Ministry of Environment and Tourism

Brief Overview of our Conservation Work and Challenges
Conservation Work: What do we do?

- Environmental management & Policy Development & Implementation
- Management of protected areas and rare and endangered species
- Linking sustainable tourism with rural development through our CBNRM Programme (concessions, non-consumptive wildlife use, trophy hunting ➔ income and employment, poverty alleviation)
- Supporting the sustainable use of our indigenous resources (value chains for plant products from marula, devil’s claw as well as support to game meat farming and production)
- Integrated SLM and coastal biodiversity conservation
Some Developments in 2009/10

- 22 Tourism Concessions in communal areas (256 jobs and an estimated N$6 million in annual fees and taxes for rural communities)
- N$13 million earned from the auctioning of trophy-hunting concessions and N$1.4 million received from 800 trophy hunting permits
- Wildlife estimated to be worth N$1.3 billion to the Namibian economy (mainly through non-consumptive viewing and trophy hunting)
- 2,177 animals translocated to communal conservancies
Some Developments in 2009/10

- Support to hardware facilities development of conservancies
- 64 conservancies (more in pipeline)
- Target support to income generating activities (nursery; honey production; gardens, peanuts, etc – over 6 million direct grants to communities in 2010)
- Conservancies realizing the potential of indigenous plant products (ABS agreement for Commiphora, Devil’s claw policy and expansion of harvesting to the North-East, ximenia, kalahari melon seed, marula etc...);
- Upgrade of our protected areas’ infrastructure (etosha fence, bwabwata, etc);
Challenges

- Restructuring - to be more responsive to our mandate
- Capacity shortage in sector, especially with collecting and publishing timely tourism statistics
- Building the capacity to strengthen the national expertise resource base
- Protected area network: Should we continue to proclaim national parks, or concentrate on managing what we have in the best possible way?
- Support to MET initiatives: NACOMA; CPP ISLM; CC Adaptation; etc
- Sustainability of CBNRM Programme
Opportunities

- Human wildlife Conflict mitigation measures
- nature-based products Enterprise development
- Conservancies support services
- Public awareness
- Coastal environmental management
- CBNRM -
- Rural development and livelihoods
- Protected landscape initiative
- Joint research