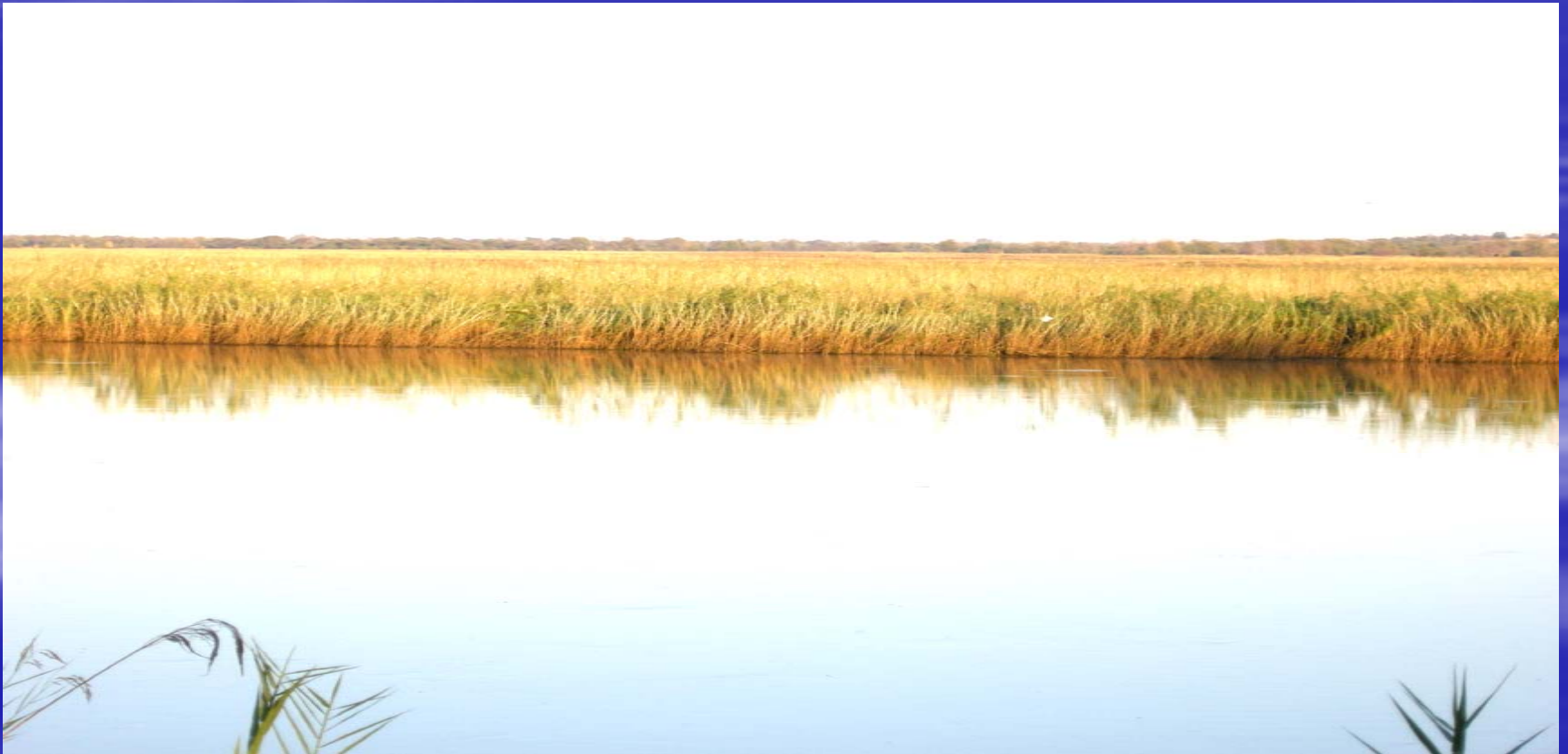


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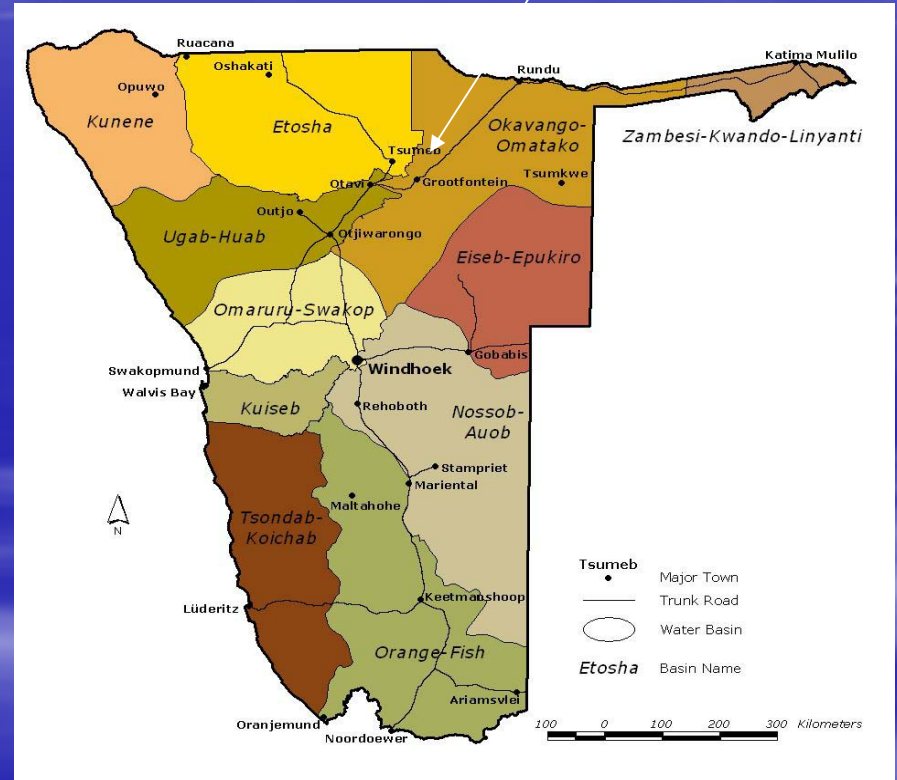
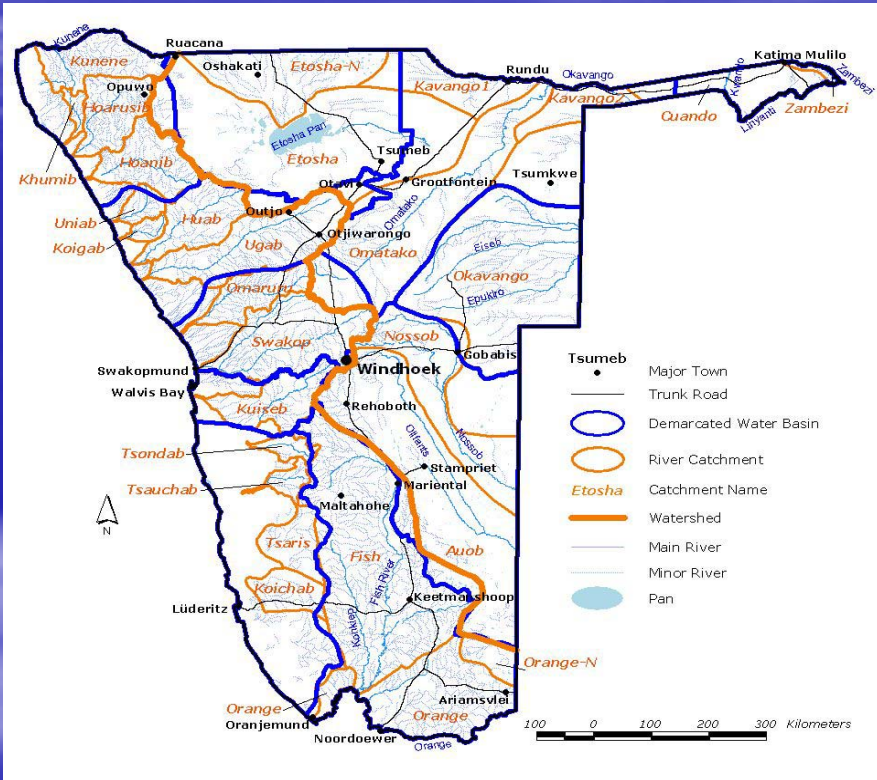
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MAP

Okavango Basin



The Permanent Okavango River Basin Commission - OKACOM



- Angola, Botswana + Namibia
- Established 1994
- To advise Ministers on issues related to shared water resources
- OBSC + Task Forces
- Secretariat launched World Wetland Day in Feb 08 in Maun
- Might move to Rundu in 2011
- Projects: IRBM, ERP, **EPSMO**

Environmental Protection on sustainable management of Okavango (EPSMO) Project

- Funded by the GEF
- National coordination unit (NCU)
- National inter-sectoral committee created in Oct 2005

Functions and TOR

- with the aim of allowing stakeholders and experts from different organizations in the Kavango Region to co-operate and collaborate on technical issues related to Okavango River Basin in Namibia

National Intersectoral committee

During National Intersectoral committee meeting in March 2008 it was learned the following:

- NNF created Okavango Basin Management Association created in November 2007.

During the World Water and Wetland Day commemorations on 2 and 3 April 2008 it was decided that the two committees should be merged

- In July 2008 the two committees were merged to become Okavango Basin Management Committee (OkBMC)
- Nomination letters

OkBMC

- First meeting for OkBMC will take place in Rundu on 4 Nov 2008

Issues to be discussed

- EPSMO project (TDA, NAP: SAP)
- Coordinator (funded by the GTZ)
- Draft Constitution

Coordinator based in Rundu

- Member of OkBMC
- Drive the NAP
- Drive the establishment of the BMC in Kavango Basin
- Liaise with stakeholders to ensure joint management of KB
- Represent local interest in OKACOM
- Assist with the appointment of the OKASEC in Rundu

The way forward

- OkBMC be active
- Share info and learn from other basins
- Report to OKACOM on issues related to BM
- To be capacitated on issues related to BM (e.g. water, wildlife, land use etc)