The Torra Conservancy is a legally registered area with clearly defined boundaries and a common vision among its residents. It is named after the red 'torra' rocks predominant in the area.

### Milestones and Successes

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### Benefits from Natural Resources

Benefits to the conservancy and its members include:

- **Rural Tourism**: Torra Camp at Palmwag Conservancy
  - In the central Namibian desert, Torra Camp is a model for communal development, with sustainable tourism and wildlife management.

### Natural Resources

- **Plants**
  - Over 170 species of birds occur in the conservancy, including species such as the Rosy-faced Lovebird, White-eared Cuckoo, Rüppell’s Parrot, Striated Caracara, and Secretary Bird.
  - The vegetation includes umbrella trees, Commiphora, and other tree species.

- **Animals**
  - Torra is rich in plants and wildlife. Common mammal species include:
    - Elephant
    - Black Rhino
    - Brown Hyaena
    - Leopard
    - Lion
    - Duiker
    - Springbok
    - Mountain Zebra
    - Kudu
    - Black-backed Jackal
    - Honey Badger
    - Baboon

### Tourism

Tourism provides a variety of economic opportunities and can help mitigate human-wildlife conflict. It includes:

- **Conservationist of the Year Award**
- **Silver Otter Award**
- **Tourism for Tomorrow Conservation Award**
- **Benny Roman, Chairman of the People Living in a Conservancy Share a Common Vision Committee**

### Conclusion

The Torra Conservancy demonstrates how community-based conservation can lead to sustainable development and the protection of wildlife and natural resources. It serves as a model for other communities in Namibia and beyond, illustrating the power of collaboration and the importance of local stewardship.