

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 Kavango Region and send this form to:

CFNEN / Marketing
Private Bag 2144
Rundu
Phone: 066-26 54 50, Cell: 081-2 29 67 24
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I am interested in:

ÿ · Firewood, amount: _____ tons

ÿ · Devils claw, amount: _____ tons

ÿ · Crafts, Specification: _____

Others: _____

Name/Company: _____

Address: _____

Phone/Fax: _____



Jam production promoted by CFNEN

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COMMUNITY FORESTRY
IN NORTH-EASTERN NAMIBIA

Community Forestry in Kavango

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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 Kavango Region

At present, there are four community forests established in Kavango region and have already met the requirements set by the Government for becoming community forests. They cover a total



area of about 9,1905ha. The forests and woodlands comprise many valuable tree species and useful plants that are managed by the communities of Ncamcara, Ncamagoro, Mbeyo and Ncaute.

Economic Activities

The major income generating activities in the community forests are: wood carvings, veldkost and medicinal plant gathering, e.g, Monkey Orange and Devils Claw, jam production, basket weaving and the collection and preparation of firewood. Community Forest products, also marketed under the trade mark *HAMBERA*,

are harvested, processed and produced under controlled conditions by local people in the villages. All crafts are thoroughly handmade, unique and of high quality. Medical plants are gathered by traditional healers

and the knowledge is handed down from generation to generation. Devils Claw, for example, is used to cure rheumatism and arthritis.

Zambezi Teak (*Baikiaea plurijuga*) is the main species for firewood. This high quality braai wood is harvested in environmentally-friendly manner, i.e, by utilizing only lying deadwood.



Economic Partnership

Most of the above mentioned activities are carried out in cooperation with private entrepreneurs. In the near future four other communities (Katope, Kahenge, Gcwatjinga and Likwaterera 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.

