



Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism  
Republic of Namibia

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**Ministerial Statement by**  
**Honourable Pohamba Shifeta, MP**  
**Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism**  
**to the National Assembly**

**On the current status of Human Wildlife Conflict in the**  
**Country.**

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Through the conservancy program close to 5000 jobs were facilitated comprising of Nine Hundred and Ninety Eight (998) community members employed in conservancies; Seven Hundred Seventy Four (774) full time and 62 part-time employed in joint venture tourism enterprises; one Hundred and thirty (130) full time and one hundred and eighty eight (188) part time employed in the conservation hunting sectors while the remaining are employed in small and medium enterprises.

Furthermore, conservancies generate cash income and in-kind benefits for rural communities totaling to N\$91.7 million benefiting over two hundred and thirty-eight community members (238,701) of this. The Ministry is also engaged in providing meat to community and national events to the value of over N\$ 9,2 million.

**Honourable Speaker,**  
**Honorable members,**

Incidences of Human Wildlife Conflict however remain a concern as they seem overshadow the benefits as well as opportunities created for Namibians.

These incidences mainly involve infrastructure damages, livestock losses, crop damages, in some unfortunate incidences loss of life and injuries to people.

These incidences all affect the livelihoods of our people. To manage and address the impact of Human Wildlife Conflict, the Ministry has developed the National Policy initially implemented in 2009 and revised in 2018.

**Honourable Members,**

Together with other stakeholder we are involved and implementing measures such elephant and lion collaring; early warning system; lion ranger programme; construction of predator proof kraals; translocation of problem causing animals; declarations and putting down of problem causing animals and wildlife population management. The Ministry will host a national conference in May 2023, where stakeholder will dissect the issue of human wildlife conflict and propose long lasting solution to address it. I would like to urge communities and property owners in human wildlife conflict prone areas to put in place preventative and mitigation measures.

**I thank you**