

Central and North Namibia: Protecting the savanna's biodiversity

Up to 45 million hectares of woodland savanna in Namibia is severely affected by Bush Encroachment, which is seen to be part of the process of desertification and is defined as “the invasion and/or thickening of aggressive undesired woody species resulting in an imbalance of the grass:bush ratio, a decrease in biodiversity, and a decrease in carrying capacity”.

This causes severe environmental harm, on biodiversity, water-use efficiency and underground water tables, thus contributing to desertification. It is a major threat to the botanical diversity in Namibia and reduces the area available for browser fauna species to graze upon

Verified Ecosystem Services



Restoration of natural forest characteristics

Highlights of this project

1. 72.230 Ha of savannas intervened
2. 1 408 643 Ha of certified forests to be restored.
3. Prevention of further desertification in the regions

Project details

Biodiversity restoration

The savannas of Central and Northern Namibia host a wide range of emblematic and important species, as well as communities that live and depend on them. CMO, the forest steward leading this work, is committed to restoring these forests by preventing bush encroachment and invasive species from degrading the ecosystems.



Actions taken

These savannas are threatened by unsustainable grazing management, reduced browsing pressure from fauna species, and veld suppression,

To prevent this, the forest steward has implemented actions such as thinning out invasive and encroacher tree species, and applying management prescriptions to reduce regrowth of problematic tree species.

Would you like to integrate this project into your climate strategy?

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