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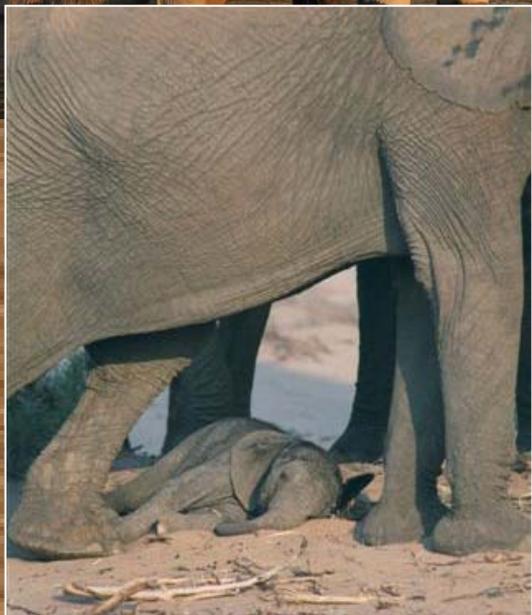
GOVERNANCE
Participation
EQUITY
Benefit-sharing



A NAMIBIAN PERSPECTIVE

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Benefits beyond \$\$\$



Practical view
from the ground

Landmass of 319,000 square miles/826,206 square kms

This is about 2/3 the size of SA...

But with a population of under 3 million people

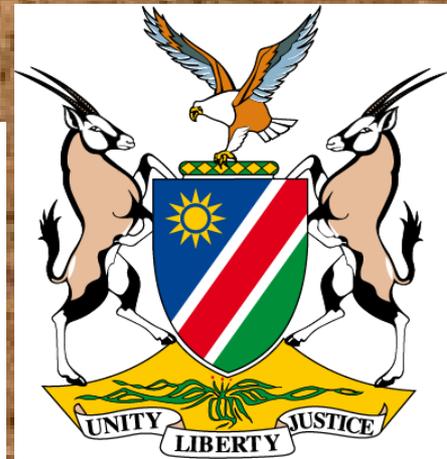
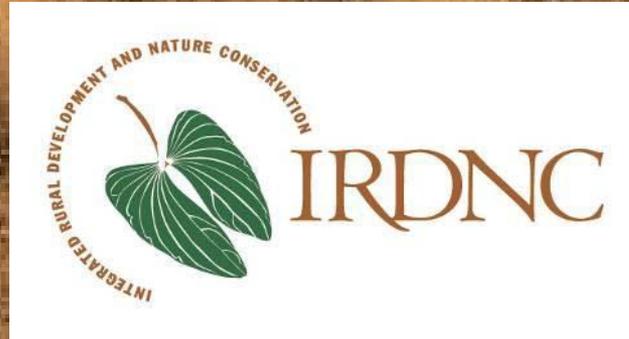


WHAT - WHO - HOW



IRDNC: Integrated Rural Development and Nature Conservation – whew!

- Field-based NGO + Trust
- 11 languages spoken
- Partners with Govt. + WWF since 1990
- Pioneered CBNRM in Namibia
- Technical, logistic + financial support to 50+ Namibian CBOs; 20+ in western Zambia
- Conservation, economic development + agriculture
- Western Zambian expansion
- KAZA





1996 Legislation

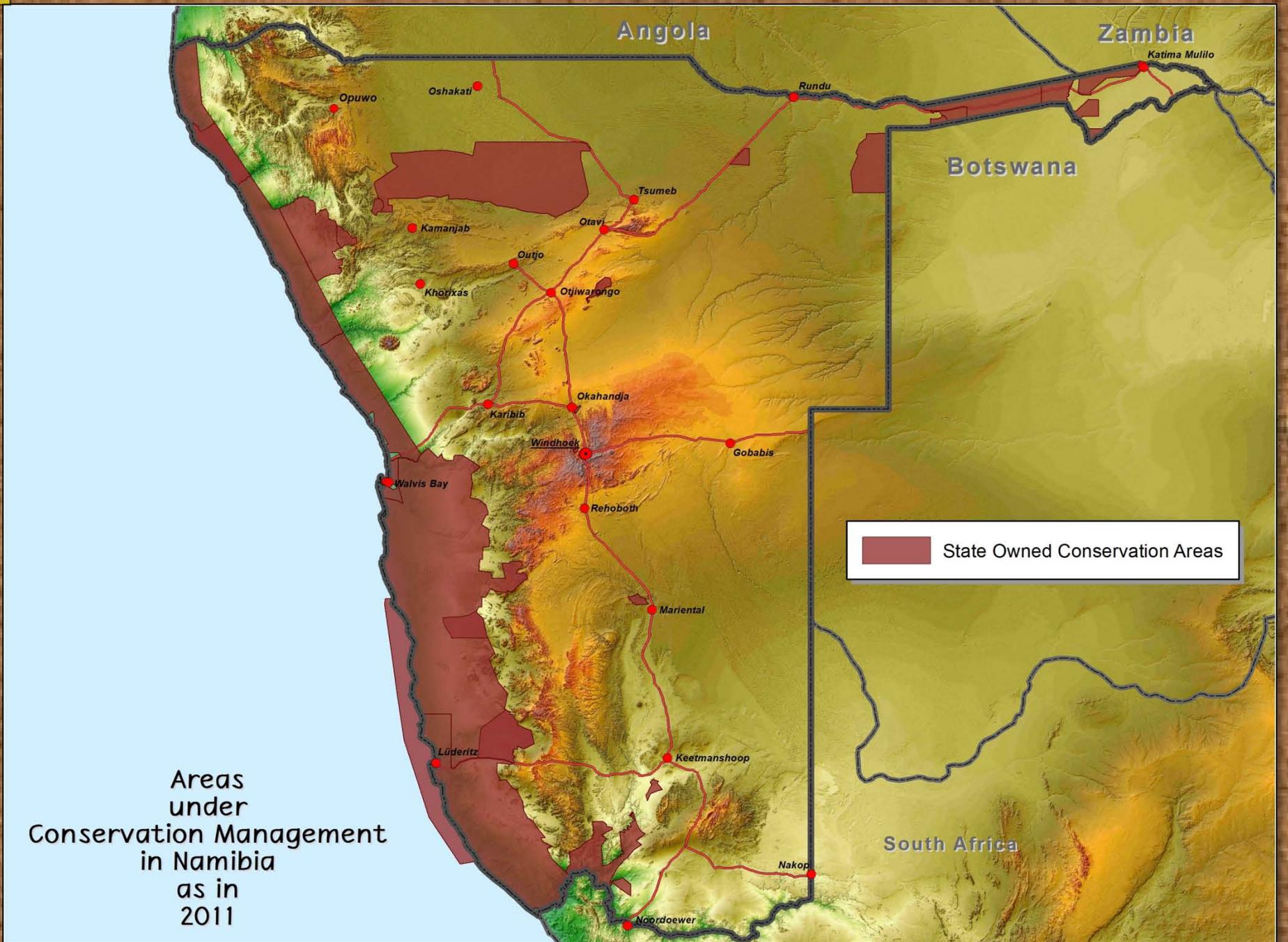
- **First 4 communal conservancies in 1998**
- **Today...66**
- **20 more emerging**



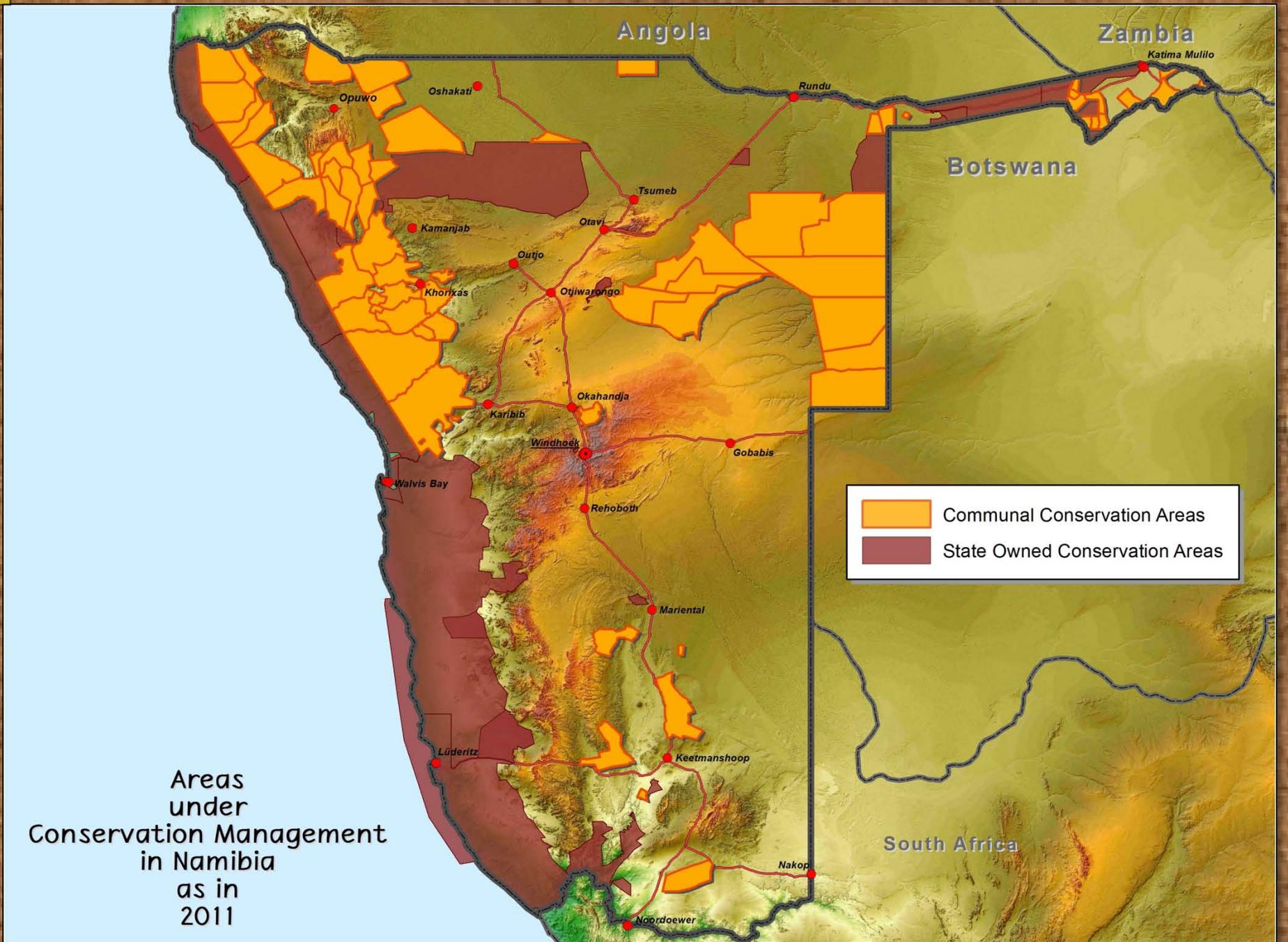


For Conservancy (ICCA) registration:

- - Defined boundaries
- - List of registered members
- - Constitution
- - Representative committee
- - Wildlife management plan
- - Land-use plan
- - Equitable benefit distribution plan
- - Annual General Meetings
- - Member meetings – sub-units

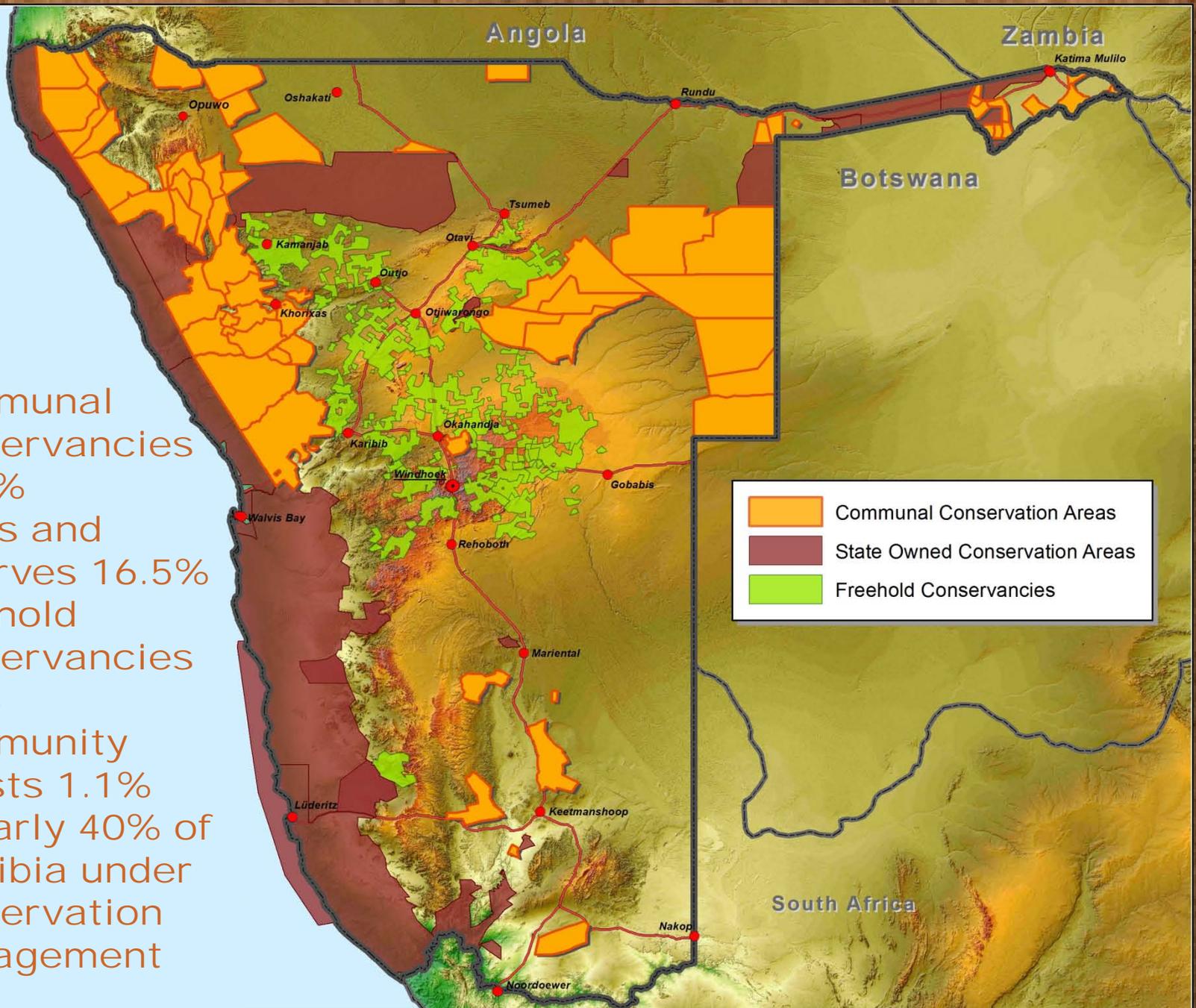


Areas under Conservation Management in Namibia as in 2011



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- Communal conservancies 16.1%
- Parks and reserves 16.5%
- Freehold conservancies 6.1%
- Community forests 1.1%
- = nearly 40% of Namibia under conservation management





Beyond wildlife

- Community forests
- Water management
- Fisheries
- Fire
- Rangelands restoration
- Up-scaling into wider landscapes
- Economic diversity

Where
we started



HOW DID WE GO FROM THIS ...



- People alienated from wildlife
- Robin Hood syndrome
- People vs government







In CBNRM areas...

- Wildlife thriving
- Economic diversification
- Vibrant growth of civil society



Wildlife impact

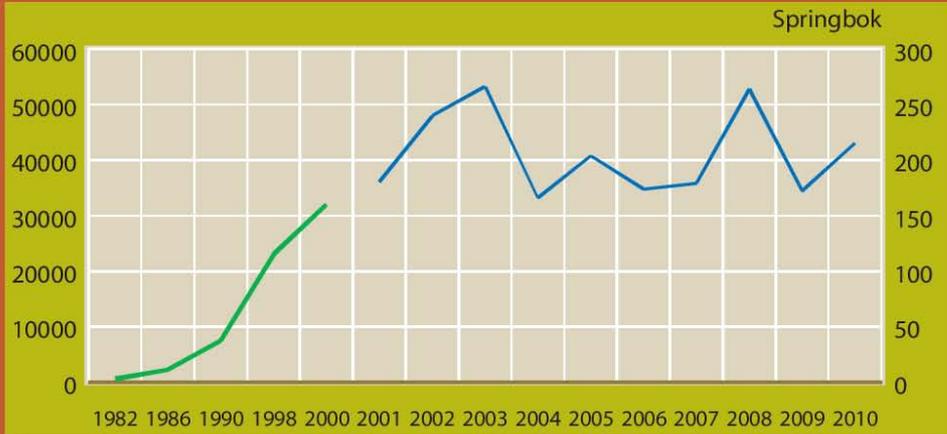
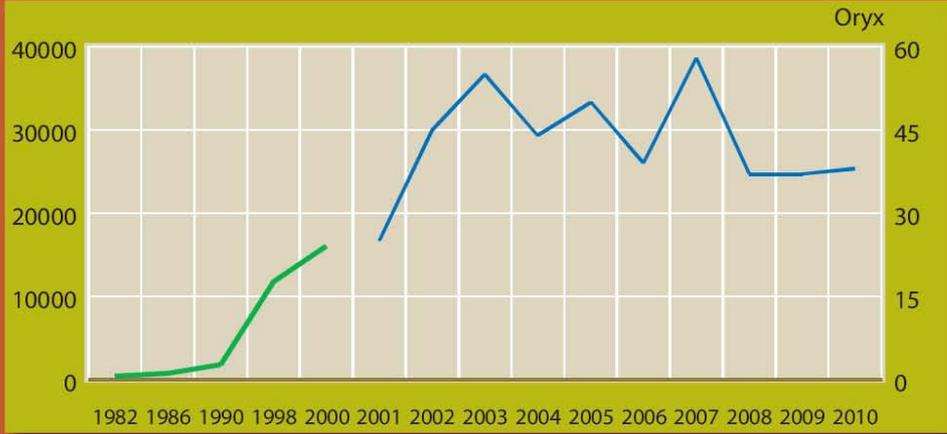
A tenfold-plus recovery

NE buffalo thriving



North-west lions – from nearly extinct to more than 120





Proof of the pudding

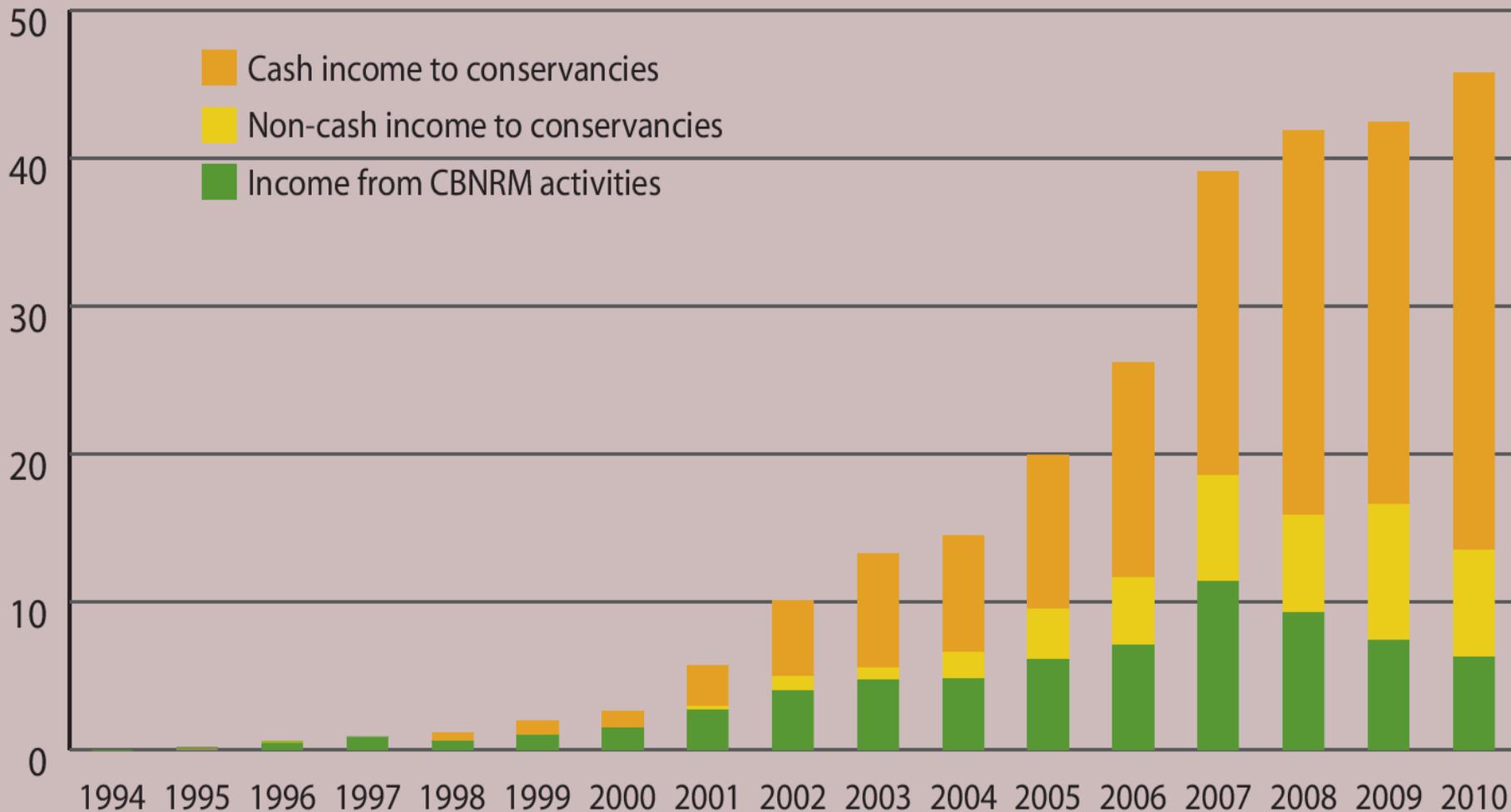
- Economic IRR of **18%** on-going over 20 years
- Directly contributed more than **N\$266-million (£24m)** to Namibia's economy in 2009
- Total contribution to national income over past 10 years = about **N\$1,118m (£100m)**



From 0 to N\$46 million to the people

N\$ (million)

- Cash income to conservancies
- Non-cash income to conservancies
- Income from CBNRM activities



Equal partnerships



Direct involvement

Local vision of ownership

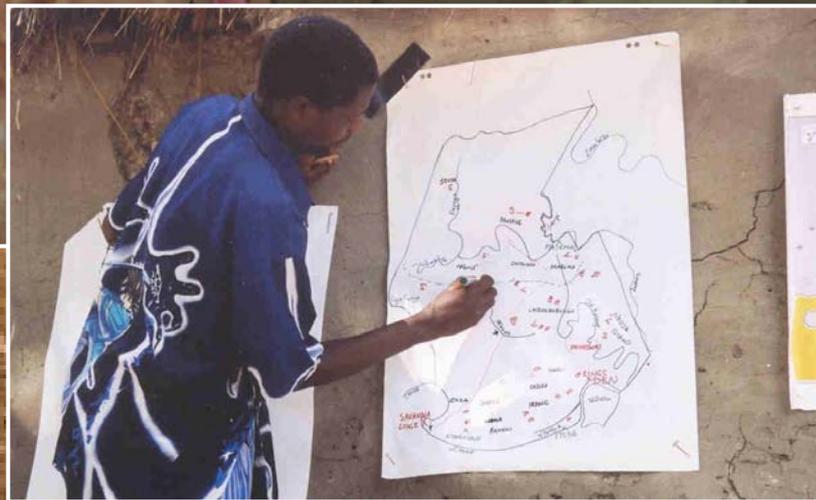
The aim ... not just to catch poachers ...
but to STOP poaching





A practical process (no theory)

1. Mutual trust and respect – equal partnerships
2. Change attitudes (govt officials as well as community)
3. Listen more than talk
4. Joint vision
5. Confidence and capacity building
6. Joint action
7. Forums for communication
8. Local social structure



- Poaching metaphor
- ID all players/ages
- Researcher's trap
- Ownership/local users
- Go below committees
- Same page; clear roles
- **Unbundling of rights**
- Extend training
- Twin elders-youth
- Visioning
- Expect conflict
- \$ - involve women
- Benefits - invest time
- Donors don't know best
- War zones
- Strategic withdrawal
- **TIME**
- Self reflection, consistency
- Pro-activeness, humility

GOVERNANCE





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Sharing the profits



Shifting private sector attitudes

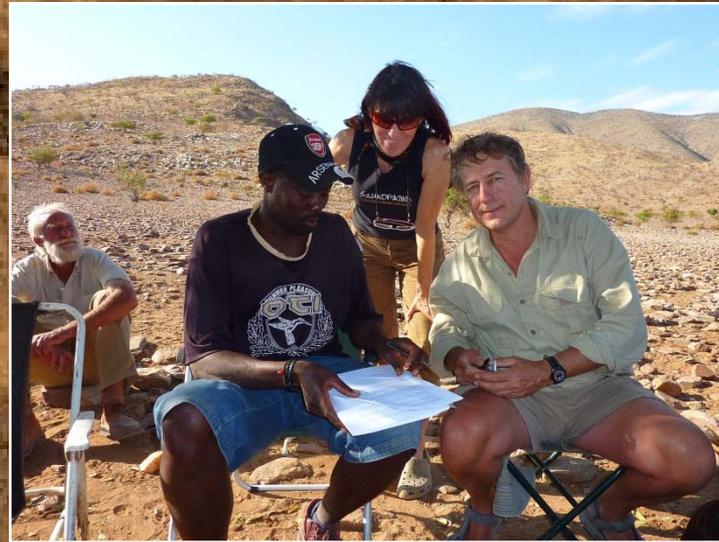


Community-based tourism

Campsites, lodges, crafts, guiding, hiking trails & more

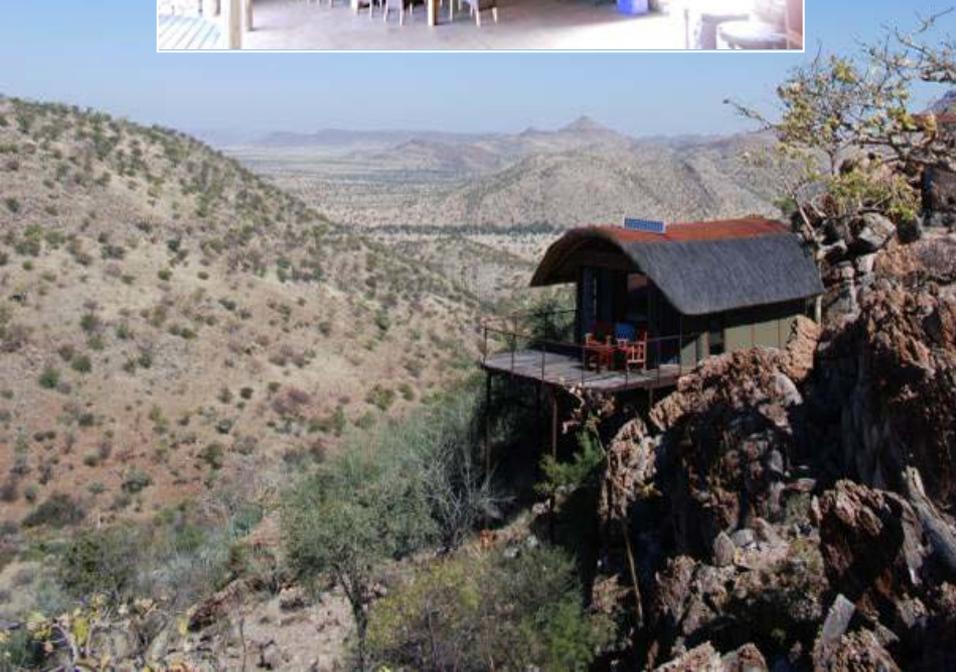
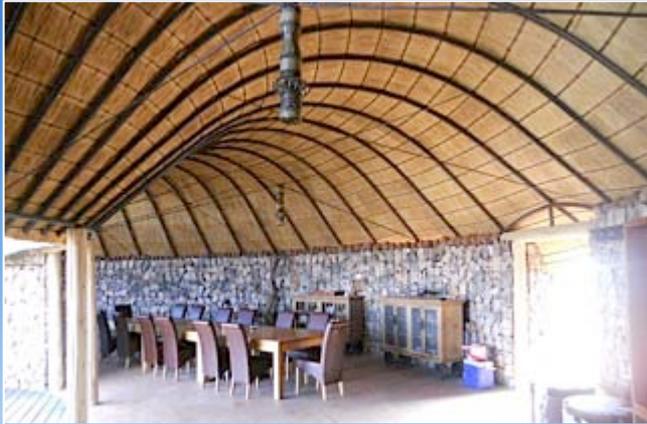


A new safari model



Conservancy Safaris
NAMIBIA
make your footprint count

Etambura Lodge



Devil's Claw in Bwabwata NP



- From black-market tragedy of commons
- To sustainable use and management
- 413 harvesters - N\$ 570,939 in 2011
- Organic Certification
- Critical sources of income to people's pockets

A photograph of a herd of cattle being led by a person through a river. The person is in the foreground, wearing a light-colored shirt and a hat, holding a stick. The cattle are of various colors, including black, brown, and white. The background shows a riverbank with trees and a clear sky.

Beyond \$\$\$

- Rights to natural resources formalized and NB: *operationalized*
- Collective voice
- Improved social organization
- Vision of the future
- Self esteem
- Capacity – women and men
- Co-operation – government and people
- Partnerships
- Improved conflict management

Key CBNRM concepts

People directly involved

Ownership

Partnership

Rights, benefits linked to responsibilities

Local social structures





Cutting edge of conservation Governance, participation, equity and benefit-sharing in action



It's all one world

CBNRM and Nobel Prize winners



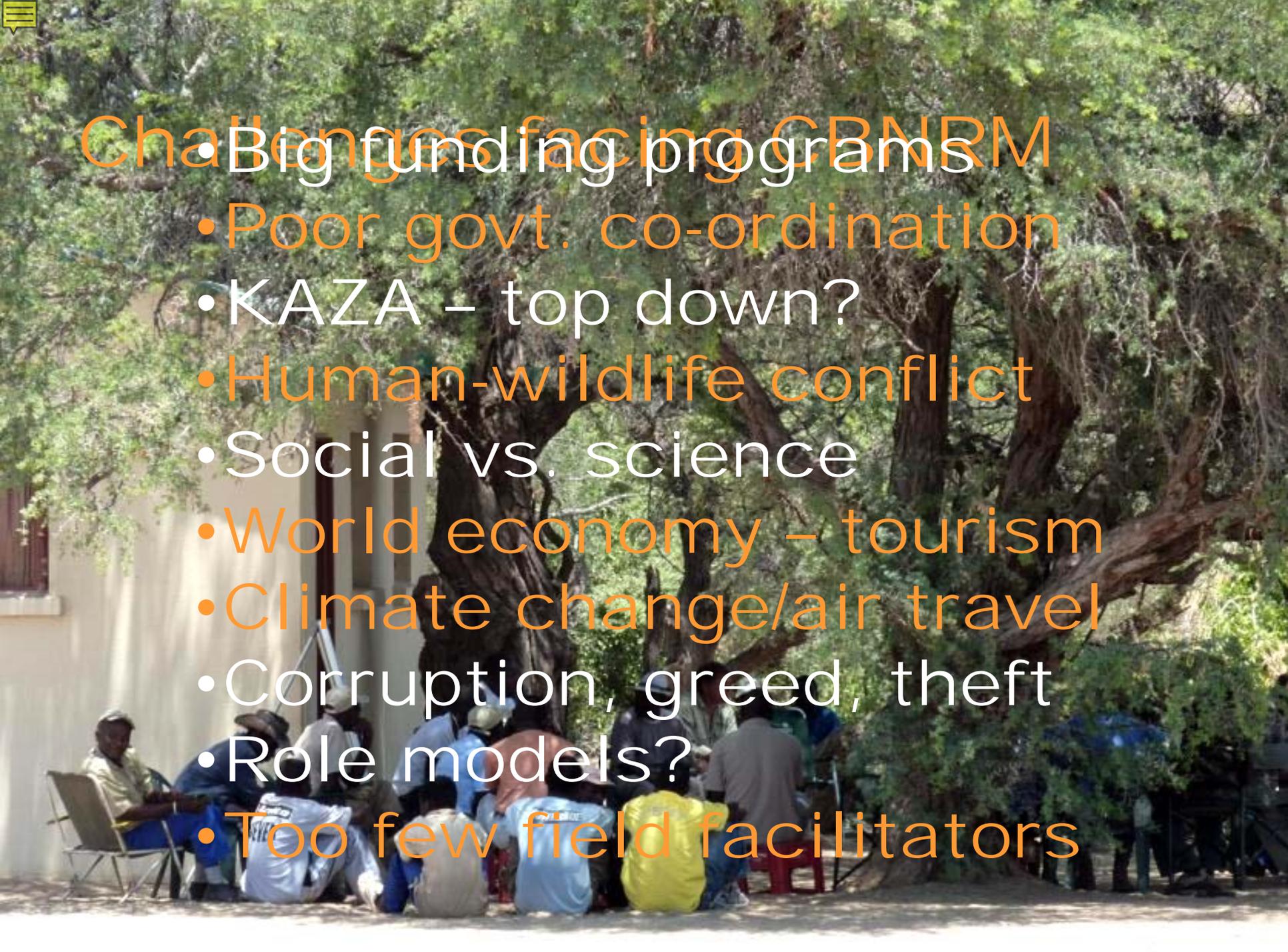
Wangari Maathai
Peace Prize, 2004



Muhammad Yunus
Economics, 2006



Elinor Ostrom
Economics, 2009

A group of people, some wearing blue shirts, are sitting on the ground under a large, leafy tree. They appear to be in a field or outdoor setting, possibly engaged in a community meeting or training session. The background shows more trees and a building with a window.

Challenges facing GBNRM

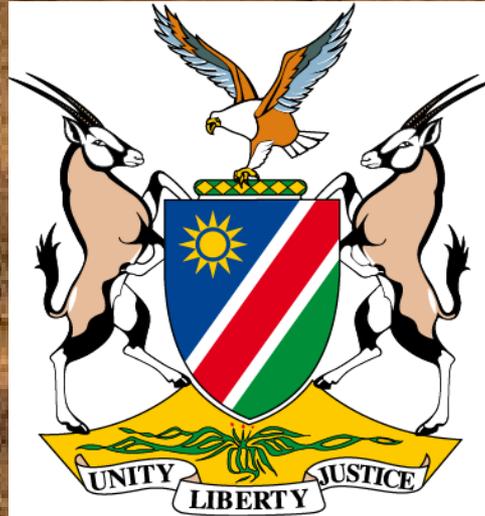
- Big funding programs
- Poor govt. co-ordination
- KAZA – top down?
- Human-wildlife conflict
- Social vs. science
- World economy – tourism
- Climate change/air travel
- Corruption, greed, theft
- Role models?
- Too few field facilitators

WHY has program worked?

- Government's role
- Strong consistent vision
- NGO support
- People empowered
- Capacity
- Resources
- Long-term donor support
- Equal partnerships
- Not just about \$
- Responsibility-Accountability
- Individual + collective benefits
- Implemented!

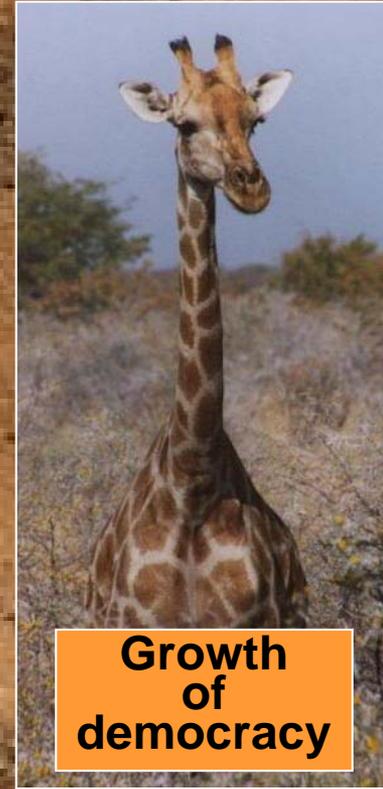
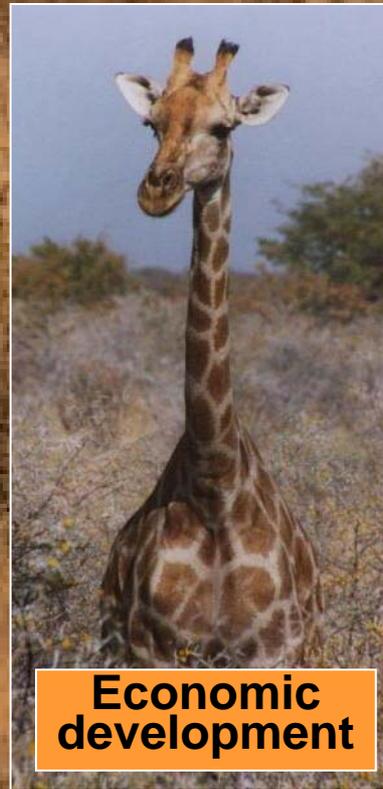
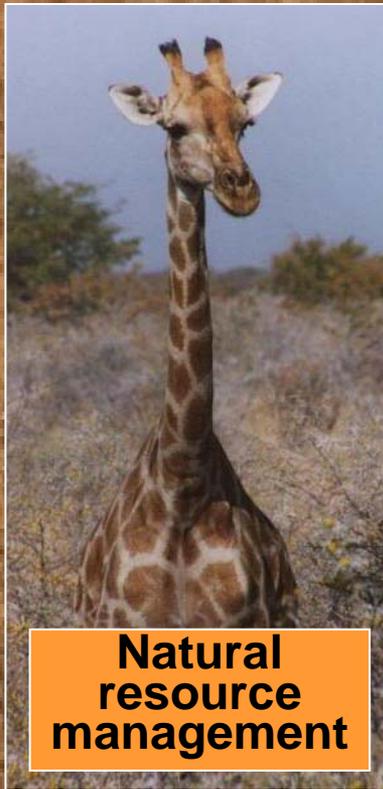


Thank You



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Beyond “just” conservation



The three ‘pillars’ of CBNRM

Beyond natural resources

- Inner-city rejuvenation
- Community-based sewerage projects
- Partnerships with police

