



## Orange-Fish Basin Management Committee (OFBMC) Quarterly Report

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## 1. Overview of the Basin Annual Operational Activities and main Outcomes

### 1.1 Meetings held

#### Executive Committee meetings

On the 07 May 2013, Orange-Fish Basin Management Executive Committee held a meeting at Canyon Hotel in Keetmanshoop. The main purpose of the meeting was the introduction of the new BSO, and to review OFBMC budget & work plan.

#### Meeting/presentation with //Karas Environmental Club on Water, Wetlands and OFBMC

On the 02 May 2013, the //Karas Environmental Club members had a presentation with OFBMC Support Officer at the Multi-Purpose Centre in Keetmanshoop, on the important of water, wetlands and the function/mandate of OFBMC.



Figure 1 and 2 - Participants at the club meeting (source: Tobias Linus)

#### NAP meeting

On the 21-22 May 13, The ORASECOM through the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry (DWAF) had a first National Action Plan (NAP) for Namibia with its stakeholders at the Roof of Africa in Windhoek, the expected output of the workshop was as follow: Zero draft NAP introduced and structure of documents discussed and agreed on, NAP objectives and targets reviewed and agreed on, List of possible NAP interventions expanded and relevant on-going and planned projects indentified.

#### Orange-Senqu River Learning Box Project 3<sup>rd</sup> Working Group Meeting

On the 29 April the ORASECOM and WESSA held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Working Group meeting at Aviator Hotel, Johannesburg, South Africa. The meeting looked at the progress, success, challenges and the work plan for 2013 for each country in the Orange-Sengu basin (Namibia, Botswana, South Africa and Lesotho).



Figure 3 and 4 - Participants at the 3<sup>RD</sup> Working group (source: Tobias Linus)

### **IWRM Pilot Project (Re-use of waste water in Keetmanshop Municipality)**

On the 13 June 13, the SADC, LIMCOM, ORASECOM, GIZ, IMLT, DRFN, Keetmanshop Municipality and OFBMC had a meeting at the Keetmanshop Municipality on the proposed IWRM piloted project (Re-use of waste water in Keetmanshop Municipality). The project will run for 2 years from the July 13 –June 15; the project will consist of aquaponics component, crop production and a feeding processing component.



Figure 5 and 6 - Site visit at the sewage pond and Aquaculture project (source: Tobias Linus)

### **BSO's Meeting with the Basins Co-coordinator**

On the 17 April 13 at DWSSC Boardroom, Oshakati the basin BSO's had a meeting with the Basins Co-coordinator, The meeting discussed on the following items; basins finance & Operation plans, BMC's vehicle, World Water and Wetland day, Basins event calendars.

On basins finance & Operation plans; it was advice that the local subsidies for CEB financial year 2013, have extended to 30 June 13 until government take over in September (but basin with GIZ must utilize that fund) and each basins is receiving/ have received N\$ 200 000 for operation use form government.

BMC's vehicle; there was a concern raised on Omaruru Basin and Iishana Sub Basin vehicles not in good condition, but it was indicated that the Government has budgeted for new two vehicles.

World Water and Wetland day; the BSO's asked whether the day must be celebrated per basin/sub-basin or national? It was agreed that the event is national program were every body should be invited but it can still be organized at the basin/sub-basin level.

Basins event calendars; each basin must have its year event calendar and share with other basins.

## 1.2 Office Developments and General Operations

Mr. Tobias Linus is still contracted by GIZ as intern and his contract will end on 26 July 2013. The duties are to execute the Basin Support Officer function.

## 1.3 Capacity Development

Training /workshop theme	Venue	Date	Attended by (OFBMC members)	Conducted by
BSO workshop	DWSSC Boardroom, Oshakati	16 April 13	Mr. Tobias Linus	DRFN
Annual Planning Coordination Workshop	Oshandira Hotel, Oshakati	17-19 April 13	Mr. Tobias Linus Mr. Ben Haraseb	DRFN
The launch of the Cuvelai –Etosha Basin Management Committee(CEBMC)	Oshandira Hotel, Oshakati	17 April 13	Mr. Tobias Linus Mr. Ben Haraseb	DRFN
Namibia Environmental Education Network (NEEN) conference	Waterberg, Otjiwarongo	09-12 May 13	Mr. Tobias Linus	MET and NEEN
BSO workshop	Polytechnic of Namibia, Hotel school Windhoek	22-24 May 13	Mr. Tobias Linus	DRFN
1 <sup>st</sup> African Water symposium in cooperation with the 5 <sup>th</sup> Orange River Basin Symposium	University of Free State (UFS)	19-21 June 13	Mr. Tobias Linus	UFS Water Cluster

## Highlights on the Workshop

### **Basin Support officers training**

The first training on the 16 April 13, looked at the project management (project initiation), project planning and development, project implementation and project evaluation and close, while training two on the 22 May 13, touched on the following topics: Biophysical and socio-economic characteristic, Water Resource (water quantity, water quality and water demands), Land use/economic activities and their impact on water resources, Environmental Issues and Water demand management and conservation practices for Cuvelai-Etosha Basin and its sub-basin.



Figure 7 - Participants at training (source: Tobias Linus)

### **Annual Planning Coordination Workshop and The launch of the Cuvelai –Etosha Basin Management Committee (CEBMC)**

The CEB Annual Planning Co-ordination Workshop took place on the 17-19 April 13, where the following topics were presented; the Annual Operation IWRM CEB Plan 12/13 (Development of the plan, implementation and monitoring), Thematic areas such as Pollution, Sanitation, Disaster Management and Water Supply also Basin Management coordination in general. The CEBMC was launched on the 17 April 13 where the roles and responsibility and its members were presented.



Figure 8 and 9 - Launch of CEBMC (source: Tobias Linus)

### Namibia Environmental Education Network (NEEN) conference

The event took place in Waterburg in Otjiwarongo whereby the participant different Environmental organization in Namibia attended conference. Different presenter presented on different environmental project and topics and the OFBMC Basin Support Officer presented on OFBMC (what is OFBMC, its objectives/mandate and location).



Figure 10 and 11 - Presenters at NEEN conference (source: Tobias Linus)

### 1<sup>st</sup> African Water symposium in cooperation with the 5<sup>th</sup> Orange River Basin Symposium

The Symposium was held on the 19-21 June 13, were by the following theme were presented by different profess, and expert; 1. Water as Resources 2. Water/Environmental conflict 3. Water conflict/social issues



Figure 12, Display at the Water Symposium (source: Tobias Linus)

## Training/workshop Quality and Usefulness

### **Basin Support officers training**

The training was very educative, were BSO's were acquainted with new skills on how to initiate, manage, monitor and evaluate the projects especial in the basin. It also gives more information to the officer regarding the characteristic of their basin e.g. who is the land users, and water demand management etc. This was useful the be specific to the OFBMC officer were project such as eradicating prosopis and recycling of waste material is needed to be implemented in the basin.

### **Annual Planning Coordination Workshop and The launch of the Cuvelai –Etosha Basin Management Committee (CEBMC)**

The co-ordination workshop gives briefed on the achievement, challenges and way forward to address the issues in the basin, which was a good learning experience OFBMC members that attended the meeting although it was for CEBMC only.

### **Namibia Environmental Education Network (NEEN) conference**

The conference act a platform for the stakeholder in the environment sector to shares and discusses the environmental related issues. It appears that few people know the basin concept in Namibia, means more awareness need to be done regarding the basin approach in Namibia.

### **1<sup>st</sup> African Water symposium in cooperation with the 5<sup>th</sup> Orange River Basin Symposium**

The symposium had presentation and discussion on the current water situation in the world, water as a resource, how water is managed, the potential pollution/ pollution especial in Orange River, conflict that we have in the world because of water scarcity. It also looked into the mitigation on how we can engage all stakeholders in the water sector without causing conflicts among each other for the sustainability of water management.

## **1.4 Quarterly expenditure report**

### GIZ expenditure

- 🚧 The Orange-Fish Basin Support Officer salary

### MAWF expenditure

- 🚧 Telephone, Fax and Internet bill
- 🚧 Vehicle and fuel bill

**2. Basin Management Committee Functions as Outlined in the Water Bill; Dec 2009  
Any Projects/Activities Executed in order;**

- (a) To advise the Minister on matters concerning the protection, development, conservation, management and control of water resources and water resource quality in its water management area;
- (b) To promote community participation in the protection, use, development, conservation, management and control of water resources in its water management area;
- (c) To prepare or cause to be prepared an integrated water resources management plan for its water management area for submission to the Minister for consideration in developing the Integrated Water Resources Management Plan under section 66;
- (d) To make recommendations to the Minister in relation to applications for licences in respect of its water management area or the amendment, cancellation, or suspension of any such licence;
- (e) To promote community self-reliance, including arrangements for the recovery of costs for the operation and maintenance of any waterworks;
- (f) To monitor and report on the effectiveness of policies and measures in achieving sustainable management of water resources and resource quality in its water management area;
- (g) To collect, manage and share data required for the proper management of its water management area in coordination with the Minister;
- (h) To conduct, with the concurrence of the Minister, water research agenda appropriate to the needs of institutions and water users within its water management area;
- (i) To help resolve conflicts relating to water resources and resource quality in its management area;
- (j) To report to the Minister the occurrence or threat of serious water or pollution problems within its management area;
- (k) **To compile and submit an annual report on its activities to the Minister and to assist the Minister in the co-ordination of such activities in Namibia; and**
  - Quarter report for Jan-May 13, was submitted to the head office.
- (l) To perform such functions as are delegated or assigned to it by the Minister.



### 3. Challenges

- ✚ Still need to review the old projects and implement the new projects
- ✚ Hope the appointment of the basin BSO will be soon or the BSO interim contact with GIZ will be extended since its ending 26 July 13.

### 4. Preview of the Next Quarter and a Map of Resources Required

#### Preview of the Next Quarter

- ✚ Follow up and revisit the old projects and activities to recommence.
- ✚ Have the Exe-CO and Forum meeting as soon as possible after the election
- ✚ Update the OFBMC newsletters for continuity
- ✚ School and Community outreach awareness creation
- ✚ Cleaning campaign
- ✚ Working groups meeting

#### Map of Resources Required

- ✚ None at the moment, since the budget and work plan was released by government

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Signature of the basin support officer