

## Bursary and Mentorship Report

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### **Overview:**

The Namibian Chamber of Environment (NCE) considers the investment in building capacity and skills in young, previously disadvantaged Namibians as one of the most important aspects of its work. This involves two components: (a) bursaries for promising, self-motivated students at Honours and Masters levels, combined with (b) good quality mentorship by prominent professionals who involve the students in their ongoing work and who give significant amounts of time to the students. To this end, the NCE has set up a bursary and mentorship programme, and we are delighted that the Woodtiger Fund( US) has joined hands with us to significantly increase the impact of this initiative.

### **The selection criteria:**

The NCE received a total of 45 bursary applications. During the selection process, we prepared and used an evaluation form and scored the applicants based on:

- Field of study
- Academic achievements to date
- Financial need
- Leadership potential and demonstrated achievements
- Overall life-goals and future plans

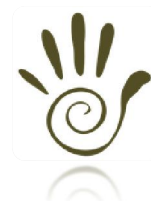
Meetings were held with successful applicants, bursary / intern / mentorship agreements were drafted, discussed and signed by each recipient.

### **Successful Applicants**

#### **Esleen Guriras**



Age: 21  
Region: Erongo Region  
Studies: Honours in Regional and Rural Development  
Institution: Namibia University of Science and Technology  
Internship: Yes  
Project: Urban environment, including informal settlement, housing, energy, and urban-rural migration.  
Mentor: Dr Beat Weber (Development Workshop - Namibia)



**Alina Nambuli**



Age: 20  
Region: Oshana Region  
Studies: Honours in Regional and Rural Development  
Institution: Namibia University of Science and Technology  
Internship: Yes  
Project: Urban environment, including informal settlement, housing, energy, and urban-rural migration.  
Mentorship: Dr Beat Weber (Development Workshop - Namibia)

**Lorentha Haraes**



Age: 25  
Region: Kunene Region  
Studies: Masters in Natural Resources Management  
Institution: Namibia University of Science and Technology  
Internship: Yes  
Project: Aerial photographic wildlife census methods for large conservation areas in Namibia and Angola.  
Mentorship: Dr Morgan Hauptfleisch (NUST), Dr John Mendelsohn (RAISON) & Dr Chris Brown (NCE)

**Ester Kayala**



Age: 25  
Region: Oshana Region  
Studies: Masters in Biodiversity Management & Research  
Institution: University of Namibia  
Internship: No

**Nestor Hainana**



Age: 25  
Region: Oshikoto Region  
Studies: Masters in Integrated Water Resource Management  
Institution: Namibia University of Science and Technology  
Internship: No



### Martha Alfeus



Age: 23  
Region: Khomas Region  
Studies: Masters in Agriculture, Forestry & Population Structure  
Institution: Namibia University of Science and Technology  
Internship: No

### Geovanna lipinge



Age: 21  
Region: Kavango Region  
Studies: Honours in Natural Resources Management  
Institution: Namibia University of Science and Technology  
Internship: Yes  
Project: Assessment of the status of the invasive alien cactus *Opuntia stricta* on the Okavango floodplains and the effectiveness of the cochineal bio-control agent.

Mentorship: Shirley Bethune (NUST) and Dr Chris Brown (NCE)

### Stephanie Strauss



Age: 30  
Region: Khomas Region  
Studies: Post graduate diploma in environmental management/Mphil Environmental Management  
Institution: University of Stellenbosch  
Internship: No

### Mupurua Kunandjambi



Age: 25  
Region: Khomas Region  
Studies: Masters in Water Resource Management  
Institution: University of Namibia  
Internship: No



**Senior Shimhanda**



Age: 24  
Region: Oshikoto Region  
Studies: Master of Environmental Engineering  
Institution: Namibia University of Science and Technology  
Internship: No

**Diina Mwaala**



Age: 26  
Region: Karas Region  
Studies: Master of Science in Fisheries and Aquatic  
Institution: University of Namibia  
Internship: No

**Benoit Morkel**



Age: 27  
Region: Karas Region  
Studies: Masters in Conservation Science  
Institution: Imperial College London  
Internship: No

**Paulina Engelbrecht**



Age: 32  
Region: Erongo Region  
Studies: Masters in Environmental Management  
Institution: University of Stellenbosch  
Internship: No

