

SEMINAR *Invitation*



DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES SEMINAR SERIES

Topic: *The Fisheries of the Zambezi and Chobe Rivers: Would we be able to manage this valuable resource to safe guard the livelihood of the floodplain communities?*



Date: Friday, 04 August 2017

Venue: W100, Science Building, UNAM Main Campus

Time: 10:00

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About the Seminar:

Freshwater fish in the Zambezi Region play an important role in the daily livelihood of the floodplain communities. Traditionally, these communities depended on the fish resource for a protein source, instant cash generation for basic daily necessities and for bartering purposes.

Recent studies have shown a decline in the fish stocks and with the increase in the floodplain communities on the floodplains, the use of damaging fishing methods and the commercialisation of the fish resource, management of this valuable resource is urgently needed. Empowering local fishing communities is critical in working towards a co-management system that will benefit local communities and safe guard this valuable resource for generations to come.

About the Presenter:

Dr Clinton Hay is a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Science at the University of Namibia. He has 28 years of extensive experience on freshwater fish in Namibia and

assisted with the development of the Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture policies and legislation in Namibia. He further developed baseline databases for freshwater fish in all perennial river systems and are involved in community-based fisheries programmes where communities are empowered to manage their own fish resources through the proclamation of fish protected areas.

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