

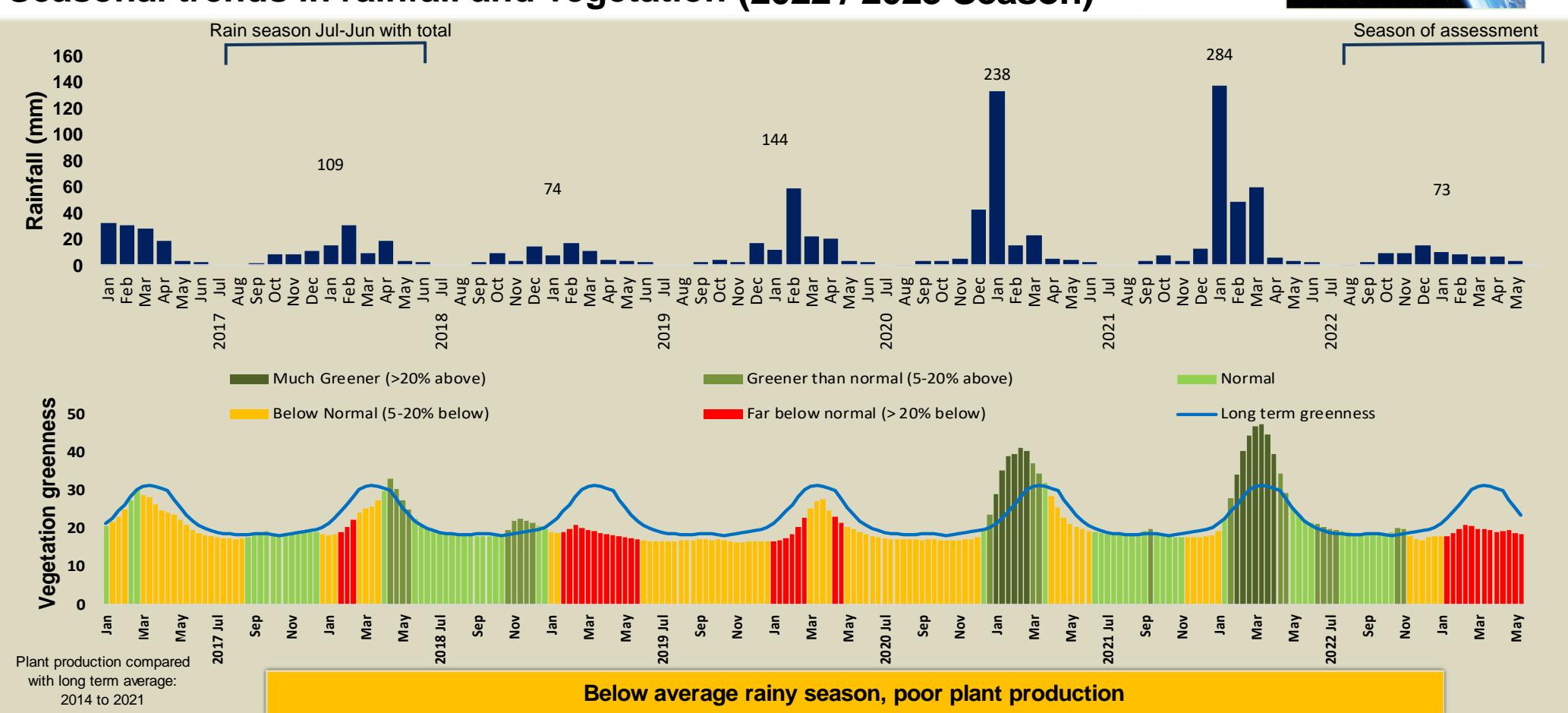
2023

Oskop 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)

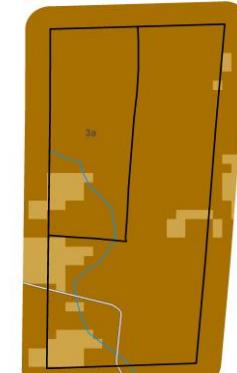
High vegetation cover is good because more rainwater is prevented from running off, causing less erosion. Also, the soil is shaded leading to a decrease in soil temperature and evaporation.



Plant cover is decreasing - Why?

Vegetation cover : 2021

Good vegetation cover
Medium vegetation cover
Much bare ground

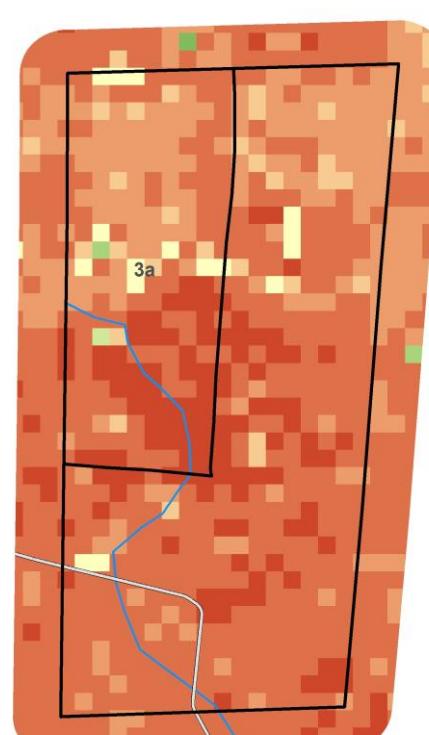


Vegetation productivity (February to April) 2023

Growing season

Zones

- 1) Settlement & Cropping Area
- 2a) Multiple Use: Livestock Priority
- 2b) Multiple Use: Hunting Priority
- 2c) Multiple Use: Tourism Priority
- 2d) Multiple Use: Mining Priority
- 3a) Exclusive Wildlife: All Utilisation
- 3b) Exclusive Wildlife: Trophy Hunting
- 3c) Exclusive Wildlife: Tourism
- 3d) Exclusive Wildlife: No Disturbance
- 4) Forest



Difference from average

- Much poorer
- Same as average
- Much better
- Roads
- Rivers
- Management zones

Fire management

Burns between 2000 and 2022

When and where it burnt in 2022

No fire monitoring



Times burned

1 - 2
3 - 5
6 - 9
10 - 13
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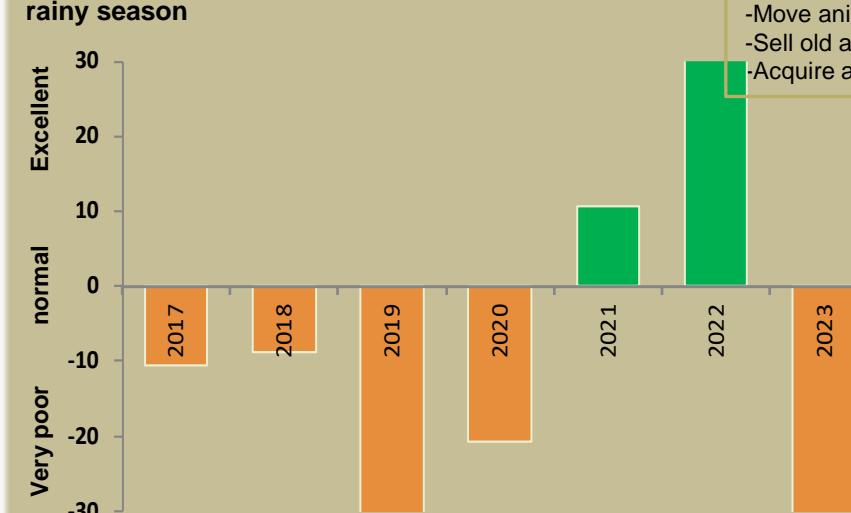
Burned area

April - July
Aug - December

Prevent late burns

Forage availability

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



Far below normal forage availability - Enough for livestock and game?

Management Options

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



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.