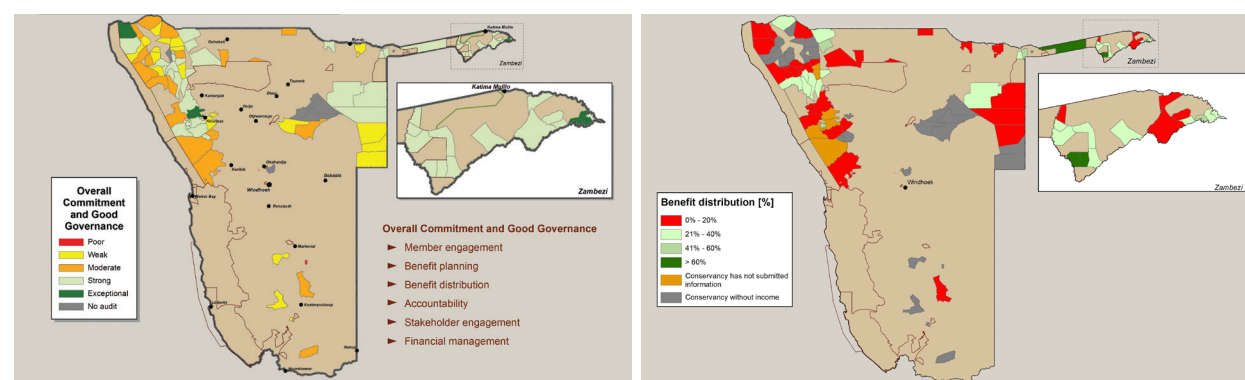


THE STATE OF COMMUNITY CONSERVATION IN NAMIBIA 2019



OVERALL COMMITMENT AND GOOD GOVERNANCE 2019

PROPORTION OF CONSERVANCY INCOME BEING DISTRIBUTED TO MEMBERS [%] - BENEFIT DISTRIBUTION IN 2019



By the end of 2019 there were...

86 registered communal conservancies and 1 community conservation association	49 conservancies with a zonation plan
43 registered community forests and 2 community fish reserves	627 game guards and resource monitors working in conservancies
19 tourism concessions in national parks or on other state land	57 management plans in place
86 conservancies using the Event Book	27 sustainable business and financial plans in place
54 conservancies conducting annual game counts	67 annual general meetings held
63 joint-venture tourism agreements	33% female management committee members
50 conservancies with conservation hunting concessions	24% female staff members
57 conservancies with a game management and utilisation plan	38 conservancies directly involved with tourism activities

..... in communal conservancies in Namibia.

All conservancies must comply with Standard Operating Procedures:



Hold **free and fair** management committee elections
Hold and **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**.
Have a **Game Management and Utilisation Plan**.
Have a **Benefit Distribution Plan**.

Benefit distribution plans are drawn up with member input and approved at the AGM.

In 2019: **47/54** reporting conservancies generated sufficient income to cover operational costs
30 of these distributed benefits to their members.

All conservancies that earn sufficient income should aim to devote **at least 50%** of their income to social projects that benefit their members.

Community conservation

Covers

180,083 km²

which is about

58.7% of all communal land, with an estimated

227,802 residents

(6,526 residents supported by the Kyaramacan Association live in Bwabwata National Park)

Of this area, conservancies manage

166,179 km²

which comprises **20.2%** of Namibia

registered community forests cover,

85,192 km²

84% of which overlaps with conservancies

From the beginning of **1990** to the end of **2019** community conservation contributed an estimated

N\$ 9.743 billion

to Namibia's net national income

Conservancies generated

N\$ 155 million

in returns for local communities

Community conservation facilitated

5,178 jobs in 2019

Namibia supports the

largest free-roaming

population of **black rhinos** in the world and a growing population of **elephants**



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