



The National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan development process in Namibia

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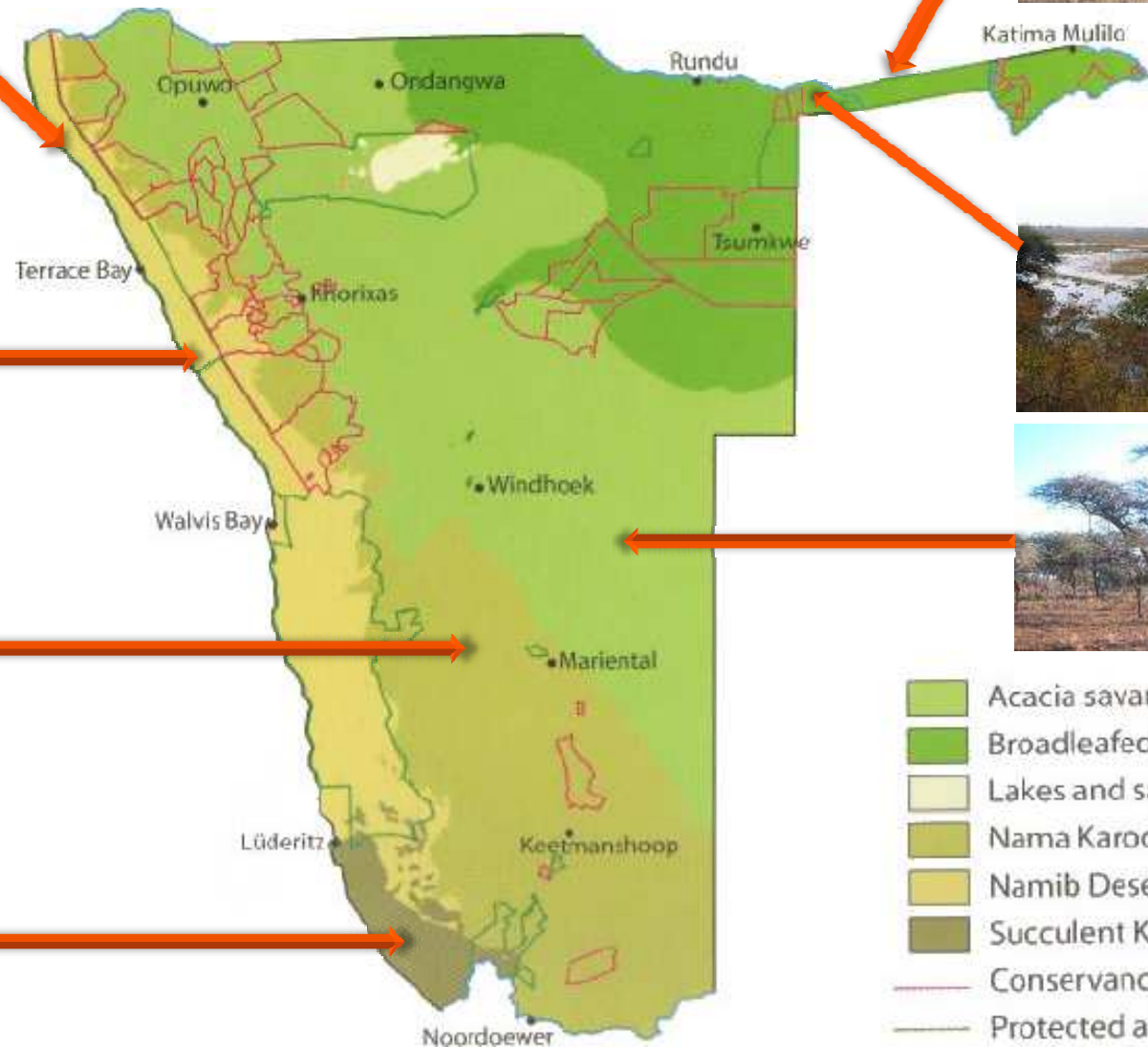
- Population: 2.1 million
- System of Government: Multi-party democracy
- President: President Hifikepunye Pohamba (2004-2014)



Key features

- ➡ *Driest country south of the Sahara*
- ➡ *One of the lowest population densities in the world*
- ➡ *Oldest desert and highest dunes in the world*
- ➡ *Some of the largest conservation areas in the world (entire coast under National Park Status and the largest Transfrontier Conservation Area proclaimed in 2012 (Kavango Zambezi (KAZA) TFCA)*
- ➡ *Healthy ecosystems and biodiversity including the big 5 and the world's only free-roaming black rhino population and*

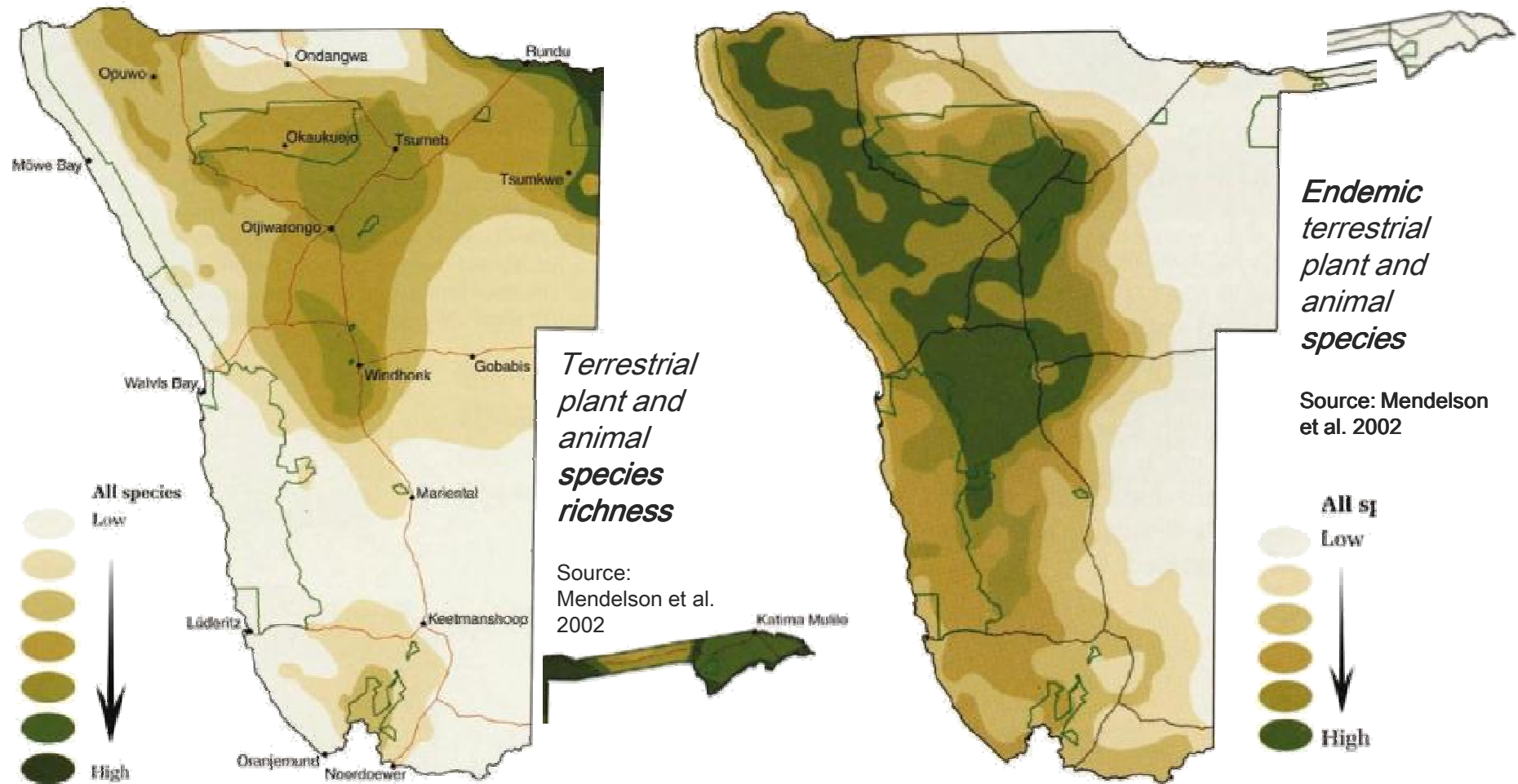
Ecosystem Diversity



Biome /landscape level

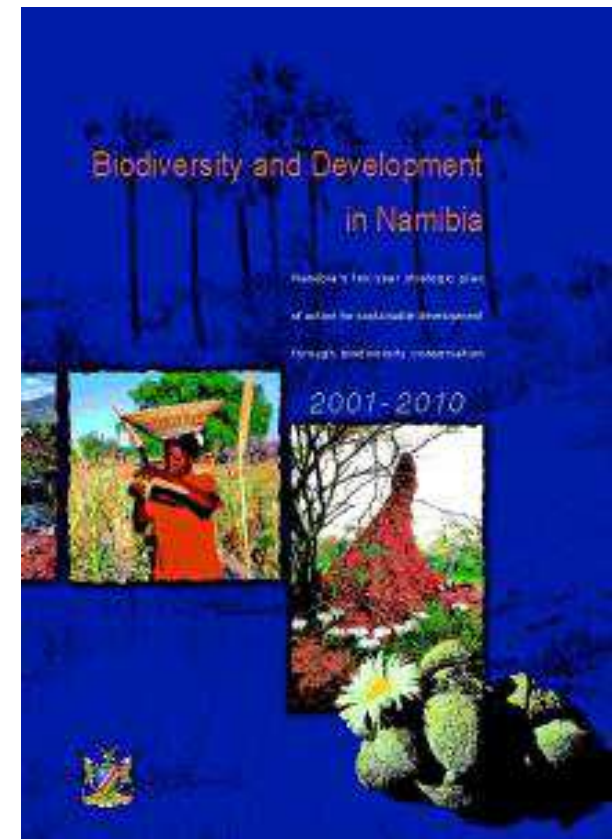
- Acacia savanna
- Broadleafed savanna
- Lakes and salt pans
- Nama Karoo
- Namib Desert
- Succulent Karoo
- Conservancy
- Protected area

Biodiversity in Namibia



Update on NBSAP process

- First NBSAP covered period of 2001-2010
- Emerged from the **National Biodiversity Programme (NBP)** - 1994-2005



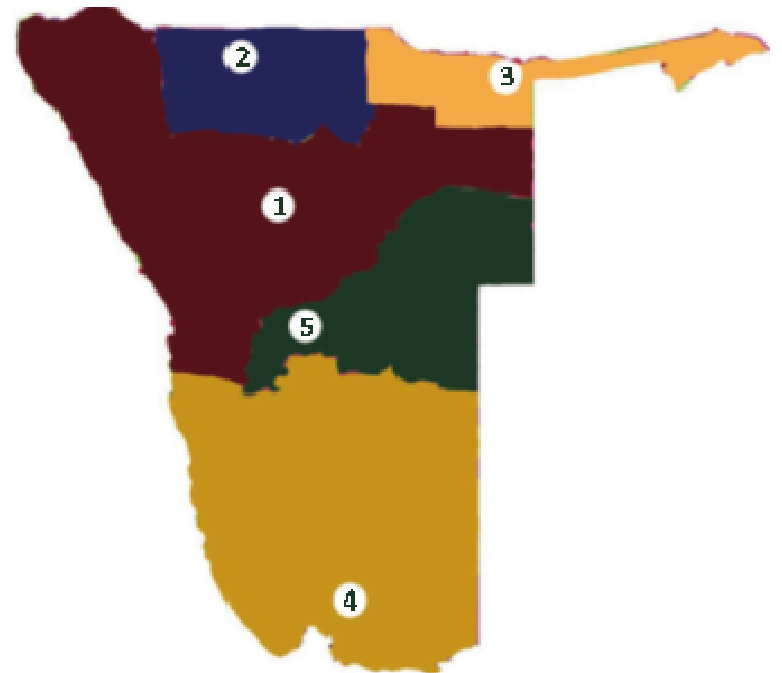
NBSAP PROCESSES

- Constituted a NBSAP Steering Committee
 - Review committee for NBSAP 1 implementation
 - Steering the development of the NBSAP 2
- NBSAP 1 roadmap (22 – 23 March 2012)
 - Identify challenges & successes encountered during development and implementation of NBSAP1
 - Recommendations for how to have a new and improved NBSAP
 - Develop roadmap towards finalization and better implementation of NBSAP
- NBSAP 1 Review Workshop (25-26 July 2012)
 - Identify the achievements, challenges, lessons learned and future priorities of all organisations involved in the implementation of the NBSAP1
 - Formulate draft inputs into NBSAP2 in terms of priorities, targets and way forward

NBSAP processes cont..

➤ Five regional consultative workshops for regional input

1. Otjozondupa, Erongo & Kunene
2. Ohangwena, Oshikoto, Oshana & Omusati
3. Kavango & Caprivi
4. Hardap & Karas
5. Khomas & Omaheke



NBSAP processes cont..

- **Workshop on communication and mainstreaming - 15 February 2013**
 - To develop a communication and mainstreaming framework
- **National workshop on NBSAP2 (26-27 February 2013)**
 - Present comprehensive summary of regional workshop results
 - Seek final input on the NBSAP document
- **High Level Meeting on NBSAP2 (28 February 2013)**
 - To obtain high level consensus on the NBSAP mainstreaming and implementation arrangements
- **Five NBSAP Steering Committee Meetings**
- **Peer Review through Darwin Initiative**

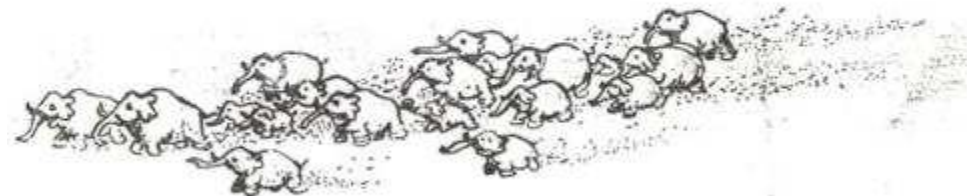
Mainstreaming Processes

- **Strategic Environmental Assessment**
 - **Fourth National Development Plan**
 - **Integration of Ecosystem Services in SEA and Regional Integrated Land Use Planning**
- **Resource mobilisation for effective implementation of the updated biodiversity strategy in Namibia – 3 year process**
 - project goal is that the resource mobilisation for biodiversity conservation has been improved sustainably on the basis of an economic valuation of ecosystem services and their mainstreaming into national governance processes
- **Initiatives part of NBSAP implementation**

Lessons

- Need permanent governance structures to supervise and guide implementation of NBSAP
- NBSAP Committee (Multi-stakeholder Committee of Key Ministries, NGOs, Media, Donor Agencies)
- Special importance of communication for mainstreaming
 - Communication strategy with different targeted audiences
 - Content tailoring
- Important support through the Sustainable Advisory Council as high level policy advisory institution;
 - Chaired by Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Trade

I thank you...



"As you can see, some have adapted to their reduction of territory quite well."