

In Africa, what happens *inside parks*



depends on what happens *around the parks*



**When rural communities derive direct benefits from conservation activities
they become active conservationists...**

- Namibia empowers rural communities to manage and generate benefits from wildlife
 - This has created a conservation-oriented rural population
 - 44% of the country is under structured natural resource management
- Over 75% of national park boundaries on communal land are shared with community conservation areas
 - Neighbouring communities benefit from national parks through concession agreements
 - Communal conservancies employ over 530 game guards and embrace around 175,000 people
 - Poaching inside and outside of parks has been substantially reduced
 - Wildlife populations, including elephant, rhino and lion, have rebounded



The Namibian CBNRM Programme is based on strong partnerships between the Namibian government, international donor agencies, local and international NGOs, the private sector and community conservation organisations



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