

KUISEB BASIN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



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BMC 2011/2012 Action Plan (BUDGET)

| Activity | Progress (summary of achievements) | Total Cost | MAWF | GIZ |
|--|--|------------|--------------|----------|
| Communal Community Support | Exposure and excursion within the Erongo region | 7,654.- | | 7,654.- |
| Commercial farmers Support | Meeting: discuss representation options and next steps. | 500.- | 500.- (DEES) | |
| Topnaar literature scanning and DVD production | Resource person identified and given the green light to start the process. | | | 17,000.- |
| Purchase flood water monitoring equipment | Letter received from MAWF to repair the two telemetry monitoring systems. Work to be done. | | 200,000.- | |

BMC 2011/2012 Action Plan (BUDGET)

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|---|--|------------|----------|----------|
| Awareness, information and educational material | Brochures produced, golf shirts produced, posters for World Water Day, information sign boards in the development, | 3,198.- | | 3,198.- |
| Establish and operate Basin Office | Presently no fixed Basin office, electronic equipment in place, no vehicle, no BSO, | 4,575.- | 46,241.- | 4,575.- |
| Develop Kuiseb Profile | Identified consultant. ToR to be developed. | | | |
| Meetings and conferences | KBMC member meetings (6), attended two conferences (RSA and Swaziland) | 35,290.- | | 35,290.- |
| KBMC capacity building | No activities | | | |

Detailed Progress and impacts since January 2011

- The KBMC went through a tough year concerning its members – resignations, replacing those resignation positions, temporary filling of BSO positions, long sick leave periods, etc.

Watch this space next year!!

- However nature delivered in the last wet season the biggest impact! **Kuiseb for 184 days**

Detailed Progress and impacts since January 2011

- Participated in WWD activities
- Borehole monitoring & water extraction (mining)
- Topnaar exposure & education
Capacity building workshop excursion -
- visit sustainable community garden projects to gain additional skills
- attend Farmers association meeting with focus on sustainable farming practices
- water association members to discuss the problems facing the Topnaar community to collaborate together to manage their water resources



On Friday 22 July the KBMC donated a laptop computer to the J. P. Brand Primary School at Utuseb on the banks of the Kuiseb river. The donors were treated to a traditional dance by the learners before the handover.

A variety of educational books and environmental posters were also donated by CETN (Coastal Environmental Trust of Namibia) to the teachers and learners.



- The laptop is handed over by the chairperson of KBMC, Mr Uahorekua Usurua (left) to the school principal, Mr Immanuel /Keib

Kuiseb river flowing into Walvis Bay lagoon
2011



- Walvis bay residents without water
- Fish processing seriously affected
- Infrastructure damage
- salt production halted for 2 weeks
- Local tourism affected



Unregulated/ illegal water extraction

Borehole monitoring



Challenges/Constraints

- 1) **Constraint:** No Basin Support Officer (BSO) in place. Only a temporary arrangement.
Challenge: Have an administrative minded person in place and operational. Person need to be motivated, energetic with good writing and computer skills.
- 2) **Constraint:** Institutional (committee) operating arrangement is based on a single task/activity linked to a single person.
Challenge: Change KBMC operational arrangement to a group (working group/multi sectoral group) that will include stakeholders and members alike. (working group concept)

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- 3) **Constraint:** Poor commitment from stakeholders to the activities of the KBMC.
- Challenge:** Stakeholders involvement fired up in next Forum meeting through clear presentation materials, involvement in action plans, improved information flow and other measures.

Strategic direction for the next 5 years

- 1) Institutional development and capacity building of the KBMC with support from the coordination desk within the MAWF.
- 2) Have a clearly elaborated monitoring plan of the basin on the table that is simple, effective in producing data, useable for all stakeholders for planning and educational purposes.
- 3) Have in place an information system on all related documents, maps and graphs for the Kuseb Basin for future references, planning, decision making.

BMC 2012/2013 Action Plan (BUDGET)

| Activity | Cost | MAWF | Others (e.g.DEES) |
|--|-----------|-----------|-------------------|
| Commercial farmer meeting for planning and coordination of Upper Kuseb catchment area. | | 12,000.- | 8,000.- |
| Communal farmer support – capacity building and smaller project development. (Middle catchment area) | | | 20,000.- |
| BSO officer in place and operational. | 300,000.- | 300,000.- | |
| Initiate the development of a Monitoring Plan for Kuseb Basin. | | 50,000.- | 50,000.- |
| Kuseb Profile | | 100,000.- | |
| Conduct Forum meeting; attend International Water Day and Wetland Day; | | 60,000.- | 20,000.- |
| Conduct KBMC meetings; organise exposure to other Basins; | | 20,000.- | 15,000.- |
| Develop an information system for all stakeholders (newsletter, publications, etc) | | 10,000.- | 10,000.- |

Thank you!