

PRIORITY RESEARCH TOPICS FOR 2025

The impact of fencing, particularly electric fencing, on Pangolins and other vulnerable species. (Background information: <u>https://n-c-e.org/namibian-pangolin-working-group/</u>)

Status, movement patterns, source populations (subspecies) and conservation priorities for Plains Zebra in the eastern Zambezi region.

(Background information: http://conservationnamibia.com/blog/b2020-zebra-migration.php)

Develop of best practices for reforestation of deciduous woodlands in north and north-east Namibia.

Ecosystem impact of invasive alien plants in key areas of Namibia and recommended actions.

(Background information: https://n-c-e.org/namibian-invasive-alien-species-working-group/)

Testing the potentially lethal effect on large birds of electricity pylon design and configuration. (Background information: <u>https://conservationnamibia.com/articles/birds-and-power-lines-2022.php</u>)

Ecology and status of the Striped Polecat *Ictonyx striatus* in Namibia.

(Background information: http://the-eis.com/elibrary/search/27193 - pages 122-124)

Ecology and status of the Small-spotted Genet Genetta genetta in Namibia.

(Background information: <u>http://the-eis.com/elibrary/search/27193</u> - pages 160-162)

Ecology and status of the Aardwolf Proteles cristata in Namibia.

(Background information: <u>http://the-eis.com/elibrary/search/27193</u> - pages 78-82)

An economic analysis of wildlife restocking (translocations to Conservancies and adjacent protected areas) in Namibia.

Comparative economics of Etosha National Park to assess current policies and approaches and recommend changes for income generation of reinvestment in park management and development.

An economic assessment of tourism and low-value mining in conservancies and protected areas to guide appropriate land use and decision-making.

Macro and micro plastic pollution of rivers, urban areas, remote locations, biodiversity hotspots, and the marine environment.

Criminology studies on wildlife and environmental crimes and convicted criminals in Namibia. (Background information: <u>http://the-eis.com/elibrary/search-wildlife-crimes</u>)

Economic and ecological consequences of open versus closed system wildlife land-uses, and associated wildlife management implications.

(Background information: https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-031-10948-5_18)

Identification of ecological corridors in the greater Etosha landscape across multiple land uses using Remote Sensing tools.

(Background information: http://the-

<u>eis.com/elibrary/sites/default/files/downloads/literature/The%20Biodiversity%20Economy%20in%20selected%20lana</u> <u>dscapes%20in%20namibia%20Project.pdf</u>)

Vulture movements as indicators of land management effectiveness and land-use changes.

Case studies of effective and ineffective stakeholder engagement in Environmental Impact Assessment practices in Namibia

Perceived threats and benefits of boundary fence removals between Parks, freehold farms and communal land.

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