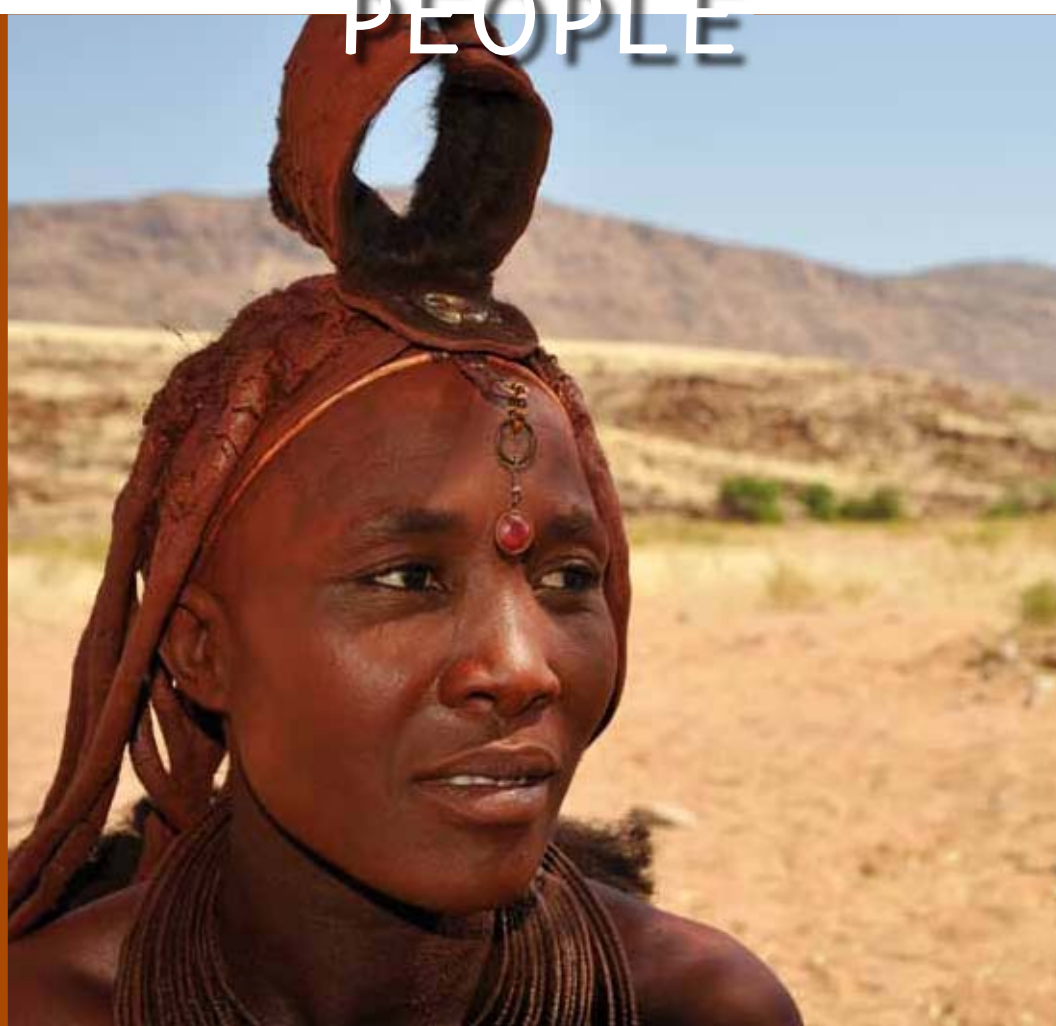
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BENEFITS FROM NATURAL RESOURCES

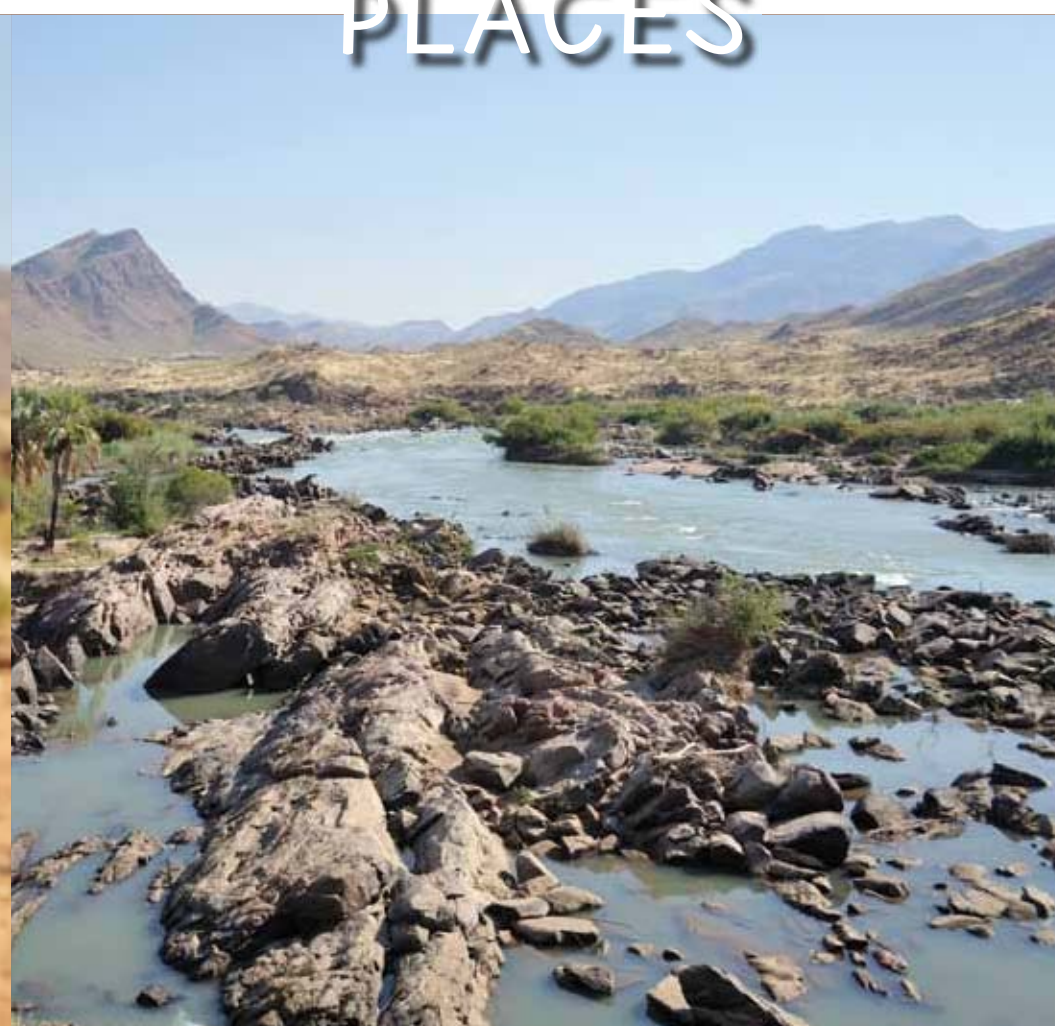


PEOPLE



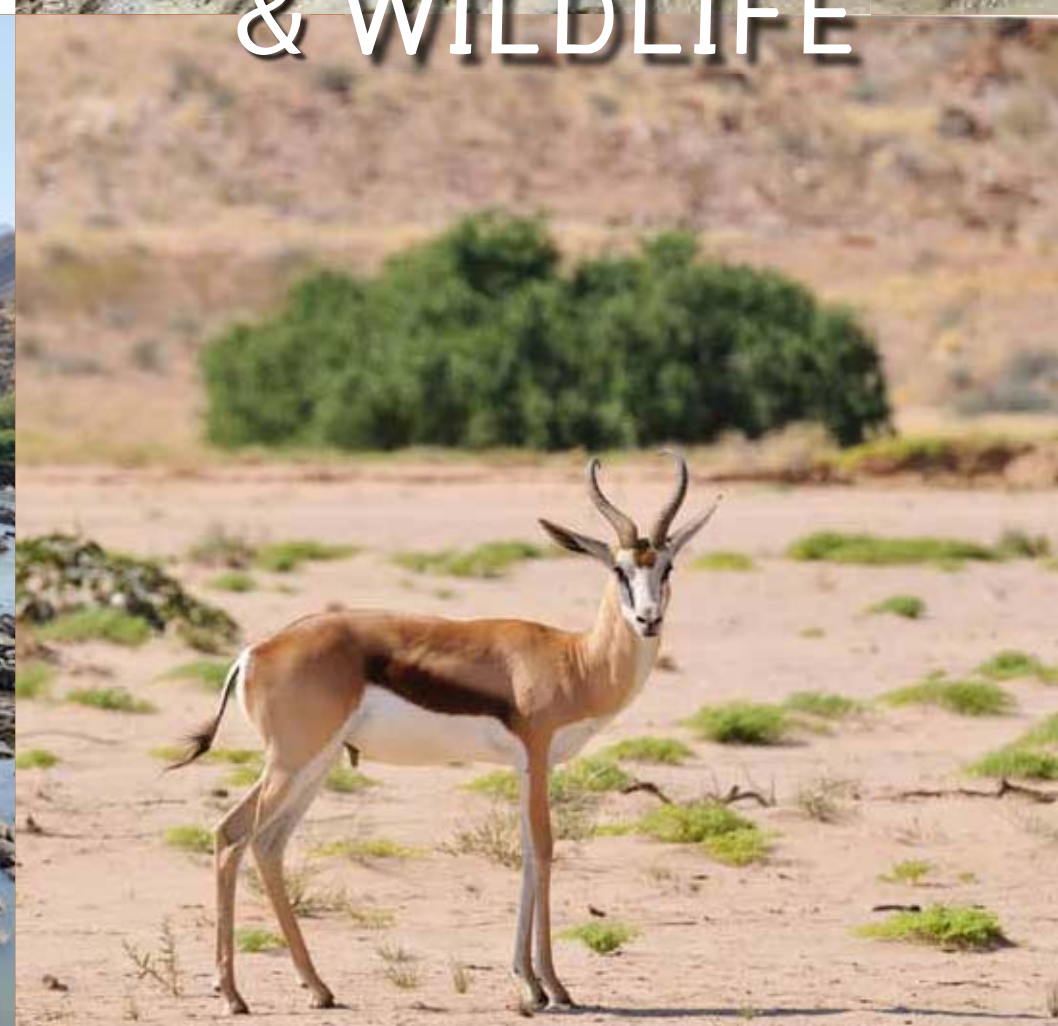
People living in a conservancy share a common vision for managing their area. Local cultures and social dynamics are of great interest to tourists.

PLACES



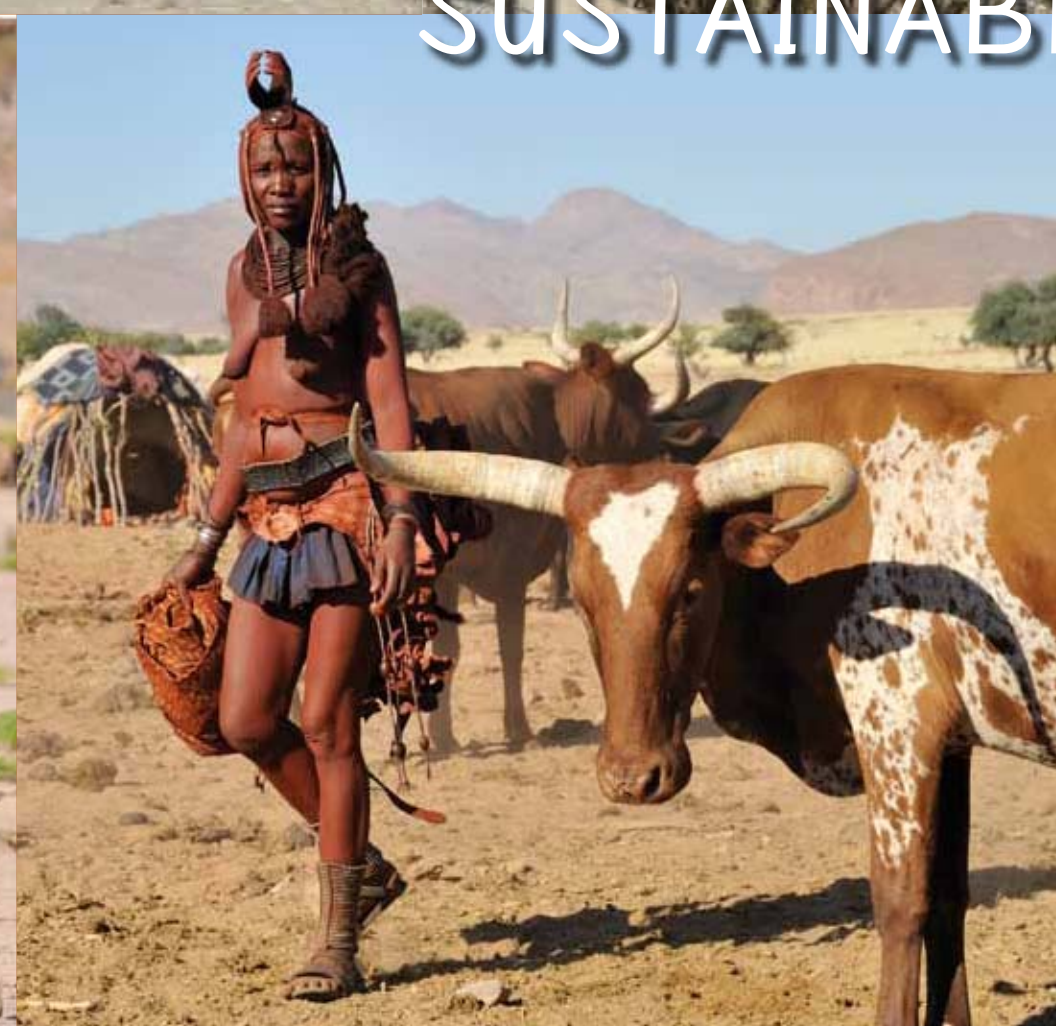
Natural resources diversify economic opportunities and are a driver of economic growth. Spectacular landscapes are a key tourism attraction.

& WILDLIFE

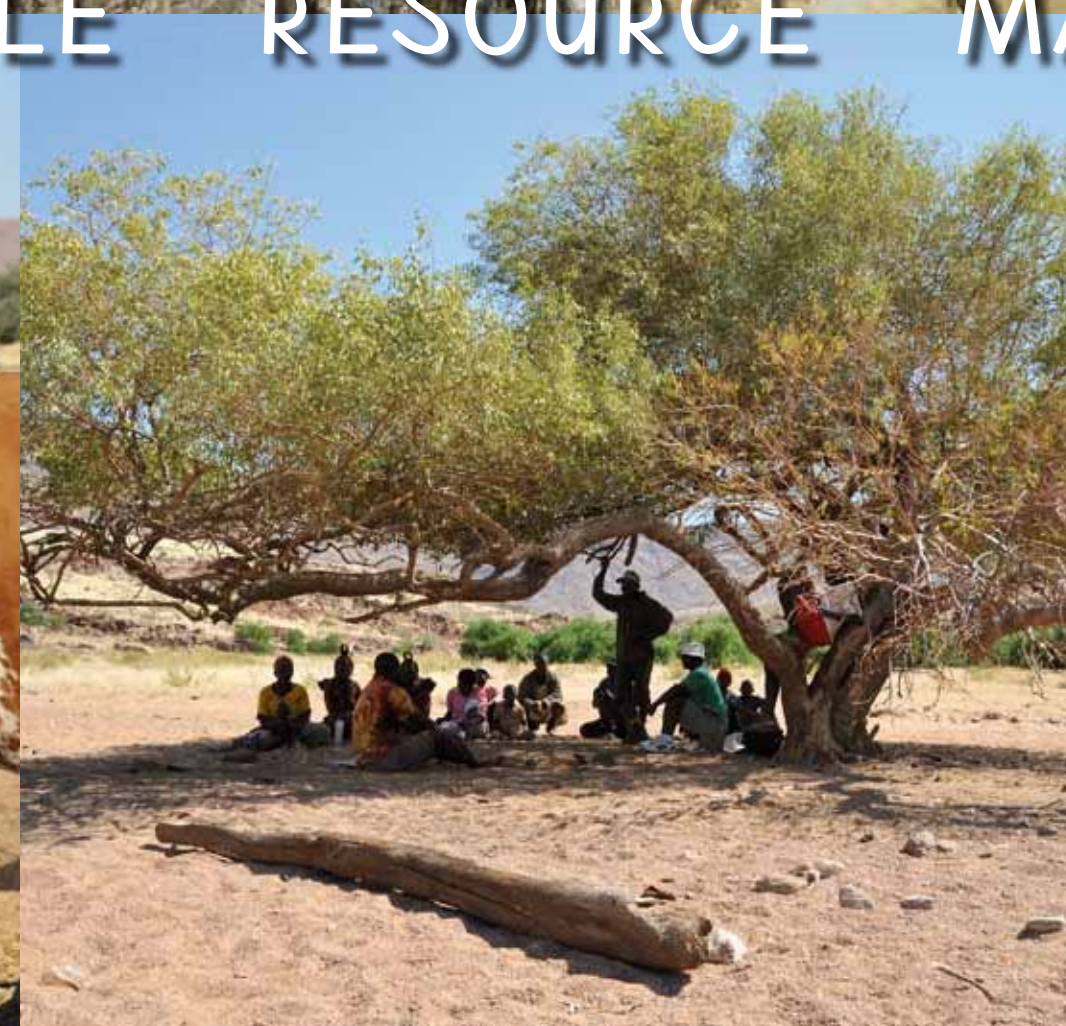


Free-roaming wildlife, such as this springbok, can generate a variety of benefits and create a key tourism attraction.

SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT



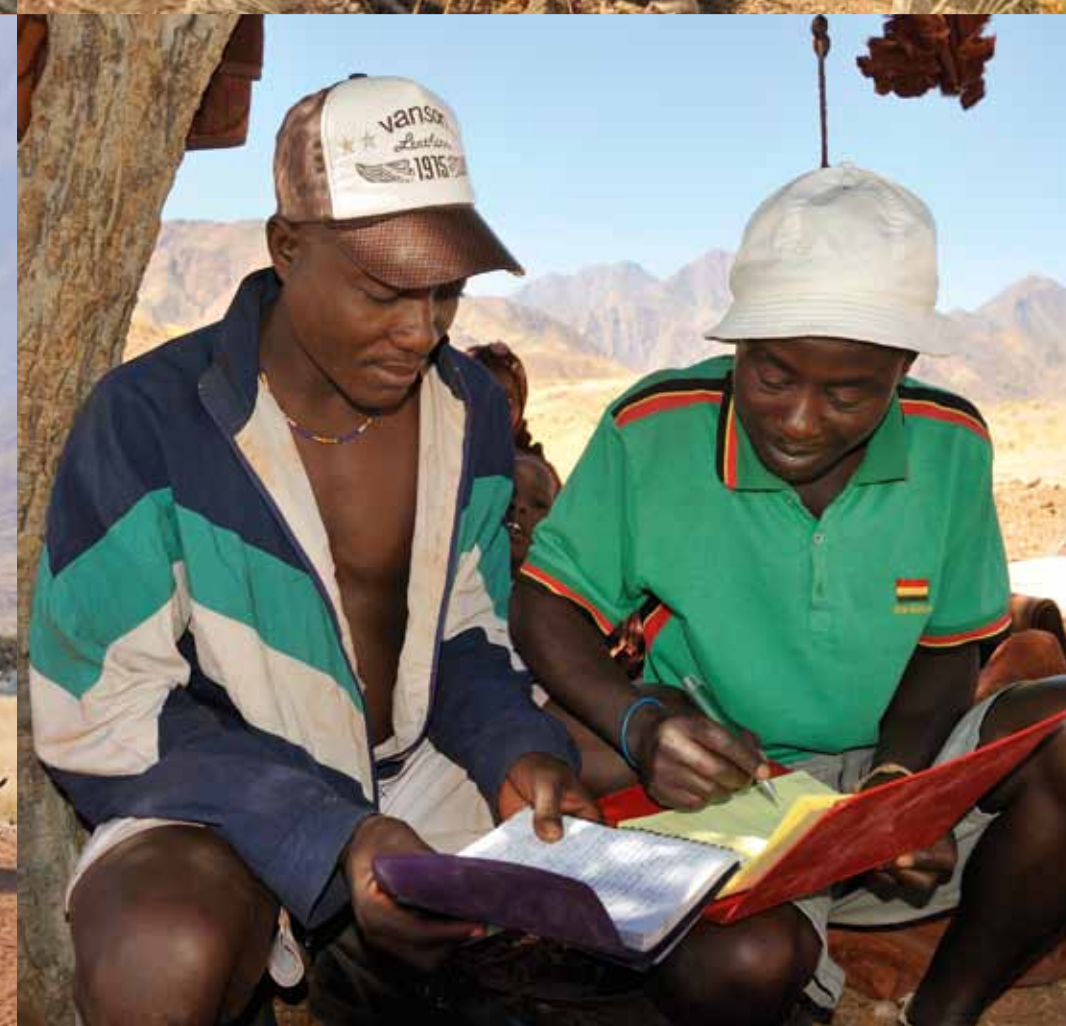
Conservancy residents engage in a variety of livelihood activities including livestock herding, crop production and natural resource use.



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



Conservancy activities include game counts and 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 create the foundations for adaptive management.