

# INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF BIODIVERSITY (IYB)

## NAMIBIA'S NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY ACTIVITIES FOR 2010



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2010	EVENT/ACTIVITY	TARGETS/OUTPUTS	RESPONSIBLE PERSON & INSTITUTION & SUPPORT INSTITUTION	DATE, TIME & VENUE	SPONSOR	OUTCOME – TARGET	COMMENTS
<b>FEB</b>	<p><b>National Steering Committee</b> for the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB 2010) &amp; International Biodiversity Day (IBD 2010)</p> <p><b>National Programme of Events</b> for the IYB &amp; IBD 2010</p> <p>Selection of the <b>Namibian Ecosystem for Biodiversity Action Day</b> (GTZ)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee established and functional</li> <li>• Finalize and print the National Programme of Events for the International Year of Biodiversity and the International Biodiversity Day 2010</li> <li>• National Steering Committee to select Namibia's Ecosystem for Biodiversity Action Day from the following proposals: Brandberg, Gobabeb, Namib Rand, Wereldsend, Nyae Nyae and Gondwana</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MET in collaboration with UNDP, GTZ, UNAM, PoN, MYNSC, MoE, SPAN, CPP ISLM, NACOMA &amp; NNF (Lesley Losper &amp; Uazamo Kaura)</li> <li>• National Steering Committee – secretariat (Lesley Losper &amp; Uazamo Kaura)</li> <li>• GTZ in collaboration with the National Steering Committee: Kehrer Daniel &amp; Kauna Schroder</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February 2010</li> <li>• March 2010</li> <li>• February 2010</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MET - CEGEM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Steering Committee for the IYB &amp; IBD 2010 established</li> <li>• Brandberg selected as Namibian Ecosystem for Biodiversity Action Day for 2010</li> </ul>	<p><i>By end of February 2010</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Steering Committee in place</li> <li>• National Programme of Events Finalized</li> <li>• Strategy for Branding, Promotion and Messaging (theme) completed</li> <li>• Financial Arrangements in place</li> <li>• Take a decision on the envisaged ecosystem and region where the IBD should take place</li> </ul>
<b>MAR</b>	<p><b>Namibia Animal Rehabilitation Research and Education Center (NARREC):</b> Poster Production on Biodiversity of Migrant Bird Species</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of learning Support Material in the form of posters. Biodiversity poster entitled: <i>Migrant Species as Ambassadors for Global Biodiversity in a time of Climate change</i>. The poster is about the intercontinental movement of species from Eurasia to Africa and threats to these species along their migration routes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liz Komen – Namibia Animal Rehabilitation Research and Education Center (NARREC);</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March – May 2010</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GTZ</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design, print and distribute 10 000 copies of an A2 full colour to create awareness of migrant species.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After production the poster will be launched on 21 May and will be distributed to schools (at a Launch of the IYB 2010).</li> </ul>
<b>APR</b>	<p><b>National Steering Committee</b> for the International Year of Biodiversity (IYB 2010) &amp; International Biodiversity Day (IBD 2010)</p> <p><b>Municipality of Walvis Bay</b> – Nice and Clean Project</p> <p><b>University of Namibia/ Ministry of Environment and Tourism</b> – in celebration of the International Mother Earth Day (22 April 2010)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a 5-pager covering Namibia's Programmes and Initiatives on biodiversity and partnerships, highlighting Namibia's joint efforts in contributing to biodiversity conservation</li> <li>• To work with 15 youth from 3 local schools on the awareness creation/enhancement of local environmental issues in partnership with Kristiansand in Norway.</li> <li>• A clean-up campagne by UNAM students and MET staff at Goreangab and Avis Dams, as well as the vicinity of river beds in Windhoek</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNDP – Romie Nghuilikwa</li> <li>• Municipality of Walvisbay – David Uushona</li> <li>• UNAM/MET (EEIS Unit) – Elsabe Julies &amp; Michaela Phemelo</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March – May 2010</li> <li>• Throughout the year – specific activities pertaining to each environment day</li> <li>• 22 April 2010</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNDP</li> <li>• Walvisbay Municipality</li> <li>• MET</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A 5-pager summarizing Namibia/GEF partnership for biodiversity conservation.</li> <li>• 15 youth undergone environmental awareness programme</li> <li>• Goreangab/Avis Dam cleaned</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be led by UNDP</li> <li>• Programme being implemented by Walvisbay Municipality and requires only co-funding/support</li> <li>• The activity will form part of the International Mother Earth Day event, and will be spearheaded by MET.</li> </ul>
<b>MAY</b>	<p><b>Official Launch of the International Year of Biodiversity</b> (IYB 2010) on 21 May 2010</p> <p><b>University of Namibia (UNAM)/Directorate of Research Science &amp; Technology</b> – Scientific Symposium on Biodiversity</p> <p><b>BIOTA – Southern Africa:</b> Launch of a Book on Biodiversity in Namibia</p> <p>Celebration of the <b>International Biodiversity Day</b>, 22 May 2010</p> <p><b>University of Namibia/Ministry of Environment and Tourism</b> – Radio talks</p> <p><b>Ministry of Environment &amp; Tourism/ SPAN</b> – MET Sports Day</p> <p><b>Namibia Nature Foundation (NNF)/NAMPOWER:</b> Poster on Biodiversity &amp; Energy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The official launch to be held on the 21 May 2010 at the Windhoek Country Club and Resort. Joint official address by Hon Minister of Environment and Tourism and of Fisheries and Marine Resources</li> <li>• UNAM – symposium on biodiversity &amp; launch of a pamphlet on biodiversity at the Launch Event of the IYB 2010</li> <li>• Launch of a Book on Biodiversity in Namibia (BIOTA Southern Africa)</li> <li>• Celebrations at Zoo Park / UN Plaza – 08H00 to 13H00</li> <li>• UNAM radio talks / panel discussions on Biodiversity</li> <li>• Biodiversity Sports Cup/Trophy for MET staff to be hosted in the south. The event will be link to biodiversity awareness through sports.</li> <li>• a Poster on Biodiversity &amp; Energy: to show how biodiversity is enhanced within the energy sector</li> <li>• Launch of the Biodiversity/Environmental Information System &amp; the preliminary State of Biodiversity Report for Namibia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Steering Committee – secretariat (Lesley Losper, Linda Baker, Uazamo Kaura &amp; Birga Ndombo)</li> <li>• University of Namibia – Elsabe Julies &amp; Generosa Simon</li> <li>• Biota Southern Africa Project – Bertchen Kohrs</li> <li>• National Steering Committee – Secretariat (Lesley Losper, Linda Baker, Uazamo Kaura &amp; Birga Ndombo)</li> <li>• UNAM/EEIS Unit – Elsabe Julies &amp; Michaela Phemelo</li> <li>• MET/SPAN – Michael Sibalatani</li> <li>• Namibia Nature Foundation &amp; NAMPOWER – Chris Brown</li> <li>• Namibia Nature Foundation – Chris Brown</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21 May 2010 (14H00-17H00)</li> <li>• 21 May 2010 (08H00 – 13H00)</li> <li>• 21 May 2010 at the Launch Event</li> <li>• 22 May 2010 (08H00 to 13H00)</li> <li>• 21/22 May 2010</li> <li>• May 2010</li> <li>• Poster to be launch on 21 May event</li> <li>• to be launch on 21 May event</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint sponsorship: MET/CEGEM/PPP/GTZ/SPAN</li> <li>• CEGEM</li> <li>• BIOTA Southern Africa Project</li> <li>• Joint sponsorship: MET/CEGEM/PPP/GTZ/SPAN</li> <li>• Free to air sessions</li> <li>• SPAN</li> <li>• NNF</li> <li>• NNF</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IYB &amp; IBD 2010 officially launch</li> <li>• Scientific Symposium</li> <li>• Namibia's Biodiversity report released</li> <li>• an entertaining, fun-filled celebration of the IBD 2010 at Zoo park/UN plaza</li> <li>• Radio talks on different stations/languages</li> <li>• Sports Day held</li> <li>• poster produced &amp; launched</li> <li>• EIS &amp; report launched</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IYB &amp; IBD officially launch with wide media coverage (</li> <li>• UNAM scientific symposium preceding the Launch Event</li> <li>• The launch of the book on Namibia's Biodiversity (BIOTA) to held at the launch event of the IYB 2010</li> <li>• Intended to attract youth and raise awareness by means of entertaining, informing and educating</li> <li>• Radio talks to convey the message of the IYB &amp; IBD 2010</li> <li>• A fun-filled Ministerial sports day with the key message: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION</li> <li>• as part of the learning support material development</li> <li>• the events to form part of the IYB &amp; IBD 2010 launch</li> </ul>



<b>JUN</b>	<p><b>Ministry of Education/UNAM:</b> National Science, Engineering and Technology Week 2010 – theme related to Biodiversity Conservation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celebration of Namibia's achievements in science while raising awareness and popularising science, including biodiversity conservation through: production of a poster on careers in biodiversity for distribution during the National Science, Engineering and Technology Week 2010</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministry of Education &amp; UNAM – Generosa Simon &amp; Elsabe Julies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Windhoek, Katima Mulilo and Oshakati</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GTZ</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3000 posters produced and distributed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a collaborative effort between MoE and UNAM</li> </ul>
	<p><b>SPAN:</b> Park Talk &amp; Sand Paper</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Park Talk</b> – a special park talk related to biodiversity conservation issues, on the results of the climate change vulnerability study as it will discuss in details the linkage between biodiversity and climate change</li> <li>• <b>June Edition of the SAND PAPER:</b> dedicated to the International Year of Biodiversity &amp; the International Biodiversity Day 2010</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MET/SPAN – Michael Sibalatani &amp; Linda Baker</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Windhoek possibly on NBC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPAN</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a Talks on parks held</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a talk on biodiversity in Parks in collaboration with Directorate of Parks and Wildlife Management (MET)</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Namibia Desert Environmental Education Trust:</b> Biodiversity Identification Guide</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NaDEET Environmental Education Programme: catch/trap and release of animals and collecting plants to learn about desert biodiversity (Biodiversity Identification Guide).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NaDEET: Environmental Education Programme – Viktoria Keding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A booklet to be distributed to schools and other resource centers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CPP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity feature prominently in SAND paper</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAND paper is an official newsletter of the Directorate of Parks and Wildlife Management</li> </ul>
	<p><b>University of Namibia/NACOMA:</b> Workshop on Coastal Resources and Marine Biodiversity</p> <p><b>University of Namibia/EEIS Unit (MET)</b> – panel discussion on the World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought, 17 July 2010.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1-day Workshop on: Namibia's Coastal Resources &amp; Marine Biodiversity</li> <li>• Panel discussion on Radio/Television: Desertification and its effects on biodiversity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNAM/NACOMA – Elsabe Julies &amp; Ignatius Kauvee</li> <li>• UNAM/MET (EEIS Unit) – Elsabe Julies &amp; Michaela Phemelo</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• date still to be determined</li> <li>• 17 June 2010 (World Day to Combat Drought &amp; Desertification)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NACOMA</li> <li>• Free to air slots</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10,000 copies of a 56 page A5 full colour booklet printed and distributed</li> <li>• in celebration of world oceans day</li> <li>• celebrating the World Day to Combat Drought and Desertification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NaDEET will develop a biodiversity identification guide containing a picture of all captured animals and plants for species identification.</li> <li>• a coastal conference on Marine Resources and Biodiversity in Namibia</li> <li>• A panel discussion to raise awareness on Desertification and its impacts on Bio</li> </ul>
<b>JUL</b>	<p><b>GOBABIB Training and Research Center</b> - The Namib Desert Enviro-Picture Building Game</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The draft of the Game is almost complete with the final version expected by July 2010.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GOBABEB TRC – Michelle Fournier</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools visiting GOBABEB and outreach in Erongo region</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPAN</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• interactive environmental education resource to be developed and distributed to schools.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forms part of the Learning Support Material Development</li> </ul>
<b>AUG</b>	<p><b>Ministry of Environment &amp; Tourism:</b> Drama Performances on Biodiversity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drama production and performance on biodiversity heritage in the South (Keetmanshoop Drama Group)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MET: EEIS Unit &amp; CBNRM in Keetmanshoop: Patience Mamili</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drama performances in Karas and Hardap regions throughout the year, but specifically on 22 May, 05 June and 17 June in different towns.</li> <li>• National Conference envisaged for July/August in Kavango region</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MET</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drama performances held</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• raise awareness on southern Biodiversity through drama performances</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Country Pilot Partnership (CPP) Programme:</b> CPP Small Grants Programme National Conference</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a National Conference to strengthen networks between private sector and communities with specific emphasis on marketing of biodiversity/natural products.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CPP: Birga Ndombo</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CPP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Conference convened</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• emphasizes on access and benefits from the biodiversity of natural products</li> </ul>
<b>SEP</b>	<p><b>Afri-Leo Foundation:</b> Biodiversity workshops to conservancies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raising awareness on biodiversity issues and concerns within the communal farmers in North-West Namibia.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Afri-Leo Foundation Namibia – Tammy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Khoo di //Hoas and Ehri-Ovipuka in the Kunene region</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CPP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biodiversity conservation workshop with conservancies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a workshop aimed at raising awareness on biodiversity conservation at community level</li> </ul>
	<p><b>RISE Namibia:</b> Outreach &amp; awareness on conservation farming</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conduct awareness and outreach programmes on conservation agriculture in the northern parts of Namibia.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Rural People's Institute for Social Empowerment (RISE) – B Gaomab</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northern Namibia :- Kavango &amp; north central regions (Oshana/ Ohangwena/ Oshikoto &amp; Omusati)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CPP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outreach conducted in Kavango and north central regions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• conservation farming</li> </ul>
	<p><b>MET/SPAN:</b> an Event to showcase southern Biodiversity Heritage &amp; its benefits</p> <p><b>NIED/UNEP:</b> painting competition for school children</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Host an event with the Hon. Governor of the Karas region as the key note speaker and showcase southern biodiversity heritage and invite displays from various stakeholders such as the Brown Hyena Research Project.</li> <li>• 19<sup>th</sup> International Children's Painting Competition on the Environment: theme for 2010: Biodiversity, Connecting with nature</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPAN – Michael Sibalatani &amp; Linda Baker</li> <li>• NIED/UNEP – David Sampson</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South - Keetmanshoop</li> <li>• National Competition open to all schools</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPAN</li> <li>• UNEP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Event hosted to showcase biodiversity heritage &amp; benefits in southern Namibia</li> <li>• Prizes could be awarded at the Launch Event of the IYB &amp; IBD (21 May 2010)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the event will provide a perfect opportunity for both the regional leadership and the community to learn about the benefits of biodiversity conservation in their region.</li> <li>• UNEP competition supported by NIED</li> </ul>
<b>OCT</b>	<p><b>Namutoni Environmental Education Center &amp; Mokuti Lodge (Snake Park):</b> Poster for schools on snakes in the Etosha National Park/Snake Park</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing a poster on snake biodiversity in the Etosha National Park</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Namutoni EE Center &amp; Mokuti Lodge – Laimi Erckie &amp; Stretch Combrink</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Etosha National Park</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MET</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Poster produced &amp; distributed to visiting schools</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A collaboration project with Mokuti Lodge (Snake Park)</li> </ul>
	<p><b>UNAM/MET (EEIS Unit):</b> Debate, tree planting and poetry competition.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debate on: Conserving Natural Habitats have a negative impact on the economic development of our country.</li> <li>• On the National Arbor Day: Tree planting and identification activities across the city (with schools)</li> <li>• Poetry competition – "Trees support life"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNAM &amp; MET (EEIS Unit) – Elsabe Julies &amp; Michaela Phemelo</li> <li>• UNAM/MET/Rundu College of Education/Hochland High School Windhoek – Elsabe Julies, Michaela Phemelo, Rudolph Haingura and Linda Nantinda (Forestry)</li> <li>• UNAM &amp; MET (EEIS Unit) – Elsabe Julies &amp; Michaela Phemelo (Forestry)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Windhoek</li> <li>• 01 October 2010 (National Arbor Day)</li> <li>• Competition closes 23 April 2010 but prizes to be awarded at the occasion of Arbor Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MET</li> <li>• MET</li> <li>• MET</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• debate held on 4 October 2010 – World Habitat Day</li> <li>• tree of the year planted at different locations</li> <li>• poetry competition &amp; prizes awarded</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an event to form part of the World Habitat Day celebrations.</li> <li>• this event will form part of the UN: The Billion Tree Campaign currently standing at 10,029,689,273</li> <li>• Poetry competition to be held in collaboration with Directorate of Forestry</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Northern Namibia Forestry Committee &amp; MET (EEIS Unit):</b> Environmental Teacher Seminar 2010</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental Teacher Seminar focusing on biodiversity conservation along the National Education Curriculum.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EEIS Unit/NNFC/MoE – Josephine Immanuel &amp; David Sampson</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongwediva or Oshakati</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MET</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• teacher seminar conducted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a 1-day seminar for environmental teachers to discuss biodiversity concepts as per the National Education Curriculum</li> </ul>
<b>DEC</b>	<p><b>National Steering Committee IYB &amp; IBD 2010:</b> Production of a booklet on IYB 2010 &amp; IBD 2010 activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a booklet produced on IYB &amp; IBD 2010 activities as implemented throughout the year across Namibia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Steering Committee – secretariat in collaboration with Venture Publications (Lesley Losper &amp; Uazamo Kaura)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities implemented all over the country</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CEGEM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Country report produced and distributed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• collaborative &amp; consolidated booklet on Namibia's joint efforts in implementing the IYB &amp; IBD 2010 activities</li> </ul>