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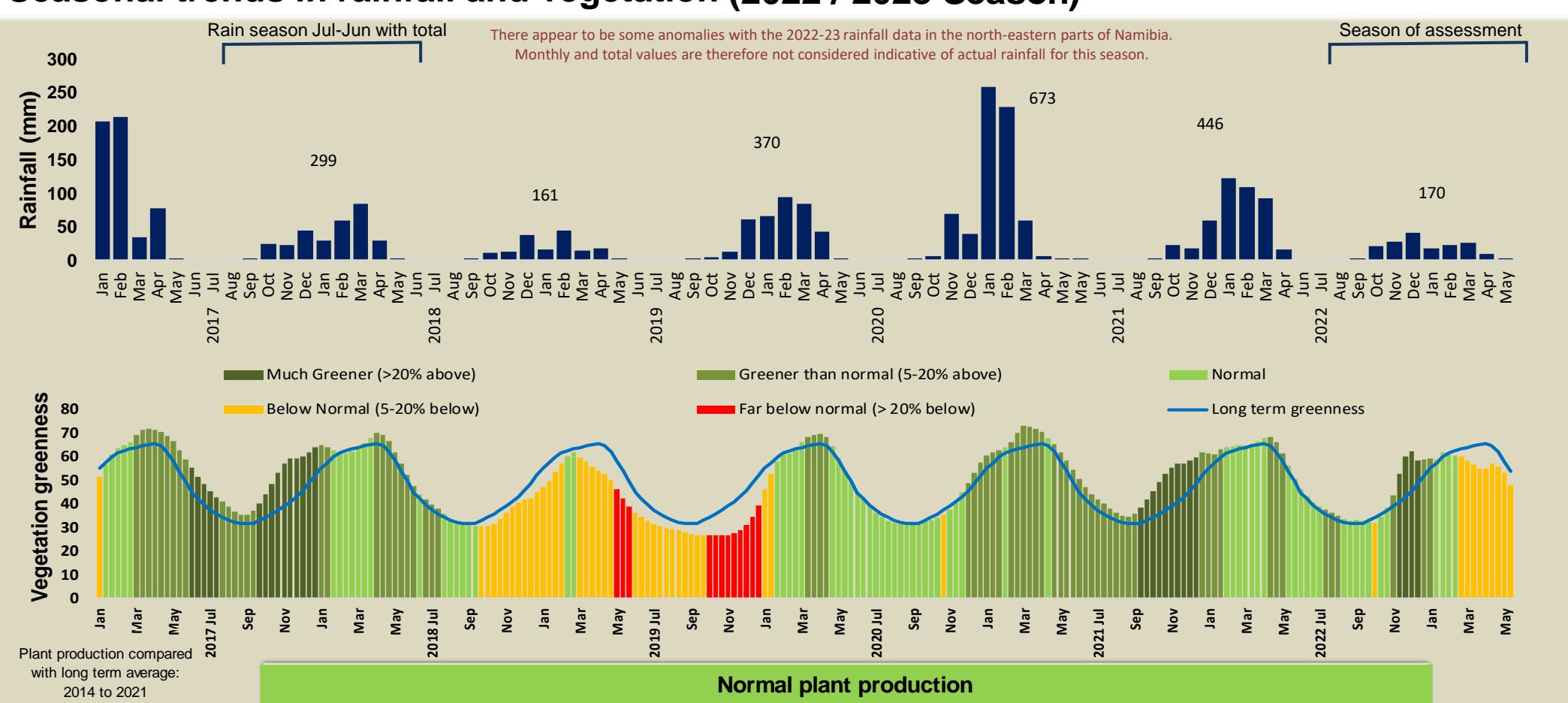
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Climate and Vegetation Report

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Adapting in response to the current environmental conditions ...

Seasonal trends in rainfall and vegetation (2022 / 2023 Season)



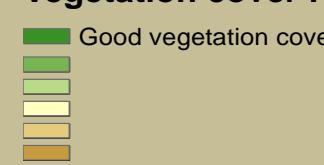
Vegetation cover trend (2000 - 2021)

High vegetation cover is good because more rainwater is prevented from running off, causing less erosion. Also, the soil is shaded leading to a decrease in soil temperature and evaporation.



Plant cover has remained the same over time

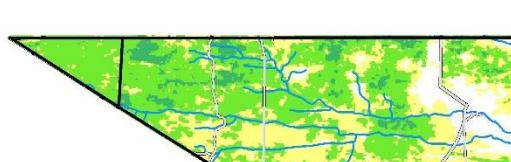
Vegetation cover : 2021



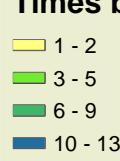
Fire management

Burns between 2000 and 2022

When and where it burnt in 2022



Times burned

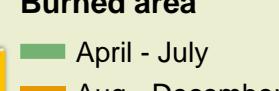


Apr-Jul: 0.8 sq.km, 0 %

Aug-Dec: 659.2 sq.km, 7.6 %

Prevent late burns next season

Burned area

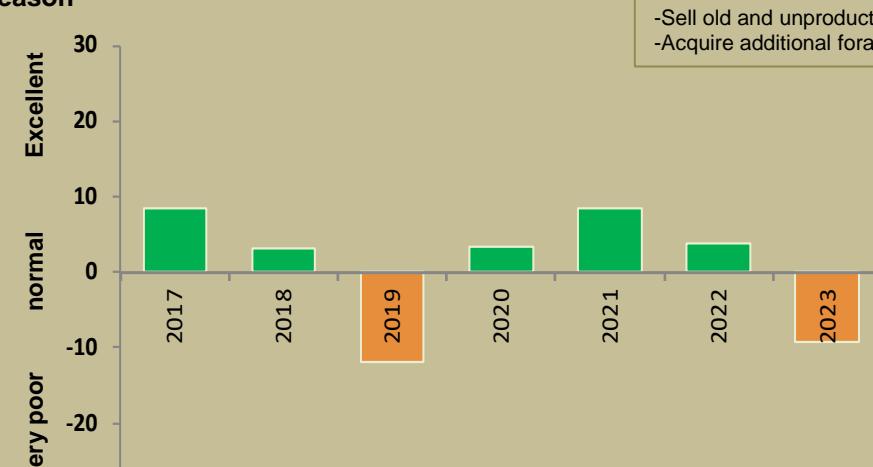


Forage availability

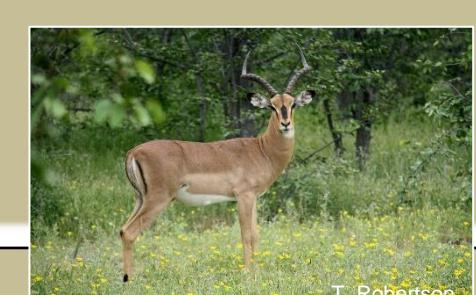
During the growing season enough forage must be produced to sustain livestock and game until the next rainy season

Management Options

- Do nothing
- Buy more animals
- Move animals to better grazing
- Sell old and unproductive animals
- Acquire additional forage



Normal forage availability



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Climate and vegetation patterns assist in our understanding of the status of wildlife and livestock in the conservancy for the effective management of these resources.