

Namibia Community-Based Natural Resource Management - Communal Conservancies

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Quality score: 47/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

86 communal conservancies covering 16.6M ha (about 20% of Namibia) pay 230,000+ rural members to manage wildlife and natural resources. Elephant populations rose 10-fold and zebra 28-fold since 1993; Namibia now holds the world's largest free-roaming cheetah population.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	0/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	3/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	1/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	1/3
Governance, certification & transferability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-06-21

[Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism, Namibia \(MEFT\) / NACSO](#) — accessed 2026-06-21

[NACSO - Namibia Association of CBNRM Support Organisations](#) — accessed 2026-06-21

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