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# Presentation Outline

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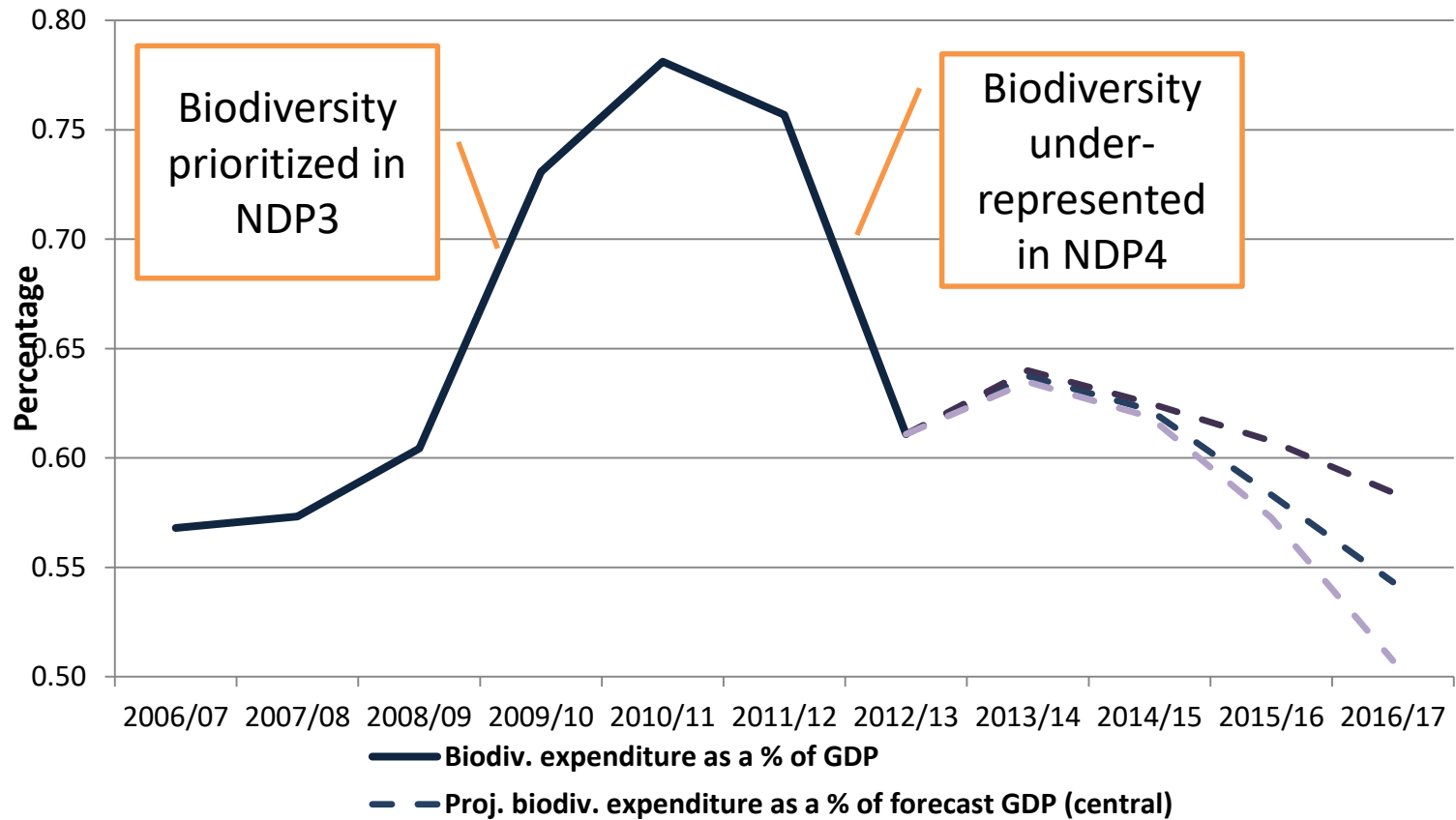


# COUNTRY PROGRESS AND CHALLENGES

- Progress:
  - NBSAP 2 strategy is being implemented through the steering committee from various institutions
  - Improving capacity for and stock taking of challenges of biodiversity mainstreaming. A strategy was developed for implementation through NBSAP Steering Committee.
  - Incorporation of biodiversity mainstreaming into NDP5. “Improve status of biodiversity by safeguarding ecosystems , species and genetic diversity”.
  - Challenges
  - Small budget in MET and few sources



# Relative importance of Biodiversity in Namibia on the decline - Biodiversity Expenditure as a Percentage of GDP



# 5 dimensions of mainstreaming

MoE only

Narrow focus on protection

N° of actors ↓  
Biodiv not important for general public

No complementary mix of instruments

Budget ↓  
No of sources ↓  
ODA-share ↑

Institutional arrangements

Range of topics

Societal anchoring

Instruments

Financial resources

All relevant ministries coordination in place

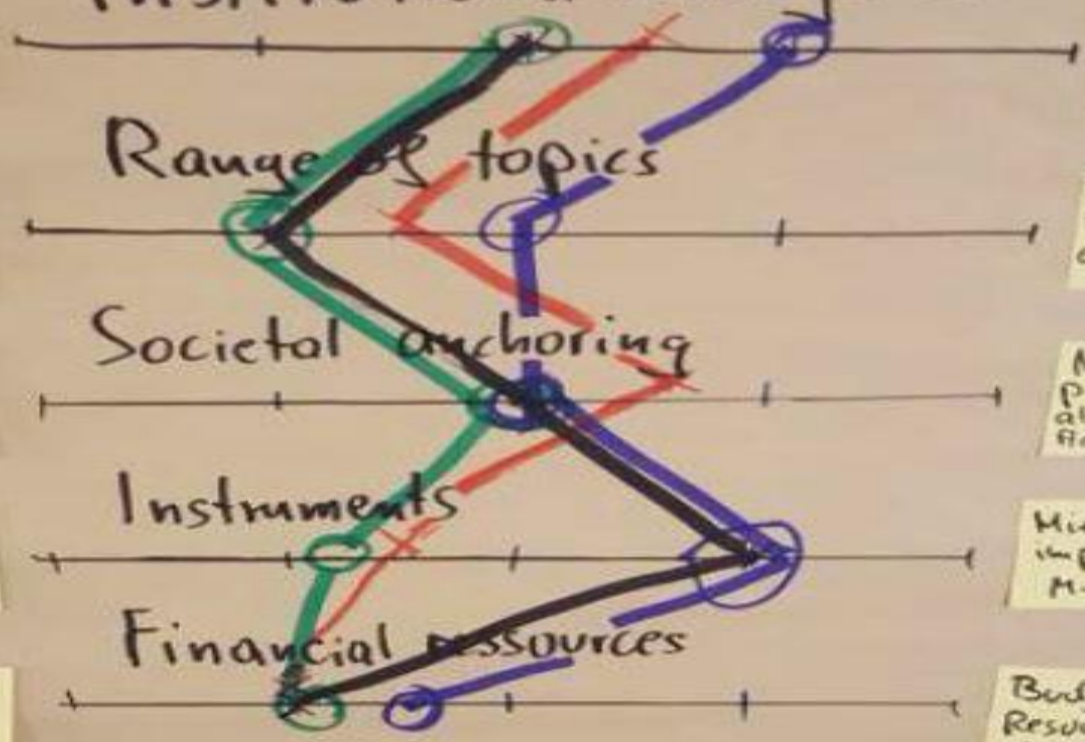
All NBSAP targets  
Key element of achieving SDG/Nat. Dn

N° of actors ↑  
producers + consumers align behavior  
actors from all sectors

Mix of instruments implemented  
M+E

Budget ↑  
Resources ↑  
ODA share ↓

- Agriculture
- Fishery
- Tourism
- Mining



# Key stakeholders and Strategies

- Article 95 (l) of the Constitution: *maintenance of ecosystems, essential ecological processes and biological diversity of Namibia and utilization of living natural resources on a sustainable basis for the benefit of all Namibians both present and in the future*
- National Development Plan 5 to elevate mainstreaming
- NNF, MFMR, MAWF, NSA, NCRST, NPC, Gobabeb training and Research Centre
- Resources Mobilization project for biodiversity conservation – shows the economic value of biodiversity
- -NBSAP – encourage mainstreaming
- Domestication of the SDGs



# Top change achieved or expected

- Aichi Targets addressed
- Improved understanding of MEA
- Biodiversity policies are initiated, planned, implemented, monitored and reported on by all relevant ministries.
- NBSAP steering committee members from all line ministries trained on biodiversity mainstreaming.
- Coordination mechanisms are in place, successfully aligning objectives and dealing with trade-offs.
- Strong coordination among institutions.



# Top lessons about successful mainstreaming

- Using NBSAP platform for not only reporting but strategizing for mainstreaming.
- Improve awareness of the economic value of biodiversity.
- Highlighting the importance and increasing awareness of biodiversity in achieving national development goals.
- NBSAP steering committee renewed commitment backed with management support.





# Top challenge/problem where you need help

- **Development of a communication, education and public awareness strategy for biodiversity mainstreaming.**
- **Ascertaining the economic value of biodiversity**
- **Financial support for improved coordination of the NBSAP Committee.**



# THANK YOU



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