

## Central project evaluation – at a glance

# Support to Community-Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM) in Namibia

Country/region/global	Namibia		
Sector and creditor reporting system code	41030 - Biodiversity, 43042 - Rural development		
Project number	2015.2209.3		
Commissioning party	German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)		
Lead executing agency/partner organisations	Ministry of Environment (Forestry) and Tourism (MEFT) of Namibia/Directorate of Wildlife and National Parks (DWNP) and non-governmental organisations (NGOs)		
Development cooperation (DC) programme	<i>Management natürlicher Ressourcen in Namibia</i> [Natural Resources Management in Namibia]		
Implementing organisations of the DC programme	Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), GmbH, Bundesanstalt für Geowissenschaften und Rohstoffe (BGR)		
Project value	EUR 6,800,000		
Project term	January 2017 - September 2020		
Reporting year CPE	2021	Sample year CPE	2018

### Objectives and implementation of the project

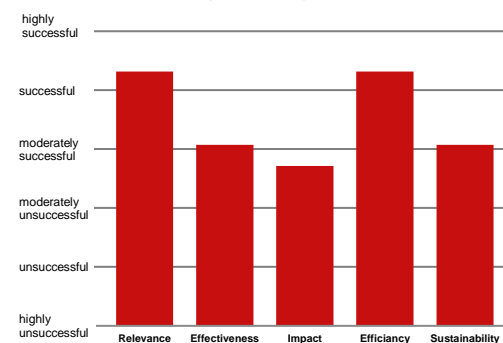
The project aimed at the improvement of a coherent implementation of the CBNRM policy at national, regional and local levels. Thereby, it should contribute to equitable access to natural resources and their sustainable management and therewith to the protection of biodiversity, functional ecosystems and the improvement of rural incomes. In order to achieve these objectives, the project pursued a multilevel capacity development approach involving three complementary areas of activity:

- Strengthening the capacities of DWNP to implement the CBNRM policy,
- Promoting standards of good governance in the conservancies and
- Improving the revenue situation of the conservancies, integrated community forests and households, which are dependent on natural resource.

### Key findings

While having reached and even exceeded most of its outcome indicators, the empirical data does not fully confirm the project's success on the ground. It was, nevertheless, efficiently and professionally implemented. Furthermore, it featured two particular strengths that should be taken up by its successor: Its comprehensive approach tackling key challenges at national, regional and local levels, and its aim not only to provide direct support to final beneficiaries but also to develop a regulatory framework so that they can benefit from their natural resources sustainably.

### Overall rating: moderately successful (80/100)



### Conclusions

The most important project success determining factors were as follows:

- Its alignment with the national development strategies.
- The stakeholders' positive attitude and willingness to apply and further develop their acquired capacities.
- The professional and efficient implementation of the project activities.
- The ongoing droughts, lacking personnel and financial resources of the MEFT, and the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The fact that it did not succeed in reducing human wildlife conflicts.
- The not sufficiently sustainable knowledge dissemination strategy.

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