



# THE AFRICAT FOUNDATION

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Namibia is an arid country and generally does not receive sufficient rain. During years of severe drought, much of the useful land is barren and strewn with livestock carcasses. Most farmers unfortunately do not heed warnings or give mind to past experiences, and keep large herds regardless which the meagre grazing and water supply cannot sustain.

Through our personal experience as farmers, and of our understanding of the communal livestock farmers' struggle against predators, especially the lion and spotted hyaena, AfriCat has identified the necessity for education on improved livestock management and protection on both communal and free-hold (commercial) farmland.

Predator migration, outdated livestock farming methods, droughts and struggling traditional lifestyles result in the ever-present farmer-predator conflict throughout central Namibia, and along the borders of the Etosha National Park, as well as in a number of communal conservancies in our so-called wilderness area. High stock losses result in the retaliatory persecution of large numbers of carnivores.

AfriCat carnivore research, community support and the livestock protection programme supports both free-hold and communal farmers by assisting with the upgrading of old and construction of new livestock kraals, and reinstating traditional herdsmen, as well as providing much needed advice on improved livestock and pasture management.

Team AfriCat guides the 'stock-kraal' programme, monitors the condition of established stock kraals on a regular basis and is a stand-by for lion related conflict in these communal farming areas.



Over the past few years, AfriCat has visited a number of communities farming alongside Etosha and Hobatere conservation concession to test our mitigation programmes. It soon became evident that drought creates whole new set of challenges, that need to be addressed uniquely. The worse the drought conditions are, the less attention is given to livestock. Herds are left to their own devices, roaming far from their home base in search of water, ultimately ending up in wildlife protection zones. This increases the odds tenfold that these herds will become prey to carnivores like lions, leopards and hyenas.

Many farmers lack the knowledge and foresight to adopt new methods and are unaware of their loss due to a lack of sound management practices, challenging AfriCat to find new ways to convince these communal farmers otherwise.

Under such intense conditions, conservancy committees are powerless in convincing their members to herd and protect their livestock. AfriCat's Lion Guards and field officers thus travel from village to village on a regular basis to assess the individual needs of the farmers.



The Lion Guards encourage and guide communal farmers to adopt the AfriCat Livestock Protection Programme, identify priority villages for kraal-building, monitor and report on lion whereabouts and incidents, patrol fences, report poaching and other illegal activities.

In order to make this project a success, AfriCat frequently has to travel to underdeveloped communal farmlands, and thus cannot rely on standard means of travelling. Hence the need of the AfriCat Foundation to be equipped with a community support field vehicle.





**Sponsor a Field vehicle: Funding in Namibian \$ and US\$**

|                                      | <b>Namibian \$</b> | <b>US\$</b>   |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| <b>Toyota Landcruiser</b>            | 550,000.00         | 39,118        |
| - 5 x Mud Terrain Tyres              | 18,266.00          | 1,299         |
| - Extra Battery                      | 40,000.00          | 2,845         |
| - Fuel Cost (Sponsor a tank of fuel) | 1,566.50           | 111           |
| <b>Nissan NP300</b>                  | 240,718.00         | 17,121        |
| - Extra Long Range Fuel Tank         | 7,391.30           | 526           |
| - Tow Bumper Kit                     | 1,073.42           | 76            |
| - 5 x Mud Terrain Tyres              | 18,266.30          | 1,299         |
| - Wrap Around Bull Bar               | 3,608.70           | 257           |
| - License & Registration             | 2,500.00           | 178           |
| - Co2 Tax                            | 4,840.00           | 344           |
| - Rails                              | 6,321.72           | 450           |
| - Line-X Bedliner                    | 3,908.70           | 278           |
| - Fuel Cost (Sponsor a tank of fuel) | 903.75             | 64            |
| <b>Total Funds Needed in N\$</b>     | <b>899,364.39</b>  |               |
| <b>Total Funds Needed in US\$</b>    |                    | <b>63,966</b> |