



# WWF NAMIBIA STRATEGY 2026

## OUTCOME 4



### Support Landscape-level Conservation

#### WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Namibia has achieved extraordinary milestones in landscape protection with 45% of the country under some form of conservation management. But many of the landscapes both within and adjacent to Namibia are fragmented; a trend that is increasing and leading to loss of biodiversity. Habitat, wildlife connectivity, and space to move are particularly important in arid environments that are subjected to great variation in rainfall and flooding events as well as climate change.

Improving ecosystem connectivity is a major focus of the Landscapes Conservation thematic area, as the most effective way of protecting and retaining biodiversity, and underpinning a vibrant and sustainable economy where resident communities benefit. Efforts to optimally link habitats and allow for free movement of wildlife need to be pursued across all categories of land use, including national parks, forest reserves, communal conservancies, freehold farms, and across borders into Transfrontier conservation areas, such as KAZA, in our collective pursuit of future inclusive conservation goals.

#### WHAT WE DO?

-  WWF will continue to work with the MEFT and our partners to ensure an integrated landscape approach to land use, connectivity, and sustainable development in Namibia.
-  To ensure connectivity and community involvement in large scale landscape projects, WWF will leverage the Legacy Landscapes Fund or other funding for investment in Namibia's north-west, including the proposed Ombonde People's Park.
-  We work with our partners at the national and international level to promote the restoration, protection, and connectivity of land in line with the goals of inclusive conservation and the emerging new Biodiversity Global Framework (30x30).
-  In the Kavango-Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area, WWF Namibia will:
  - Continue to support the operationalisation of WWF in KAZA, coordinate interventions together with the two other WWF offices (Zambia & Zimbabwe) and pave the way for an equitable joint delivery mechanism on KAZA.
  - Contribute to the funding and implementation of the KAZA TFCA conservation strategic plan, including support for Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEAs) and systematic conservation planning exercises.
  - Support the MEFT in delivering on Namibia's KAZA commitment and assist with the development and management of other transfrontier conservation areas.
-  Across all our work, WWF is committed to ensuring that the Environmental and Social Safeguards Framework is implemented.

#### WHO WE WORK WITH



Government



Communities



International Agencies



Regional Partners

