



What should the NCE’s priorities be for 2023?

**Results from a short brain-storming workshop held immediately after the 6th AGM
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Strategic programme area	Issues	Progress
Environmental Information	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Add alien species of different taxa to the Invasive Alien Plant list 2. Develop a State of Biodiversity in Namibia in partnership with members, Museum, MEFT, NUST and other key partners. 3. Well informed Society - build on platforms and disseminate to all within the society. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decided to keep aliens with their respective taxa. • Table of contents developed, to be implemented in 2024 • Information production scaled up – but need to get more in formal media (newspapers, radio, TV)
National Facilitation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Environmental Defence Fund 5. Wildlife Economy Working Group 6. Lead poisoning in carnivores (Lead Poisoning Working Group) 7. Best Practice Guide for Tourism sector 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with ENS Africa, workshop at NCE, Trust now being prepared by Willem Odendaal (formerly of LAC) • Held up in MEFT – internal issues • Second study completed on cheetah & leopard, to be expanded in 2024, including to brown hyaena and jackal in south. Also to otters in north. • Industry not ready – still recovering from COVID
Advocacy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Push for Parks & Wildlife Bill. 9. Push for revision of EIA legislation (EMA & Regs) and Practitioners Bill or inclusion in revised EMA. 10. Problems in the EIA process – governance failures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still at legal drafters • Met with OEC – sent latest draft. Also drew public attention to the problem. • Met with OEC, tools developed, way forwards discussed, public attention being drawn to problems.

	11. Mining licence committee. Represented by the NCE?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corresponded with Mining Commissioner – awaiting response
Young Namibian Training & Mentorship	12. Alumni event for Bursary recipients	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Held in August- about 70 attendees