



IRDNC Impact Update 2025-6



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Years of pioneering conservation
and rural development in Namibia.

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Out of 87 conservancies supported
by IRDNC

USD 3.25 million

Income through joint ventures,
sustainable hunting and natural
products.

100,000 Benefitting

From community conservation

13.4 million acres

Conserved by IRDNC and rural
communities

5 years

No Rhino poaching in Kunene
North region

520

Community Game Guards
safeguarding resources

6000+

Women trained and employed in
various positions

646

Individuals benefited from 3 tons of maize
harvested through IRDNC assisted gardens.



BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

THE PROBLEM

For 44 years, IRDNC has empowered rural communities to live in peace with the wildlife they share the land with. IRDNC supports elephant rangers in Kunene to protect community gardens, enabling 646 community members to harvest over 3 tons of maize in 2025, this initiative helps secure livelihoods while contributing to the protection of elephants. IRDNC has also supported the recovery of black rhinos, desert lions and elephants from near extinction to free roaming populations, and have allowed indigenous communities to hold on to their cultural heritage. Despite progress, human–wildlife conflict and water scarcity remain urgent threats.

IRDNC'S STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS 2026-2031

1. Stronger conservancies with accountable community governance.
2. Safer communities through reduced human-wildlife conflict.
3. Resilient livelihoods through tourism and nature-based enterprises.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Support community livelihoods by funding community gardens, and devil's claw harvesting operations.
- Assisting with machinery for essential oil production.
- Provide water security by funding community water points, and water storage systems.
- Improve safety with predator-proof kraals, electric fences for community gardens, and safety equipment for harvesters and rangers..
- Set up sustainable tourism operations in these beautiful locations that benefit the conservancy members through income generation.



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