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CFNEN supports the sustainable management of forest resources. By this, CFNEN can assist local communities in

- Carrying out own natural resource assessments
- Participatory development of forest management plans
- Forest product development and marketing
- Capacity building
- Local empowerment



Fire wood production promoted by CFNEN

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Community Forestry in Caprivi

■ Community Forestry in North-Eastern Namibia (CFNEN)

The existing legislation (Forest Act 2001) offers provisions for the creation of community forests in Namibia. With the help of MAWF/DoF, the German

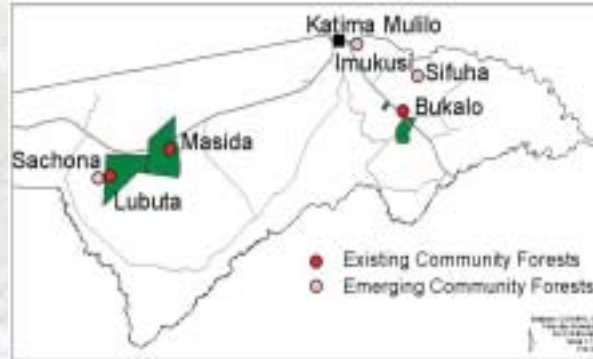
Development Service (DED) and the German Development Bank (KfW) 8 communities in NE-Namibia could establish community forests and were granted conditional use rights on timber and related non-timber products.

These activities aim

to create social and economic incentives for the local communities on the basis of a sustainable forest management plan in order to achieve a sound balance between preservation and utilization.

■ Community Forestry in the Caprivi Region

At present, there are community forests in Bukalo, Masida and Lubuta with a sustainable managed area of more than 41.000 ha. Other communities like Sachona, Imukusi, Sifuha and 10 communities of the so called Mudumu North Complex with an area of together more than 120.000 ha are working together with CFNEN project to get gazetted as a community forest.



■ Economic Activities

The major income generating activities in the community forests in the Caprivi Region focus on wood resources like timber sawn to planks, poles or fire wood and on various non-timber products like medical plants, wild fruits and thatching grass.



Apart from the rich forest biodiversity the Caprivi region is unique in Namibia for its wildlife and therefore attractive to tourism. As a means of habitat management Community Forestry contributes to maintain, restore or improve existing habitats for an enhanced biodiversity.

Community Forestry can open access to the entire range of products from the „warehouse“ forest. These products can be made available in different processing stages but emphasize should be that as much value adding as possible remains in the communities.



■ Economic Partnership

Most of the above mentioned activities are carried out in cooperation with local entrepreneurs. CFNEN is planning to extend the marketing of forest products, looking for more diversity in supplied products, increased benefits to local communities and attractive conditions for new customers. CFNEN focuses on the supply of the local market with products from the region and tries to replace illegal trade of forest products.

