

Link up with new ventures

Application Form

All local entrepreneurs dealing with timber and non-timber products are invited to link up with CFNEN in Western Tsumkwe, Otjozondjupa Region and send this form to:

CFNEN
P.O. Box 290
Grootfontein
Fax: 067-243474

I am interested in:

Planks size: _____
amount: _____ m³

Firewood
amount: _____ tons

Others: _____

Name/Company:

Address:

Phone/Fax:



Fire wood production promoted by CFNEN

**Community Forestry
in North-Eastern Namibia (CFNEN)**

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Community Forestry in Western Tsumkwe

Community Forestry in NE-Namibia (CFNEN)

The Forest Act makes 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 are being granted conditional use rights for timber and 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.

Community Forestry in Western Tsumkwe

At present, the only community forest in the Otjozondjupa Region is located in Western Tsumkwe. With an area of about 86765 ha, M’Kata is the biggest community forest in Namibia.



The forests and woodlands comprise many valuable tree species that are managed by the communities of M’Kata and M’Parara.

Economic Activities in M’Kata

The major income generation activities in the M’Kata community forest, apart from hunting, veldkost and medicinal plant gathering, focus on in the utilisation of deadwood. Currently, three communities are involved in the collection and preparation of firewood. Based on a new permit system, hundreds of tons of dry Kaneeldoring (*Acacia erioloba*) can be sawn and packed for export to South Africa.

High quality (grade A) boards and planks are sawn from dry Kiaat/Dolf (*Pterocarpus angolensis*). The trees are carefully chosen and only the large ones ($\varnothing > 45 \text{ cm}$) will be used for commercial harvest. Value adding activities such as pitsawing are supported in order to increase benefits generated for communities. Whole trees are therefore not available for sale. Other community members are involved in the maintenance of bush roads to ensure appropriate access to the important natural resources.



Economic Partnership

Most of the above mentioned activities are carried out in cooperation with private entrepreneurs located in Grootfontein, Otjiwarongo and Tsumeb.

In the near future four to five new community forests will be established in the region. Therefore 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.

