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What's new since the last newsletter?

The EIS continues to develop and grow, both in terms of content and functionality.

Over 800 citations have been added, addressing:

- bird collisions with power structures
- vegetation, including links to all articles in the archive of Dinteria and Agricola on the NBRI website
- national development, poverty and AIDS
- new climate change reports
- effects and use of fire on savanna
- CBNRM in Namibia
- desert landscapes
- World Heritage Sites
- bush encroachment
- fairy circles
- palaeogeography
- biodiversity planning
- river basin management

In fact, topics from almost all environmental disciplines are included encompassing journal articles, reports, books, posters, websites, theses, spatial datasets and more.

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Once you have run a search you can now export your search results with one click, using the new **Save results to Word file** button.

A reminder: Under the CONINFO button you can find up-to-date shapefiles and kmz files of all registered and emerging communal conservancies, community forests, concession areas etc. These are typically updated within a few days of new conservancies being gazetted.



ConInfo:
Core GIS layers

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Thanks to those of you who help to keep the EIS updated by contributing information. Please make use of the **Upload** button to send in any new reports, links etc that you would like to see listed on the EIS.

ATLASSING IN NAMIBIA

Regular visitors to the EIS will have noticed the new option "Atlassing in Namibia".



Atlassing in Namibia

Following many discussions with stakeholders, it was agreed that the EIS will become the home of several new atlassing initiatives in Namibia. These include the SABAP2 (bird) atlassing project, in collaboration with the Animal Demography Unit of the University of Cape Town; atlassing of Namibia's carnivores, in collaboration with LCMAN (The Large Carnivore Management Association of Namibia) and atlassing of mammals in general in collaboration with the new Africa-wide MammalMAP project.

A prototype atlas data recording form is under development, initially designed to cater for carnivore atlassing. Once the carnivore monitoring is up and running it will form the foundation for other biodiversity monitoring schemes. Many potential schemes have been discussed including monitoring and mapping of alien plants; butterflies and dragonflies; reptiles, amphibians and frogs; rainfall; and more.

In order to test the new atlassing components - and to contribute atlas data - you need to register with the EIS. Registering is easy and only takes a couple of minutes and we already have more than 50 registered EIS members.

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Under the current phase of EIS development, the EIS team will be holding several information presentations on the EIS, giving practical demonstrations on how to use it. These are currently planned for tertiary education students and other interested groups.

Please use the **Contact Us** or **Forum** button to request a demonstration at your institution or to make your opinions known about any aspect of the EIS.

And finally, THANK YOU to Internet Technologies Namibia for their generous sponsorship of the hosting of the EIS for 3 years.



Number of records in the EIS: Over 6,030