



**Minutes of the Local Project Appraisal Committee Meeting for the project titled:  
"Integrated approach to proactive management of Human-Wildlife Conflict and Wildlife  
Crime in hotspot landscapes in Namibia (HWC-WC)"**

Date of the LPAC	Start time	End time	Held at
14 July 2021	09:00 am	12:30 pm	Windhoek, Namibia (Virtually: Zoom): <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87026526255?pwd=bmpZRjU2dlhjZDJEaWpOYVYzRUorQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87026526255?pwd=bmpZRjU2dlhjZDJEaWpOYVYzRUorQT09</a>

<b>Name of LPAC Co-chairperson:</b>	<b>Mr. Colgar Sikopo</b>
Functional Title:	Deputy Executive Director
Institution:	MEFT, Department of Natural Resources Management
Signature:	

<b>Name of LPAC Co-Chair:</b>	<b>Dr. Armstrong Alexis</b>
Functional Title:	Deputy Resident Representative
Institution:	UNDP Namibia Country Office
Signature:	

<b>Have all LPAC participants received the PRODOC for appraisal prior to the meeting and in a timely manner?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Remarks:</b>	UNDP sent out the ProDoc and all other documents for the LPAC meeting such as the Meeting Agenda and Invitation letter seven (7) days before the meeting. All documents were sent electronically, to limit the carbon footprint.

<b>Country:</b>	Namibia
<b>Project Title (Full):</b>	Integrated approach to proactive management of Human-Wildlife Conflict and Wildlife Crime in hotspot landscapes in Namibia (HWC-WC)
<b>Date of submission to the NPC</b>	<b>Date of approval by the GEF</b>
<b>Name and Contact of Head of Programmes at the UNDP Office:</b>	Martha Talamondjila Naanda, email: <a href="mailto:martha.naanda@undp.org">martha.naanda@undp.org</a> , Cell: +264 81 245 5826

UNPAF/UNDP CPD Output(s):	- <b>CPD (2019-2023) Output 2.1.</b> 'Relevant policies, regulatory frameworks and institutions enabled to ensure the conservation, sustainable use, access and benefit-sharing of natural resources, biodiversity and ecosystems, in line with international conventions and national legislation.
Expected UNPAF/UNDP CPD Outcome(s):	- <b>UNPAF (2019-2023) Outcome 3:</b> 'By 2023, vulnerable populations in disaster prone area and biodiversity sensitive areas are resilient to

	<p>shocks and climate change effects and benefit from natural resources management); Strategic Intervention 'Support the implementation of measures designed to combat poaching and illegal wildlife trade, as well as addressing its key drivers, such as human-wildlife conflict';</p>
<p>Expected Output(s):</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>CPD (2019-2023) Outcome 3:</b> Build resilience to shocks and crises.</li> <li>- Output 1.1: A national HWC information management centre and three regional HWC response management units are adequately staffed, trained and equipped to manage HWC information, and coordinate responses to reported cases of human-wildlife conflict in the hotspot landscapes;</li> <li>- Output 1.2: Human-elephant conflict preventative measures are implemented in the hotspot landscapes to prevent or mitigate damage to infrastructure;</li> <li>- Output 1.3: Human-predator conflict preventative measures are implemented in the hotspot landscapes to prevent or mitigate stock losses and injury/loss of human lives;</li> <li>- Output 1.4: Monitoring of damage-causing lion and elephant movements, and targeted research on the efficacy of lion and elephant HWC mitigation measures, guides the ongoing development and implementation of local HWC management plans in the hotspot landscapes;</li> <li>- Output 2.1: Operational capacities of the Wildlife Protection Service (WPS) anti-poaching staff and anti-poaching units (APUs) are enhanced in the hotspot landscapes;</li> <li>- Output 2.2: Research and monitoring of high-risk, high value wildlife species which guides the ongoing development and implementation of science-based management plans for the protection of high-risk, high-value wildlife populations in the hotspot landscapes;</li> <li>- Output 3.1: Strengthening the enabling environment for wildlife-based tourism, and related business enterprises, in conservancies in the hotspot landscapes;</li> <li>- Output 3.2: Improved individual skills of conservancy members to obtain employment in wildlife-based tourism and related business enterprises in conservancies in the hotspot landscapes;</li> <li>- Output 3.3: Opportunities to diversify income streams are developed and piloted in conservancies across the hotspot landscapes;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Output 4.1: Tacit and embedded WC and HWC knowledge sharing mechanisms are developed and implemented;</li> <li>- Output 4.2: A project-based monitoring and evaluation system, incorporating gender mainstreaming and social safeguards, is maintained.</li> </ul>
--	---

<b>Programme Period:</b>	2019 - 2023	Total resources required (Total project funds)	
<b>Atlas Award ID:</b>	00126450	<b>Total allocated resources (UNDP managed funds)</b>	<b>US\$ 6,247,018</b>
<b>Project ID:</b>	00120509	<b>UNDP Programme Resources</b>	<b>US\$ 100,000</b>
<b>PIMS #</b>	6303	<b>KfW Development Bank</b>	<b>US\$ 11,715,629</b>
<b>Project Start date:</b>	TBD	<b>Government of Namibia (Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism/Ministry of Finance)</b>	<b>US\$ 41,711,000</b>
<b>Project expected end Date:</b>	December 2026	<b>Other (partner managed resources)</b>	
Proposed Management Arrangement	<input type="checkbox"/> NIM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEX <input type="checkbox"/> NGO <input type="checkbox"/> DIM		

<b>Implementing Partners</b>		Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT)	
<b>1) Decisions of the LPAC</b>  <b>[tick the applicable boxes, if these have been endorsed by the LPAC]</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>General endorsement of the project's strategy:</b>	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	• Objective, Outputs and Activities (see Project Document)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	• Log-frame indicators (see PRODOC Project Results Framework)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	• Management Arrangements (see PRODOC section VII page 55)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Specific</u> endorsement of the project's budget (see PRODOC, section IX. page 59-68)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Specific</u> endorsement of the proposed project staff complement (see PRODOC Management Arrangements page 55) and the project's organogramme	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Endorsement of the TOR for the Project Board (see PRODOC page 55-56)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Endorsement of the proposed strategy for stakeholder engagement (see PRODOC page 114 )	
<b>Remarks on the above</b>	The LPAC endorsed the project proposed strategy, objectives, outcomes and outputs to be relevant and timely, along with the implementation arrangements. The partners are looking forward to the implementation of the project, emphasized the need for enhanced coordination, which was		

	confirmed to be pertinent to the implementation of this project as part of the different suite of projects activities. There was no single objection to the approval of the project to proceed. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>LPAC decision, the project was approved for immediate implementation. Most of the inputs raised will be considered during project implementation. Therefore, no major changes were proposed that will alter the project document approved by GEF.</b>
--	---

**2) Engagement of Implementing Entity/Responsible Partners**

Will the project engage entities other than the national Executive Entity/Implementing Partner?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If YES, which and for what purpose?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government department ✓</li> <li>• NGO</li> <li>• Academia/Centre of excellence</li> <li>• Other</li> </ul>	Other Government Departments to be engaged are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministry of Defence: Law enforcement and coordination</li> <li>• Ministry of Justice: Law enforcement and coordination</li> <li>• Ministry of Safety and Security: Law enforcement and coordination</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government department</li> <li>• NGO ✓</li> <li>• Academia/Centre of excellence</li> <li>• Other (CSO) ✓</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated Rural Development and Nature Conservation (IRDNC): Coordination on Human-Wildlife Conflict (HWC) and Wildlife Crime (WC) activities</li> <li>• Namibia Professional Hunting Association (NAPHA): Training on sustainable use of resources</li> <li>• Namibia Environmental Wildlife Society (NEWS): Coordination and reporting</li> <li>• Namibia Development Trust (NDT): Coordination</li> <li>• Elephant Human Relation Aid (EHRA): Coordination</li> <li>• Namibian Association of CBNRM Support Organizations (NACSO): Coordination</li> <li>• World Wildlife fund (WWF): Coordination</li> <li>• GIZ: Coordination</li> <li>• Rooikat Namibia: Coordination</li> <li>• Cheetah Conservation Fund: Coordination</li> <li>• Legal Assistance Centre: Law Enforcement</li> <li>• KAZA (Coordination)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government department</li> <li>• NGO</li> <li>• Academia/Centre of excellence</li> <li>• Other (UN agencies)</li> </ul>	
Is the pre-selection of these partners in line with UNDP procedures and has this been fully endorsed by the LPAC?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (N/A)
Remarks	The MEFT has not identified RPs for the project; however it has proposed to put in place a coordination mechanism that will involve the above-mentioned entities. No	

	RPs to be engaged; however the selected will be involved as stakeholders and partners in carrying out some critical activities that requires coordination
--	---

### **3) General and Specific Recommendations of the LPAC**

#### **3.1. Tabling of HWC-WC Project Document**

- A query was raised whether the project will also support the resettlement farms, which are equally impacted by HWC as much as communal conservancies. It was indicated that assistance will be provided where possible as the MEFT will use the revised National Policy on Human Wildlife Conflict Management of 2018 to 2027 that has made provision for support in areas impacted by HWC.
- It was indicated that it is essential to separate the issues of anti-poaching and trafficking, as they are dealt with by different units. This was noted.
- The HWC Project should be implemented in line with the 5-year Strategy on Wildlife Protection. MEFT made it clear that the project will support government, along with all stakeholders in addressing HWC & WC issues under the approved strategy by Cabinet.
- The issue of "practical coordination" as opposed to "general coordination" in words only was strongly recommended - to ensure integrated efforts towards addressing HWC-WC, which has been weak. Information management through coordination with different projects targeting similar issues was encouraged. This was noted that it is also a requirement by the GEF (GEF explicitly requested this to be added to the project). Emphasis was made for the MEFT to take active leadership in the coordination efforts. Given the fact that there are a number of ongoing activities in different landscapes being implemented with support from different donors, there is a strong need for improved coordination, such that planning for activities should be holistic. MEFT further highlighted that coordination is emphasized in the Strategy on Wildlife Protection and the National Policy on HWC i.e. to bring together all relevant stakeholders, as long as they are contributing to wildlife protection.
- Besides coordination at the national level, it was reported that this project falls under the Global Wildlife Programme (GWP), which supports 32 other countries. Therefore, for the purpose of knowledge management, the project will feed into the portfolio of the GWP.
- Zonation needs to be considered as part of dealing with HWC issues, especially given the fact that some of the species that cause conflicts may cover large areas not directly targeted as a hotspot in this project. MEFT clarified that zonation is an important aspect in wildlife management and confirmed that most conservancies have zonation plans. Further, it was discussed that the issue will be considered in future planning of activities under this project, in line with the project outcomes and outputs. It was also confirmed that the project has made budgetary provision to develop management plans for some entities, e.g. conservancies, which will include zonation.
- The budget under Component 3 should consider support to promote "diversification of income streams", including making investments at household level. Alternatives streams will be explored under Output 3.3

- It was generally observed that the budget to cover what is included in the ProDoc and involvement of game-guards in project implementation is recommended, given their knowledge in identifying human-wildlife conflict hotspots. Perhaps they need support with the necessary equipment to manage WC. In addition, training of communities was pointed out as being important, to help them establish their own business enterprises.

### **3.2. Gender Action Plan and Stakeholder Engagement Plan**

- It was observed that LAC was not included in the consultation. Therefore, it was suggested to be added to the list of stakeholders;
- WWF, IRDNC and NAPHA were re-emphasised as critical and needs to be included as stakeholders in the Stakeholder Engagement Plan;
- It was pointed out that HWC-WC is critical for the Namibian wildlife management efforts, and touches on diverse groups of stakeholders; hence, during the PPG phase close contact and collaboration with national, regional (hotspot landscape) stakeholders was done;
- NAPHA would like to take some role in the "sustainable use of resources" training;
- The need for including an investment on improving communications with conservancies and farmers in rural Namibia was suggested as they need to be part of the whole process;
- **ACTION 1:** It was agreed that an updated SEP needs to be done and be attached as an addendum to the LPAC minutes and project document.

### **3.3. Project Governance and Management Arrangements**

- There was a strong emphasis and discussion on coordination. Stakeholders stressed that this should be practical - "lets walk the talk".

### **3.4. HWC-WC Project Risks, Social & Environmental Risks and ESMF -Strategy for IP involvement**

- ***There were no specific comments from stakeholders on this particular topic. However, the presenter emphasized the importance of noting the items below:***
- The comprehensive risk assessment process is required by GEF, and will strengthen the quality of programming;
- The Social and Environmental Standards are structured around 3 principles: Human Rights, Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment, and Environmental Sustainability;
- The HWC-WC project is ranked as high-risk as it accommodates activities of anti-poaching;
- High-risk does not mean that it is a bad project, it just means that the project has potential to trigger risks. Management plans are subsequently developed to manage these risks;

- The ESMF includes the Indigenous People's Planning Framework (IPPF), and the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM);
- Already identified risks include e.g. potential safety risks to local communities, human rights risks and more. Encounters with poachers could also pose a risk. Moderate risks include the capacity to implement project activities, among others;
- Further frameworks will be developed during implementation, based on the SESP and ESMF.
- The abovementioned risk assessments are living documents, and risks will have to be actively monitored throughout project implementation.
- COVID-19 Specific risks were identified and these need to be considered dynamically as possible; given the overall need to keep people safe and save livelihoods.

### **3.5. HWC-WC Project Quality Assessment**

- The Stakeholders present during the LPAC meeting did not raise any issues for this particular item; However, they general agreed that the project was of generally high quality in all the 7 criteria covered by the Project Quality Assurance (PQA) at design. It is expected that the same level of quality will be maintained during implementation to yield same PQA assessment results at implementation and closure.

### **3.6. Way forward and Closing Remarks**

- UNDP, MEFT thanked all stakeholders and partners who took their time to participate in the LPAC
- UNDP thanked the MEFT for its leadership during the design process as well as the lead role played in the Working Group that led the Project Design Phase. In the same vein the entire PPG Team (James, Jonas, Phillipus, Selma, Ben) was commended for a job well done.
- As all stakeholders present during the meeting were in support of the project and commended it as being well designed; the way forward was summarised as follows:
  - ✓ **LPAC decision, the project was approved for immediate implementation. Most of the inputs raised will be considered during project implementation. Therefore, no major changes were proposed that will alter the project document approved by GEF.**
  - ✓ After LPAC minutes are signed off by the co-chairs
  - ✓ UNDP, MEFT and NPC will officially sign the project document, after that the project will be officially under implementation.

#### **4) List of participants in the LPAC**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Email</b>
1.	Mr. Bennett Kahuure	M	MEFT	Director, Directorate of Parks and Wildlife Management.	Bennett.Kahuure@meft.gov.na

2.	Mr. Colgar Sikopo	M	MEFT	Deputy Executive Director, Department of NRM.	colgar.sikopo@mefl.gov.na
3.	Theunis Petersen	M	MEFT	Chief Control Warden and Head of the Intelligence and Investigation	head@met-iiu.com
4.	Mr. Tashiya Joseph Tashiya	M	MEFT	Chief Warden	tashiya.joseph@mefl.gov.na
5.	Ms. Naambo Ipinge	F	MEFT	Control Warden	andthose@yahoo.com
6.	Richard Fryer	M	MEFT		richard.fryer@mefl.com.na
7.	Dr. Armstrong Alexis	M	UNDP	UNDP Deputy Resident Representative	armstrong.alexis@undp.org
8.	Ms. Martha Talamondjila Naanda	F	UNDP	Programme Specialist & SEMER Portfolio Head.	martha.naanda@undp.org
9.	Ms. Mandy Cadman	F	UNDP	UNDP, Regional Technical advisor	mandy.cadman@undp.org
10.	Dr. Raili Hasheela	F	UNDP	UNDP Programme analyst	raili.hasheela@undp.org
11.	Mr. Mekondjo Hitila	M	UNDP	UNDP Programme Associate	mekondjo.hitila@undp.org
12.	Ms. Naveshitje Haindongo	F	UNDP	Executive Associate to Resident Representative	naveshitje.haindongo@undp.org
13.	Ms. Lucia Stephanus	F	UN	Local Security Associate at United Nations	lucia.stephanus@un.org
14.	Ms. Maano Shimanda	F	UNDP	UNDP, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist	maano.shimanda@undp.org
15.	Ms. Frieda Lukas	F	UNDP	UNDP, Communication Associate	frieda.lukas@undp.org
16.	Ms. Andrea Aakre	F	UNDP	Ocean Governance Assistant	andrea.aakre@undp.org
17.	Mr. Elia Mvula	M	UNDP	SEMER Portfolio Intern	eliainmvula@gmail.com
18.	Mr. Bernard Muzingwani	M	UNDP	SEMER Portfolio Intern	muzingwanib@gmail.com
19.	Ms. Xiaoming Zhang	F	UNDP	Communication Intern	1636917549@qq.com
20.	Ms. Irish Goroh	F	UNDP	UNDP Program/ Project management/ Health and Social Development	irish.goroh@undp.org
21.	Ms. Anna Johannes	F	UNDP	Project Associate	anna.johannes@undp.org
22.	Mr. Jonas Heita	M	HWC-WC PPG Team	Independent consultant	info@tec.com.na



23.	Mr. Philippus Nambuli	M	HWC-WC PPG Team	Independent consultant	pnambuli@yahoo.com
24.	Dr. Selma Lendelvo	F	HWC-WC PPG Team	Independent consultant	slendelvo@unam.na
25.	Mr. Ben Begbie-Clench	M	HWC-WC PPG Team	Independent consultant	benbegbie@gmail.com
26.	Mr. Barry De Klerk	M	Ministry of safety and security (Protected Resources Division)	Deputy Commissioner	barridekler@gmail.com
27.	Mr. Gerson Mwatelai	M	Ministry of Defence	Lieutenant	mwatelai@gmail.com
28.	Mr. Michael Sibatani	M	Namibia Parks and Wildlife	Manager	michael.sibatani@namparks.org
29.	Mr. Hans Christian Manhke	M	Legal Assistance Centre	Not Known	cvanwyk@lac.org.na
30.	Mr. Angus Middleton	M	NNF	Director	agm@nnf.org.na/ bh@nnf.org.na
31.	Dr. Laurie Marker	F	CCF	Director	ccfadmin@cheetah.org
32.	Hanlie Winterach	F	CCF		hanliew@cheetah.org
33.	Mr. Willie Boonzaaier,	M	IRDNC	IRDNC Programme Director	willieb@irdnc.org.na
34.	Mr. Dominic Muema	M	IRDNC	Zambezi Regional Operation Manger	dominicm@irdnc.org.na
35.	Mrs. Basilia Shivute	F	IRDNC	Kunene Regional Operation Manager	basilias@irdnc.org.na
36.	Mr. Russell Tina Vinjevold	M	IRDNC	HWC specialist	russell.vinjevold@gmail.com
37.	Ms. Maria Thiessen	F	Namibia Professional Hunting Association (NAPHA)	Not known	office@napha.com.na
38.	Mrs Danene van der Westhuyzen	F	Namibia Professional Hunting Association (NAPHA)	NAPHA President	office@napha.com.na
39.	Ms. Ailla-Tessa Iiyambula	F	Namibia Environmental Wildlife Society (NEWS)	Member of NEWS	information@news-namibia.org
40.	Mr. Ronny Dempers	M	Namibia Development Trust (NDT)	Executive Director	ronny@ndt.org.na

41.	Ms. Aisha Nakibule	F	Namibia Development Trust (NDT)	National Programme Director	aishalee@ndt.org.na
42.	Ms. Rachel Harris	F	Elephant Human Relation Aid (EHRA)	Managing Director	Rachel@desertelephant.org
43.	Ms. Maxi Louis Pia	F	NACSO	Director	maxi@nacso.org.na
44.	Mr. Vilio Muunda	M	NACSO secretariat	CLP Intern	viliomuunda@gmail.com
45.	Ms. Mighty Uugwanga	F	NACSO secretariat	NRM	mightygng@gmail.com
46.	Mr. Tuna Angula	F	NACSO secretariat	CCFN	biafrah@gmail.com
47.	Sigrid Nyambe	F	NACSO secretariat	CLP Intern	sigridnyambe@gmail.com
48.	Mr. Jo Tagg	M	Rooikat Namibia	Director	jotagg@afor.com.na
49.	Dr. Simon Angombe	M	UNAM	Senior Lecturer	sangombe@unam.na
50.	Ms. Romie Nghitevelekwa	F	UNAM	-	-
51.	Dr. S. Tan	F	UNESCO	-	s.tan@unesco.org
52.	Ms. Pauline Lindaque	F	World Wildlife fund (WWF)	Wildlife Program Director	plindeque@wwf.na
53.	Mr. Innocent Haingura	M	GIZ/MEFT	Technical Advisor	innohaingura@gmail.com
54.	Mr. Sylvester Shikongo	M	GIZ/MEFT	Technical Advisor	sylvestershikongo@gmail.com
55.	Priscilla Mundilo	F	GIZ	Technical Advisor	priscilla.mundilo@giz.de
56.	Mr. Nuria Stoermer	M	KfW	Project Coordinator	nuria.stoermer@kfw.de
57.	Ms Brisetha Hendrik	F			brisetha.hendricks@aiesec.net
58.	Mr Max Mayumbelo	M	Kavango East and West Conservancies Regional Association	Chairperson	max.muyemburuko@gmail.com
59.	Muhero Alex	M			muheroalex68@gmail.com
60.	Nicole Schwadt				nix8365@gmail.com
61.	Jonna Iitengula	M	Conservancy Manager	Iipumbu Ya Shilongo Conservancy (North Central Conservancies)	iitengulajonna@gmail.com
62.	Sonja van Schalkwyk	F	SRT		srt@rhino-trust.org.na
63.	Javier Montano	M			javier.montano@un.org
64.	Emmanuel Nafele	M	KRC	Director	enafele@yahoo.co.uk

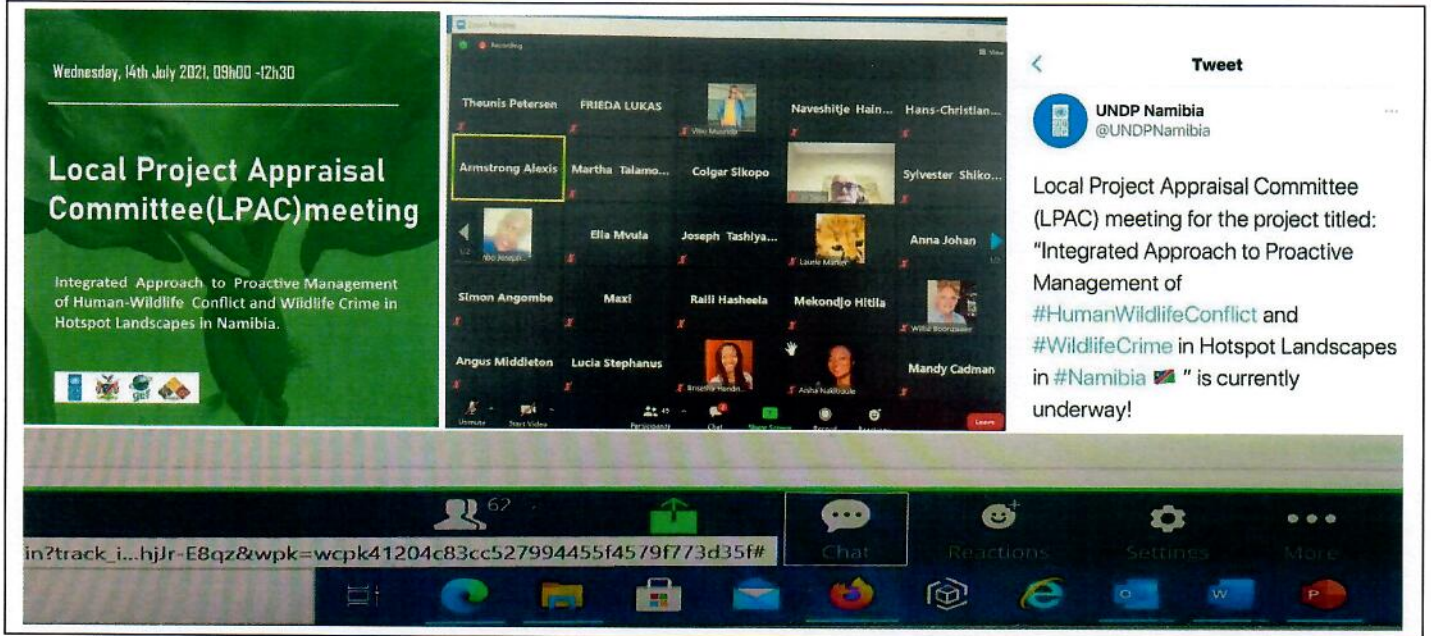
65.	Muronga Thomas	M			tmuronga87@gmail.com
-----	-------------------	---	--	--	----------------------

### **Annex: 1 Summary of Key Recommendations and Proposed Changes/Amendments**

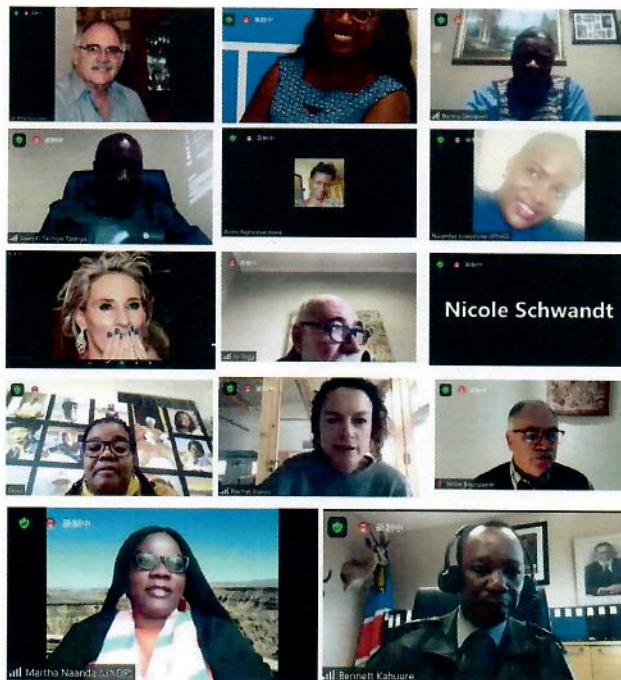
<b>Comments raised</b>	<b>Response given</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
1. Will the project also address HWC on resettlement farms given that there is persistent HWC especially from cheetah?	Project target areas (hotspots) were identified through a consultative process that indicates higher incidences of HWC and WC. The main focus of the project is on specific species mainly lions, elephants and other predators.	The MEFT will be putting in place a Coordination mechanism that will provide details of different projects that will support different sites.
2. Suggestion for the project to align its activities to already existing strategies, e.g. 2021-2025 National Strategy on Wildlife Protection.	All activities are aligned with existing policies and strategies as reflected in the project outputs e.g. aligned with the revised HWCP.	Project has been drafted in full alignment with the strategy and policy in place.
3. Did the project consider the issue of zonation, which is very crucial especially in conservancies as part of the project strategy to mitigate HWC?	Most conservancies already have zonation plans in place, but the challenge is the implementation of these plans.  The revised HWCP fully supports zonation of different land uses.	Point noted and will be taken into consideration during project implementation.
4. There is a need for the project to embrace coordination with various stakeholders, especially with regards to HWC and WC.	The project has a strong emphasis on coordination and will fully support efforts that are geared towards stakeholder coordination. The project will maintain synergies with already existing and on-going projects at national, regional and local levels.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MEFT to set up a forum for all projects in 2021 at national level to enhance coordination.</li> <li>• MEFT will take the lead and ensure that coordination is taking place.</li> </ul>

<p>5. It was mentioned that some conservancies do not keep records of HWC and WC incidences although they do experience them. In addition, some conservancies that share boundaries are home to wide ranging species such as elephants that move across conservancies, covering large areas. Will the project also consider other neighbouring conservancies, especially with regards to elephant monitoring to ensure that benefits accrue to both?</p>	<p>Monitoring of species e.g. elephants due to the nature of their behaviour (moving across conservancies) will benefit all conservancies irrespective of whether it is included in the project or not.</p>	<p>Noted and will be considered during project implementation.</p>
<p>6. The project should consider investment in wildlife-based enterprises to also target households so that the impact and benefits also accrue at household level.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>
<p>7. Will the project also consider Omaheke and Otjozondjupa conservancies although currently not part of the targeted hotspot landscapes?</p>	<p>GEF advised that projects should take a precautionary approach when dealing with areas or activities not in the approved Prodoc.</p>	<p>Additional activities may be considered, provided that they do not have an impact on the project scope, outcomes and budget.</p>
<p>8. Some stakeholders (e.g LAC and GIZ) are omitted in the stakeholder list presented.</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	<p>The stakeholder engagement plan will be revised and updated.</p>

**Annex: 2 Screenshot of participants and social media clip for the HWC-WC LPAC meeting**



**Annex: 3. Photos of some participants during the LPAC meeting**



**Annex: 4. Remarks By: Dr. Armstrong Alexis UNDP Deputy Resident Representative**



**Remarks**

**By:**

**Dr. Armstrong Alexis**

**UNDP Deputy Resident Representative**

**LPAC meeting for the Integrated approach to proactive  
management of Human-Wildlife Conflict and Wildlife Crime  
in hotspot landscapes in Namibia (HWC-WC) Project**

**14 July 2021**

**Virtual meeting**

**Windhoek**

- **My Co-Chair and Deputy Executive Director at the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism in the Department of NRM, Mr. Colgar Sikopo;**
- **Invited Guests, representing international, regional and local NGOs and CBOs;**
- **Distinguished Partners and Stakeholders from various organizations;**
- **My colleagues from the UN family;**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**Good morning all,**

The United Nations Development Programme in Namibia (UNDP Namibia) is delighted to partner with the Government of the Republic of Namibia through the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) in yet another intervention under our Sustainable Environment and Enhancing Resilience Portfolio (SEMER) to address environmental threats, human wildlife conflict and wildlife crimes in Namibia. This new project responds to the Environmental Sustainability Pillar.

The project titled "Integrated approach to proactive management of human-wildlife conflict and wildlife crime in hotspot landscapes in Namibia" will directly contribute to the realization of UNPAF OUTCOME #3 in ensuring that "vulnerable populations in disaster prone areas and biodiversity sensitive areas are resilient to shocks and climate change effects and benefit from natural resources management" in Namibia. Moreover, it will enable the realization of relevant policies, regulatory frameworks and institutions to ensure the conservation, sustainable use, access and benefit sharing of natural resources, biodiversity and ecosystems, in line with international conventions and national legislation.

In June 2021, we were pleased to learn that the Global Environment Facility (GEF) has generously approved this project with a grant worth of US\$ 6.2 million. The approval was made against the project document (**Prodoc**) resources to enable Namibia to incentivise wildlife conservation through proactive management of human-wildlife conflict and

wildlife crime while realizing wildlife-based benefits to rural communities in selected hotspot landscapes. This project document is a framework detailing the outcomes, outputs and key activities against which the GEF has allocated the utilization of these resources.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Collaboration and coordination is required in all steps when delivering any development services. UNDP has made it mandatory to constitute local project appraisal committees (LPACs) to ensure that the principles of stakeholder engagement, which includes public, private and civil society are adhered to. Besides that, stakeholder consultations and engagement during project designs underlies UNDP programming approach.

I am pleased to say that following the consultations undertaken during the design, this meeting is another opportunity that UNDP and the MEFT accord to the stakeholders to make final contributions prior to the commencement of the project implementation. Furthermore, at the end of this LPAC meeting, UNDP would like to get your clear endorsement for the proposed strategy to deliver on the GEF funding expectations to enable us to proceed with the implementation.

**Distinguished Partners,**

The HWC-WC Project aims to incentivise wildlife conservation through proactive management of human-wildlife conflict and wildlife crime to bring about wildlife-based benefits to rural communities in selected hotspot landscapes.

**At end of this project, the GEF expects Namibia to make great strides in addressing the following four (4) issues:**

**1:** Management, Prevention, and Mitigation of Human-Wildlife Conflict;

**2:** Combating Wildlife Crime and Protecting Wildlife Populations;



**3:** Building the Wildlife-Based Economy (WBE) to promote Co-existence; and

**4:** Knowledge Management, Stakeholder Coordination and Monitoring and Evaluation of HWC and WC.

Seeing that the project we are appraising today is already approved by the GEF, our work is made easier for us, as it means that the strategy is in full alignment with the GEF objectives; thus, they deemed it ready for implementation. However, as per the UNDP mandatory policies, an LPAC needs to be constituted to finally endorse the project before the Delegation of Authority.

Before I conclude, I would like to acknowledge the diligent hard work of the Working Group chaired by the MEFT and the PPG Team that worked tirelessly to consult, engage and develop this response.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate the Government of Namibia particularly through the MEFT for taking bolder steps to promote co-existence with Wildlife despite the challenges emanating from the conflicts and crimes.

Thank you!


**Certificate Of Completion**

Envelope Id: 3CF6A8F53E0844ACA7E03CA45F1672BA	Status: Sent
Subject: Please DocuSign: Final HWC-WC LPAC Minutes 26 July 2021.pdf	
Source Envelope:	
Document Pages: 17	Signatures: 1
Certificate Pages: 2	Initials: 0
AutoNav: Enabled	Envelope Originator:
Envelopeld Stamping: Enabled	Mekondjo Hitila
Time Zone: (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)	One United Nations Plaza
	New York, NY 10017
	mekondjo.hitila@undp.org
	IP Address: 197.233.24.36

**Record Tracking**

Status: Original 7/26/2021 12:33:07 PM	Holder: Mekondjo Hitila mekondjo.hitila@undp.org	Location: DocuSign
---	---	--------------------

**Signer Events**

Signer Events	Signature	Timestamp
Armstrong Alexis armstrong.alexis@undp.org Deputy Resident Representative UNDP Country Office - Namibia Security Level: Email, Account Authentication (None)	  Signature Adoption: Pre-selected Style Using IP Address: 50.201.95.250 Signed using mobile	Sent: 7/26/2021 12:39:56 PM Viewed: 7/28/2021 11:12:20 PM Signed: 7/28/2021 11:12:29 PM

**Electronic Record and Signature Disclosure:**  
Not Offered via DocuSign

Colgar Sikopo colgar.sikopo@mef.gov.na Security Level: Email, Account Authentication (None)	Sent: 7/28/2021 11:12:31 PM
---	-----------------------------

**Electronic Record and Signature Disclosure:**  
Not Offered via DocuSign

<b>In Person Signer Events</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Timestamp</b>
--------------------------------	------------------	------------------

<b>Editor Delivery Events</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Timestamp</b>
-------------------------------	---------------	------------------

<b>Agent Delivery Events</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Timestamp</b>
------------------------------	---------------	------------------

<b>Intermediary Delivery Events</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Timestamp</b>
-------------------------------------	---------------	------------------

<b>Certified Delivery Events</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Timestamp</b>
----------------------------------	---------------	------------------

<b>Carbon Copy Events</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Timestamp</b>
---------------------------	---------------	------------------

Martha Naanda  
martha.naanda@undp.org  
Security Level: Email, Account Authentication (None)

**Electronic Record and Signature Disclosure:**  
Not Offered via DocuSign

<b>Witness Events</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Timestamp</b>
-----------------------	------------------	------------------

<b>Notary Events</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Timestamp</b>
----------------------	------------------	------------------

<b>Envelope Summary Events</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Timestamps</b>
--------------------------------	---------------	-------------------

<b>Envelope Summary Events</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Timestamps</b>
Envelope Sent	Hashed/Encrypted	7/26/2021 12:39:56 PM

<b>Payment Events</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Timestamps</b>
-----------------------	---------------	-------------------