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List of Acronyms

BCLME	Benguela Current Large Marine Ecosystem
BIOTA	Biodiversity Monitoring Transect Analysis
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
CBNRM	Community Based Natural Resource Management
COP	Conference of Parties
CPP for SLM	Country Pilot Partnerships for Sustainable Land Management
DEA	Directorate of Environmental Affairs
DNRM	Department of Natural Resource Management
DOF	Directorate of Forestry
DOT	Directorate of Tourism
DPWM	Directorate of Parks and Wildlife Management
DRFN	Desert Research Foundation of Namibia
DSS	Directorate of Scientific Services
EOP	End of Project
FIRM	Forums for Integrated Resources Management
GCF	Global Conservation Fund
GPTF	Game Product Trust Fund
GRN	Government of the Republic of Namibia
GSPC	Global Strategy for Plant Conservation
GTRC	Gobabeb Training and Research Centre
ICEMA	Integrated Community-based Ecosystem Management
ICZM	Integrated Coastal Zone Management
ISoER	Integrated State of the Environment Report
IRDNC	Integrated Rural Development and Nature Conservation
IECN	Integrated Environmental Consultants Namibia cc
IUCN	World Conservation Union
LIFE	Living in a Finite Environment
MAWF	Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry
Marpol	Marine Pollution
MET	Ministry of Environment and Tourism
MFMR	Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources
MLR	Ministry of Lands and Resettlement
MME	Ministry of Mines and Energy
MRLGH	Ministry of Regional and Local Government and Housing
NACOMA	Namib Coast Biodiversity Conservation and Management Project
NACSO	Namibian Association of CBNRM Support Organisations
NBRI	National Botanical Research Institute
NBSAP	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Programme
NCSA	National Capacity Self Assessment for Global Environmental Management
NDP	National Development Plan
NGO	Non Governmental Organization
NNF	Namibia Nature Foundation
NPC	National Planning Commission
NPRAP	National Poverty Reduction Action Program
NTB	Namibia Tourism Board
NWR	Namibia Wildlife Resort
PA	Protected Area
SABONET	Southern African Botanical Network
SADC	Southern Africa Development Community
SAfMa	Southern African Millennium Assessment Reports
SAIEA	Southern African Institute for Environmental Impact Assessment
SCP/ NASSP	Systematic Conservation Planning/National Agricultural Support Service Programme
SLM	Sustainable Land Management
SNC	Second National Communication
SOER	State of Environment Report
SPAN	Strengthening the Protected Areas Network
SPGRC	SADC Plant Genetic Resources Centre
TFCA	Trans Frontier Conservation Areas
UNAM	University of Namibia
UNCCD	United Nations Convention on Combat Desertification
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

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Information on the preparation of the report

Box I.

Please provide information on the preparation of this report, including information on stakeholders involved and material used as a basis for the report.

Stakeholder consultations

Namibia's Biodiversity Task Force is composed of a set of working groups responsible for implementation of thematic priority areas, i.e. related to the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP). Members/chair persons of individual working groups, CBD Focal Points and relevant individuals were consulted during the initial drafting period of the 3rd National Report. The following individual/institutions were approached:

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National verification workshop

As part of the consultative report preparation process a one-day workshop was conducted on 31 May 2005. It had the following major objectives:

1. To introduce Namibian stakeholders in the CBD process to the Convention's structure, instruments and functions, e.g. on evolving work programmes, guidance by the Conference of the Parties (COP) and commitments to the Convention by Namibia.
2. To brief the workshop participants about ongoing implementation activities under the Convention in Namibia.
3. To review and verify the draft report and provide complementing information for its finalisation.

The workshop was organised in two sessions: (1) The **morning session** included a **training module** on Global Environmental Governance facilitated by "Natuye - Institute for the Environment". This module served as an introduction and sharing of information, especially on the CBD and its processes. The recently carried out National Capacity Self Assessment (NCSA) for Global Environmental Management identified that few Namibian stakeholders are fully cognisant and knowledgeable of the CBD and other related conventions. This training session aimed to give a detailed overview of the CBD in the wider context of global environmental governance. (2) The **afternoon session** presented components of the draft **3rd National Report to the CBD**. This session reviewed the draft report, validated the findings and produced recommendations for input into the final report.

The workshop was attended by 34 participants, including members of the Biodiversity Task Force and other practitioners, young professionals and students studying towards an MSc in Biodiversity Management at the University of Namibia (UNAM).

E-mail consultation

Based on the inputs from the national workshop an updated report was circulated to all members of the Biodiversity Task Force and other identified key stakeholders (over 40 people). Additional review comments were provided by five experts and practitioners (including Dr. Joh Henschel, Director of the Gobabeb Training and Research Centre, Ms. Bertchen Kohrs, BIOTA, Ms. Aina Iita, Ministry of Marine Resources and Fisheries, and some of the above noted). All comments are integrated into the final report.

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An extensive literature review was conducted in support of this report. The following key references were consulted during the preparation (in addition to those already cited in the 2nd National Report and the various thematic reports submitted by Namibia). Cited draft and enacted policies and laws and webpage references are NOT cited other than in the text.

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Approach

Reference to 2nd National Report

To allow for continuity, references made the 2nd National Report are being repeated where the information still applies. During the preparation of the 3rd National Report, all answers were cross checked against the former reports (national/thematic), especially for repeat questions, to allow for comparison and the establishment of a "timeline".

2010 Target

Most targets set are specified as "working targets" in Namibia's NBSAP. They are usually "sub-targets" that would contribute to achieving the Global Target 2010, and represent tangible steps that can be taken in a country such as Namibia. They were basically formulated aside the Target 2010 framework, however can be interpreted to underpin it.

Namibia's NBSAP 2001-2010

The NBSAP formulates sets of Strategic aims under 10 "themes" ordered in chapters. Each Strategic aim is underpinned by activities. Each activity has a "target" associated. See NBSAP at www.dea.met.gov.na.

It needs to be noted that Namibia's NBSAP has not been passed in Cabinet in its present form. The Draft Parks and Wildlife Bill (2004) foresees the formulation of a suite of "Biodiversity Action Plans" that would be regularly updated and include specific targets. At this stage the NBSAP (2001-2010) serves as guidance tool to biodiversity conservation practitioners in Namibia.