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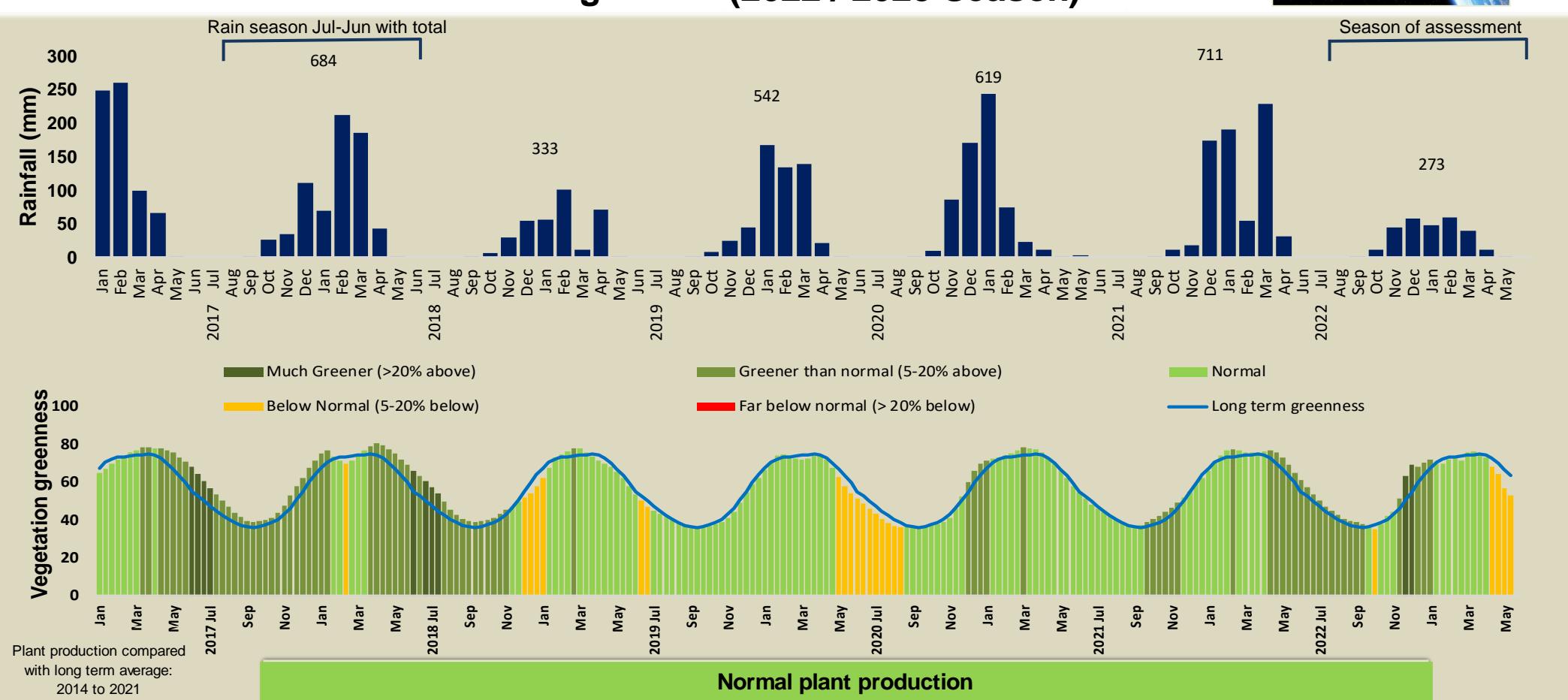
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Climate and Vegetation Report

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Adapting in response to the current environmental conditions ...

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



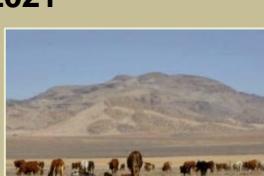
Vegetation cover trend (2000 - 2021)

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



NACSO/WWF in Namibia

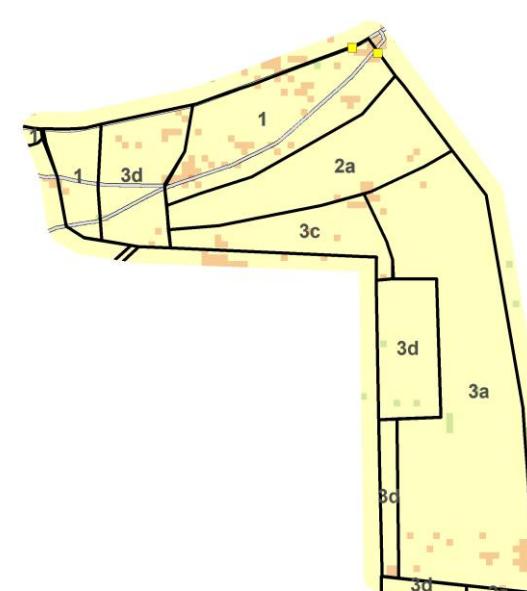
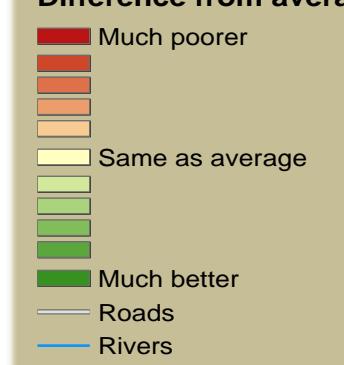
Vegetation productivity (February to April) 2023

Growing season

Zones

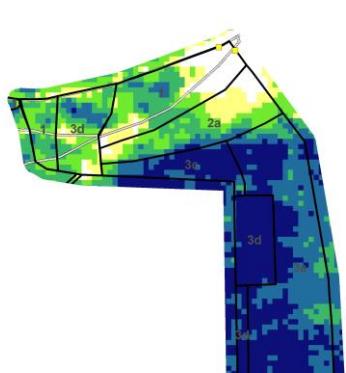
- 1) Settlement & Cropping Area
- 2a) Multiple Use: Livestock Priority
- 2b) Multiple Use: Hunting Priority
- 2c) Multiple Use: Tourism Priority
- 2d) Multiple Use: Mining Priority
- 3a) Exclusive Wildlife: All Utilisation
- 3b) Exclusive Wildlife: Trophy Hunting
- 3c) Exclusive Wildlife: Tourism
- 3d)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

Difference from average



Fire management

Burns between 2000 and 2022



When and where it burnt in 2022



Times burned

Apr-Jul: 18.4 sq.km, 4.7 %

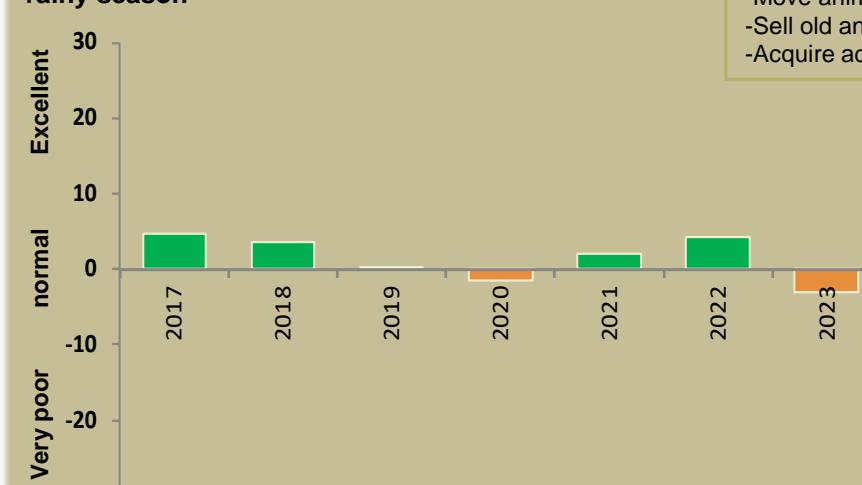
Aug-Dec: 164.8 sq.km, 42.2 %

Prevent late burns next season

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.

Forage availability

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



Normal forage availability



Management Options

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