



## Promotion of Orchards and Vegetable Gardens

CFNEN supports local people, individuals or groups, with low income who are interested in establishing small scale orchards, vegetable gardens and nurseries. The project aims to enhance the local food supply and to diversify and enrich daily diets by vitamin-rich fruits and vegetables. Women are trained in fruit processing like jam production in order to add value and to conserve the products. The marketing of fruits and vegetables provide additional income, skills and management capacities.



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# Forests for People

Background, Visions, Facts & Figures

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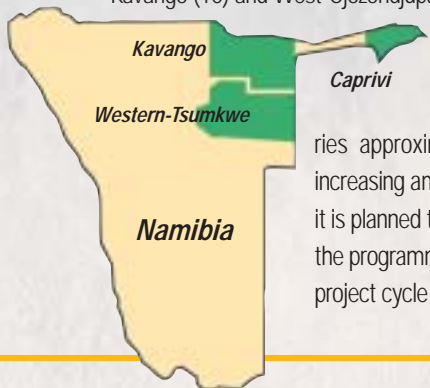
The Project Community Forestry in North-Eastern Namibia (CFNEN) is a cooperation of the Directorate of Forestry (DoF) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry, the German Development Service (ded) and the German Development Bank (kfw).

Based on the Forest Act of 2001, the project assists local communities to establish their own community forests, to manage and utilise them in a sustainable manner. With the provision of logistical, administrative and technical support, communities are empowered to protect and preserve their indigenous forests as a basis for people's lives, and for income generation aimed to improve local livelihoods.



## Facts and Figures

CFNEN assists currently 15 communities in Caprivi (4), Kavango (10) and West-Ojozondjupa (Western-Tsumkwe) (1) Region with a total area of 330.000 ha and 20.000 beneficiaries approximately. With an increasing amount of new applicants it is planned that 28 communities join the programme at the end of the first project cycle in 2007.



## Community Forests

To meet the requirements for the legal registration of Community Forests, CFNEN supports communities with the organization of their Forest Management Bodies, does capacity building and provides expertise and training in improved forest management practices. Land use planning, area surveying and boundary demarcation as well as mapping, resource assessment and monitoring form the basis of the communities Forest Management Plans. A community-based permit System and the right to protect their forests from illegal harvesting guarantee the sustainable utilisation of the forest resources. Introduction of improved fire management and control together with the use of cut lines and fire breaks reduce the danger and occurrence of field fire and help protecting human lives and the natural environment. The transfer of forest use rights to local communities is part of the Namibian Government's policy of Community Based Natural Resource Management (CBNRM). As such community forests can also complement wildlife management in conservancies as they provide for the conservation and improvement of habitats and grazing resources.



## Income Generation

The major income generating activities in the community forests are: the collection and preparation of firewood and thatching grass, wood carving

and crafts production, indigenous fruits, veldkost and medicinal plant gathering, boards and planks sawing and basket weaving.

Communities are encouraged to add value to the forest products. Improved harvesting and processing methods are trained to upgrade local skills, to increase the quality of products and to sustain the resources (e.g. the utilisation of deadwood).

Locally adapted techniques ensure sustainability of operations. CFNEN is assisting in the marketing of forest products, promoting more diversity in supplied products, and the provision of attractive conditions for customers.

The extended marketing options on local and national markets provide job opportunities and sources of income. Increased income caters for the well being of the families, contributes to community development

and strengthens independence and social status.

