

Contribution on the Debate on the motion human and wild life conflict by Hon. Leevi S Katoma.

Honourable speaker

Hon. Members

In support of the motion by Hon. Hambyuka, I am also equally in support of the opinion of widening this motion to cover the regions that are affected by this conflict country wide, as other colleagues mentioned Zambezi, Erongo, Kunene in addition to the two ^{that} ~~Cavangos~~ ^{are the most affected by this conflict} Omusati Region is also equally servilely affected mostly by ^{crop field.} lion killing domestic animal, Elephants destroying mahangu field as well as killing people, ^{Crocodiles} ~~hippos~~ killing people and in deed the hyena and jackals that are persistently killing small stock on a daily basis

As matter of facts, I rise this same issue during the budget debate of the Ministry of Environment and Tourism in April this year, requesting the Ministry to consider reviewing the mitigation assistance given to the affected people.

It is essential for the Ministry of Environment and Tourism to review and harmonises the Policy on Human and wild life conflict to mitigate the impact of both vandalism damages and loss of human lives coursed by the wild life.

The policy in its current form provides that, in the event that the wild life destroys people's properties e.g. Mahangu fields, domestic animals and indeed the loss of human life.

The assistance/compensation provided are as follows

- Mahangu field N\$ 800.00 per hector,
- Cattle N\$ 1500.00
- Goat N\$ 200.00
- Sheep N\$ 250.00
- Horse N\$ 500.00
- Donkey N\$ 250.00
- Pigs N\$ 250.00

The most crucial one is the loss of life for human being which the policy provides for the compensation on funeral arrangements only in the region of N\$ 500.00 to be provided to the family

So these compensation really need to reviewed up so they are in line with the current commodity prices and the economic living standard of today

This issue is a national issue that needs to be tackled nationally it should not be left solely in the hands of the Ministry of Environment and Tourism alone. And

For as long we are proud of the beauty of our ecology which of cores includes wild life that are mostly boosting our tourism industry in attracting significant number of tourist, we are equally obliged to put up harmonious and reasonable assistance to mitigate the negative impact cursed by this beautiful wild life of ours.

No matter how small is the space at our disposal that we are sharing with our wild life species, we must ensure that both human and wild life lived harmoniously with one another in that very available small space, hence I am strongly in

support of the establishment of a special fund to cater
specifically for this, as a lasting and helpful mitigation efforts

With These few remarks, I support the motion

I thank you

