



UGAB BASIN MANAGEMENT PROJECT

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1. IMPORTANCE OF UGAB BASIN

- Source of water for many rural and urban populations (Outjo, Khorixas, villages, schools, communal & commercial farmers)
- Important habitat and migratory route (corridor) for wildlife and plants species (elephants, black rhino and lion - desert adapted-high conservation value)



1. IMPORTANCE OF UGAB BASIN (cont')

- Wetlands - unique ecosystems in arid environments
- Landscape with high tourism value
- Rural and regional economic development
- Forms part of formal and communal conservation areas (Skeleton Coast NP & commercial and communal conservancies)
- Linear oasis & source of livelihood in the arid environment

2. CHALLENGES IN THE UGBAB BASIN

- Increasing water demands in urban & rural areas in the basin
- Lack of resources and know-how to manage and reduce water losses in urban areas
- Absence of proper wetland management and conservation
- Human-elephant conflict over limited resources such as water and grazing
- Bush encroachment and threat of alien invasive species
- Poor communication & coordination between resource users in the basin
- Absence of a BASIN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

3. PAST ACTIVITIES IN THE BASIN

- Middle Ugab Basin Conservation Initiative Project
- A project by RISE NAMIBIA, a Local Namibian NGO



3. PAST ACTIVITIES IN THE BASIN (cont.)

- Project objectives
 - ❑ *Establish and strengthen capacity of Basin Steering committee*
 - ❑ *Develop conservation measures and raise awareness about wetlands in the river*
 - ❑ *Address human-wildlife conflict*
 - ❑ *Policy and legislation support*
 - ❑ *Develop integrated management plans for Ugab Basin*
 - ❑ *Identify different users and uses of resources and assess status of the resources in the Middle Ugab*

4. PROPOSED NEW ACTIVITIES

- Ugab Basin Management Project
- Initiated through active involvement of stakeholders
- Process facilitated through a stakeholders workshop



5. UGAB BASIN MANAGEMENT PROJECT

➤ Objectives:

- Promote management of shared water resources in an integrated & sustainable manner for the benefit of all users
- Establish stakeholder consensus on basin management issues
- Build capacity of the stakeholders to actively participate in the basin activities
- Address livelihood issues, such as human-wildlife conflicts and bush encroachment
- Establish basin management committee in Ugab basin

6. OBJECTIVES OF THE PROPOSED WORKSHOP

- Involve a wide range of stakeholders in the basin
- Share proposed project idea
- Obtain valuable inputs from all stakeholders
- Promote and encourage active & equal participation of all stakeholders
- Initiate the process to establish a Basin Management Committee



7. PARTNERS & STAKEHOLDERS

- GTZ
- Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry (DWAF)
- Ministry of Environment and Tourism
- Regional and Local Authorities
- Traditional Authorities
- Tourism Operators
- National Planning Commission
- NGOs
- NAU
- NNFU
- Farmers (communal & commercial)

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