

Policies, Plans, or Practice

Namibia: Entry point – national policy and programmes

Legislation 1996 providing for rights over wildlife and tourism for rural communities through conservancy formation (60 by 2010)

Resulting in:

- increased wildlife
- income to communities: US\$3.25 million 2008 + US\$382 500 worth of game meat (2008)

Conservancy approach recognised in Vision 2030, NDP III, national food security strategies, National Poverty Reduction Programme, MDGs etc.

New Policies: Human Wildlife Conflict; Concessions

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Poverty/livelihoods impacts:

- Poverty *reduction* through jobs
- Poverty *alleviation* through cash payments, meat, part-time jobs, HWC compensation etc.
- Livelihood support through social projects E.g. of Marienfluss

Policy issues:

- Change facilitated by independence
- Implementation influenced by:
 - Competing interest groups
 - Role of individuals
 - Officials want to hold on to power
 - Rent seeking
- Scope for extending rights now limited – may change?