

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT (BID)**  
**for CAPRIVI HOUSEBOAT SAFARIS t/a CAMP TURACO, ZAMBEZI REGION**

**Relevant Documents as per Policy for ECC renewal**



**Figure 1: Arrival sign (E Klingelhoef) to Caprivi Houseboat Safaris and a view from the deck onto the Zambezi River (photo courtesy C Sagell)**

**APP reference number issued by the EC office of MET *APP 250413-005699***

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**23 May 2025**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Klingelhoef', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

**Dr. Ekkehard Klingelhoef Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP)**

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**ACRONYMS**

BID	Background Information Document
CHBS	Caprivi Houseboat Safari cc
DEA	Department of Environmental Affairs
EC	Environmental Commissioner
EAP	Environmental Assessment Practitioner
ECC	Environmental Clearance Certificate
EMA	Environmental Management Act
EMP	Environmental Management Plan
HoD	Head of Department
KM	Katima Mulilo
MET	Ministry of Environment and Tourism

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

Caprivi Houseboat Safaris CC was established in 2005 by Francois Haasbroek and Chantal Haasbroek as a leasehold on the southern banks of the Zambezi River (Namibia), close to Musanga Village. In 2011 Mr. Curt Sagell and partners took over the ownership and in 2023 Ms. Christine Maluche joined to become co-shareholder after taking over the shares of the partners.

Dr Ekkehard Klingelhoefter, the appointed EAP, was requested to formally apply for the renewal of the current Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC), which had elapsed in November 2021 during the COVID 19 epidemic, and to update the current EMP in force.

Due to the COVID 19 epidemic this tented camp was partly closed and was kept running during the period of 2020 to 2023 on a bare bones principle until numbers increased as of 2024. During the past years management embarked on the following major activities:

- extensive maintenance of the buildings
- beautifying the “tropical garden” which has become a bird paradise

In addition, new approaches were adopted in minimizing waste and to beautify the area. These included:

- Upgrading the “Waste Management Protocols” with focus on recycling
- De-cluttering of the premises
- Storage of waste material prior dispatch

During my visit in May 2025, it became apparent that the tented camp offers genuine hospitality in a relaxed and informal atmosphere where the tourist is well received and is being provided with professional hospitality.

The rustic ambience invites guests to relax and feel at home in a friendly and conducive environment. From the deck, Zambia can be viewed and sometimes a sound of a hippo or hunting crocodile floats by. Playful otters at the water edge are a really special sight and spotting an African finfoot or a wood owl makes this tented camp become a renowned birders paradise.

## **2. LOCALITY**

Caprivi Houseboat Safari t/a Camp Turaco, is situated on the southern bank of the Zambezi River (**Fig. 2**), next to Opperman Brick Works, 6km east of Katima Mulilo. This 3ha plot with its remnant lush riverine forest, is being utilized as a tourism operation. At times during the wet season of April/May, access to Camp Turaco is only possible by boat from Protea Hotel.

Coordinates for Caprivi Houseboat Safaris cc:

- **17.494823 Latitude South** and
- **24.324081 Longitude East**



Figure 2: Satellite image indicating the location of Caprivi Houseboat Safari (**Red Block**), a 0.75ha plot on the southern bank of the Zambezi River close to Musanga Village.

### 3. INFRASTRUCTURE

#### Accommodation facilities:

Caprivi Houseboat Safari offers an array of accommodation facilities which include:

- 5 rustic en-suite chalets (**Fig. 3**) letting one feel close to nature with lots of fresh air and an open front facing the Zambezi River;
- a tented room situated in the garden for a more budget-conscious choice;
- a glamping tented camp consisting of 4 tents with self-catering facilities and the option to join for meals at the dining area;
- 2 campsites in a slightly wild setting. with a power-point, light, running water and central ablutions, with access to a rustic wooden deck with lounge bar facing the Zambezi River.



**Figure 3:** Rustic en-suite chalet with view of the Zambezi River (E Klingelhoefter).

#### **4. ACTIVITIES OFFERED**

**Activities include:** angling (especially for tiger fish), popular sunset cruises and boat cruises to the Chobe River and birding (rare and migratory species).

**Angling:** With an array of fish species abundant in the Zambezi River, angling opportunities are on offer. Famous for its tiger fish and bream, the river promises to challenge and enthrall both the angling enthusiast and the novice.

**Birding:** Camp Turaco is truly a birders paradise with the Zambezi Region being home to over 400 wetland and woodland bird species. Regular bird species, to name just a few, are the endemic and rare Schalow's turaco, White-backed night heron, African finfoot (**Fig. 4**), Collared sunbird, Wood owl, Marsh owl and Swamp boubou.



**Figure 4:** The rare African finfoot spotted from the deck at Caprivi Houseboat Safari (Curt Sagell).

**Boat cruises:** Sunset, half day, or full day river cruises have lately become popular for day as well as overnight guests. The cruises include trips to Hippo Island and the Sikunga Channel whilst guests enjoy the spectacular Namibian sunset over the Zambezi River. On route hippo and if one is lucky, crocodile and otters can be seen in addition to the numerous bird species along the riverine vegetation. In addition, a unique experience is offered in the form of **camper-boats (Fig. 5)** which take guests to explore the Zambezi and Chobe Rivers over a 3 to 5 day cruise.



**Figure 5:** Popular camper boat cruises on the Zambezi and Chobe Rivers (Curt Sagell).

## **5. RELEVANT DOCUMENTS ATTACHED AS PER EC INSTRUCTION**

### **5.1 CURRENT ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE (EMP) and ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN (EMP)**

In September 2018 Jo Tagg submitted an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) based on the infrastructure and business operation. It is to be mentioned that no expansion of facilities and activities offered at that time, has taken place since 2017 i.e. the status quo is maintained.

Hereby, reference is also made to the Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) issued by the then Environmental Commissioner (EC) Mr. T. Nghitila, on 20 November 2018.

**Document 1: Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) issued in 2018 (page 11)**

### **5.2 APPOINTMENT LETTER of the ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER (EAP)**

Dr Ekkehard Klingelhoefter was appointed on 11 April 2025 by Mr. Curt Sagell as the EAP to update the current EMP of Caprivi Houseboat Safari cc and to request the EC office of MET for a renewal of the elapsed ECC. Attached is the appointment letter (**Document 2**) of the EAP Dr E Klingelhoefter.

**Document 2: Appointment letter of EAP Dr E Klingelhoefter (pages 12-13)**

### **5.3 ALLOCATION OF APP NUMBER BY EC OFFICE OF MET**

After having officially registered a request on portal (MET – DEA) for an ECC, the application was registered and the APP number allocated for the renewal of the Environmental Clearance Certificate was issued on 13 April 2025 i.e. **APP 250413- 005699**

**Document 3: APP number allocation (page 14)**

### **5.4 SCREENING NOTIFICATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FROM EC OFFICE FOR RENEWAL OF ECC**

Following the receipt of the APP number on 13 April 2025, the EAP received clear instructions from the EC office on the 14 April 2024 as to which documents were to be compiled and uploaded on the MET portal.

**Document 4: Screening notification & instructions received from EC office (pages 15-16)**

## **5.5 FORMAL ECC APPLICATION**

To request for a renewal of an ECC, a formal application for an Environmental Clearance Certificate including N\$300.00 stamp duties, was submitted to the EC office of MET electronically as well as the original copy (**Document 5**).

**Document 5** Formal application to EC office for an ECC with stamp duties (pages 17-18)

## **5.6 DECLARATION for the SUBMISSION of ASSESSMENT REPORTS**

The appointed EAP to certify and declare that the information submitted is his own work following visitation to Caprivi Houseboats Safaris. In addition, all direct and indirect sources used are to be acknowledged as references.

**Document 6** Declaration for the submission of Assessment Reports (pages 19)

## **6. COMPANY OVERVIEW of the PROPONENT and APPOINTED EAP**

### *6.1 Name and activity of the Caprivi Houseboat Safaris cc t/a Turaco*

Caprivi Houseboat Safaris cc is operating as a tourism entity which caters mainly for tourists from abroad. The focus of CHBS cc, is to provide to the tourists a unique wildlife experience within the heart of the KAZA TFCA, which include:

- Boat cruises on the Zambezi and Chobe Rivers
- Wildlife photography
- Bird watching (420 species recorded in the Zambezi Region)

Additional activities such as fishing (catch and release), boat trips around Hippo Island on the mighty Zambezi River or day trips to Victoria Falls, are also on offer.

### *6.2 The Proponent*

CHBS cc is a lodge that was established by Francois Haasbroek and Chantal Haasbroek as a leasehold in 2005, on the southern banks of the Zambezi River at Musanga Village. In 2011 Curt Sagell took over the ownership.

The Proponent operates a small hospitality establishment (compared to other lodges e.g. Gondwana Lodges, in the vicinity) and is hereby applying for a “renewal” of the expired Environmental Clearance Certificate.

### *6.3 Staff complement*

CHBS cc has a small complement of staff from Musanga Village which includes the following positions:

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- Reception 1x
- Kitchen staff 2x male
- Housekeeping/laundry 2x female
- Waitress 1x female and 1x male
- Gardener 2x male
- Boat skipper 1x male
- Security 1x male

**6.4 Vision of CHBS cc:**

- To develop unique tourist activities such as wildlife photography under the guidance of Mr. Sagell and Mrs. Maluche who are both professional birders and talented wildlife photographers
- To ensure that every guest receives a wildlife experience in an enviro- and eco-friendly operating lodge
- The establishment is committed to comply and adhere to all the Policies, Acts and Regulations that govern lodge operations in sensitive environments, through the implementation of “best practices management”.

**6.5 Operation of CHBS cc**

Reference is being made to the letter from the then EC Mr. T. Nghitila, dated 21 November 2018 which had issued an ECC to operate as a lodge.

Due to the COVID 19 epidemic this tented camp was partly closed and was kept running during the period of 2020 to 2023 on a bare bones principle until visitor numbers increased as of 2024. During the past years management embarked on the following major activities:

- extensive maintenance of the buildings
- beautifying the “tropical garden” which has become a bird paradise
- upgrading of the waste management protocols

CHBS cc is operating on the Zambezi River no more than 7km east of Katima Mulilo. For CHBS cc to be accredited as an operating tourism destination, as prescribed by the Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007, the Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) issued in November 2018, needs to be reviewed every three years. However, due to COVID 19 most lodges elapsed to renew their ECC due to low to zero visitors in the Zambezi Region.

The owner, Mr. Curt Sagell has appointed Dr. Ekkehard Klingelhoef, of Atlantic Consulting Services CC/ 2021/03824 as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), to assist his company in the application to be re-issued an Environmental Clearance Certificate.

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The tasks are as follows

- To ensure that the Environmental Management Plan is updated and implemented
- To ensure that a rigorous waste management protocol is in place

**6.6 The appointed EAP**

- The Proponent has appointed Atlantic Consulting Services, t/a Dr Ekkehard Klingelhoef, as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) – (CV: loaded on Portal)
- The EAP hereby brings to the attention of the Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET) in accordance with the Environmental Management Act (7 of 2007), the intentions of the Proponent to continue to operate their tourism establishment at Musanga Village, Katima Mulilo urban Constituency of the Zambezi Region
- Furthermore, the EAP is to secure a renewal for an Environmental Clearance Certificate which is required for the control and mitigation of potential environmental consequences that could be associated with the day to day operation of the tourism establishment at CHBS cc.

**7. TOURISM STATUS IN THE ZAMBEZI REGION: KAZA TFCA**

The vision for the KAZA TFCA is ‘to establish a world-class trans-frontier conservation area and tourism destination in the Okavango and Zambezi river-basin regions within the context of sustainable development’.

The KAZA TFCA offers some of Africa’s best game viewing. This huge area, much of which is a vast and unique wilderness of savannas and endless rivers and marshes, is a safari connoisseur’s dream destination. CHBS cc lies within the heart of this expansive Kavango-Zambezi (KAZA) TFCA, which is the world’s largest TFCA at approximately 520,000 km<sup>2</sup>. CHBS cc, based on recent “Trip Advisor” reviews, has lately received excellent ratings making the lodge a well sought after holiday destination for birding enthusiasts.

It is the will and ambition of the Proponent to build a formidable reputation that will attract tourists from abroad to an eco-friendly environment and continue to support the Namibian economy and the adjacent local community.

## **8. CONCLUSION**

Caprivi Houseboat Safaris cc can be rated as a small-scale tourism operation on the banks of the Zambezi River, offering unique camp boat safaris on both the Zambezi and Chobe Rivers. The tented camp has gained reputation as a “birders paradise” where rare and endangered birds can be seen.

The unique vegetated riverine forest at Caprivi Houseboat Safaris cc offers visitors an environment where one can wind down and become part of nature.

The unique location of CHBS cc, which is positioned in a hot spot wildlife zone, is a contributing to the following entities:

- Promoting and operating an effective and efficient tourism niche
- Contribution to Namibia’s GDP
- Positive upliftment to the socio-economic structure of Musanga Village
- Contribution to livelihoods of people through job creation
- Stimulate, attract and encourage tourism in the KAZA TFCA
- Provide guests the best “birding” and boat cruises on the Zambezi and Chobe rivers ever

In conclusion, management is encouraged to continue with their policy to strive to **avoid, minimize, recycle and reuse waste** where and whenever possible, to ensure that the lodge is rated and known for its environmental eco-friendly operation on the southern banks of the Zambezi River.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

To the owners Curt Sagell and Christine Maluche for providing relevant information for the BID. In addition, pictures and text (from their web page) on activities offered, have been rephrased and included in this report.

Furthermore, the EMP compiled by Jo Tagg in September 2018 was useful which identified the potential impacts and provided possible mitigation actions that could be introduced by management to minimize these listed impacts.

**RELEVANT DOCUMENTS 1 - 6 AS PER EC REQUEST**

**Document 1: ECC issued on 20 November 2018**



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

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20 November 2018

**OFFICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER**

The General Manager  
Caprivi Houseboat Safaris Lodge Cc  
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Ngweze, Namibia

Dear Sir/ Madam

**SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE FOR CAPRIVI SAFARIS LODGE, ZAMBEZI REGION, NAMIBIA**

Environmental Management Plan submitted is sufficient as it made provisions of the environmental management concerning the project's activities. From this perspective regular environmental monitoring and evaluations on environmental performance should be conducted. Targets for improvements should be established and monitored throughout this process.

This Ministry reserves the right to attach further legislative and regulatory conditions during the operational phase of the project. From this perspective, I issue this clearance with the following conditions (1) no discharge of effluent waste in the water (2) key biodiversity habitats must be protected.

On the basis of the above, this letter serves as an environmental clearance for operations of the Caprivi Safaris Lodge. However, this clearance letter does not in any way hold the Ministry of Environment and Tourism accountable for misleading information, nor any adverse effects that may arise from these activities. Instead, full accountability rests with Caprivi Houseboat Safaris Lodge Cc and their consultants.

This environmental clearance is valid for a period of 3 (three) years, effective from the date of issue unless withdrawn by this office.

Yours sincerely,

  
Teofilus Nghitila  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSIONER

 7/20/18  
M. H. C.

**"Stop the poaching of our rhinos"**

All official correspondence must be addressed to the Permanent Secretary



**Document 2: Appointment letter of EAP Dr E Klingelhoefter**



**CAPRIVI HOUSEBOAT SAFARIS CC**

**The Environmental Commissioner  
Mr T. Mufeti  
Ministry of Environment and Tourism  
Private bag 13306  
WINDHOEK**

**REQUEST for the RENEWAL of ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE  
for the operation of**

**CAPRIVI HOUSEBOAT SAFARIS CC, ZAMBEZI REGION**

**APPOINTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PRACTITIONER (EAP)  
Dr Ekkehard Klingelhoefter**

**Dear Mr. Mufeti,**

I make reference to the letter from the then Environmental Commissioner (EC) Mr. T. Nghitila, dated 20 November 2018 (find attached). This is to inform your kind office, that Caprivi Houseboats Safaris CC, t/a Camp Turaco, is still the owner of the tented camp. It is to be mentioned that due to COVID 19, the lodge was kept running during the period of 2020 to 2023 on a bare bones principle until numbers increased. During the past years we embarked on the following activities:

- extensive maintenance of the buildings
- no expansion of facilities has taken place since 2017

**Project Name: Operation of CAPRIVI HOUSEBOAT SAFARI CC, Zambezi Region**

**Nature of Activity:** Operating Caprivi Houseboat Safari Lodge on the Namibian side of the Zambezi River 6km east of Katima Mulilo which has been operating as a Lodge since August 2011.

For Caprivi Houseboat Safaris CC to be accredited as an operating lodge as prescribed by the Environmental Management Act No. 7 of 2007, we are aware that our Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) to operate as a lodge needs to be reviewed every three years.

We hereby wish to inform your kind office that I have appointed Dr. Ekkehard Klingelhoefter, of Atlantic Consulting Services CC/ 2021/03824 as the Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP), to assist my company to be re-issued an Environmental Clearance Certificate. His task will be as follows:

1. To ensure that the Environmental Management Plan is updated and implemented
2. To ensure that a rigorous Waste Management Protocol is in place

Dr Klingelhoefter will be provided with a copy of the EMP that was submitted for Caprivi Houseboats Safaris CC, which he, as the appointed EAP, needs to update.

Please let me know if there is any additional information that is required by your office to ensure that my Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) is being re-issued for a period of 3 years.

Yours sincerely,

  
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**Mr. C Sagell and Ms C Maluche: Members**

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**Date: 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Document 3: APP number allocation from EC office**

## New application for an Environmental Clearance Certificate

**Ministry of Environment and Tourism**

Sun 13 Apr, 20:59 (18 hours ago)

to me

**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**  
Ministry of Environment, Forestry & Tourism

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2025-04-13

Dear Ekkehard Klingelhoefter,

Thank you for applying for an Environmental Clearance Certificate.

Your application has been registered with application number **APP 250413 005699**

Thank you

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**Document 4:      Screening notification & instructions received from EC office**

Your application is verified: Ekkehard Klingelhoefter

**Ministry of Environment and Tourism**

13:30 (2 hours  
ago)

to me

**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**  
Ministry of Environment, Forestry & Tourism

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2025-04-14

Dear Ekkehard Klingelhoefter,

This email serves to inform you that your application **APP-005699** has been verified for Caprivi Houseboat Safaris cc.

**Taking the following into considerations:**

- Location of the project
- Pollution potential
- Scale of operation of the project

**Please upload the following documents: MET Portal**

- i) Updated EMP to effect amendment
- ii) Confirmation of screening notice received (through email) in terms of assessment procedures (Section 35 (1)(a)(b) of the Environmental Management Act, No 7 of 2007)
- iii) Preliminary Site Map with coordinates (decimal degrees) and a Legend

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- iv) Copy of the previous Environmental Clearance Certificate issued in terms of Section 37(1)(a) of EMA
- v) CV of Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP)
- vi) Declaration for the Submission of Assessment Reports and other Support Documents (upload Declaration Form from [www.eia.meft.gov.na](http://www.eia.meft.gov.na) (downloads)

Please login onto our portal to upload required documents, if any  
<https://eia.met.gov.na>

NB- for the purpose of Section 38 of the Environmental Management Act, 2007 read with Regulation 4(d), kindly forward copies of all relevant documents i.e. (application forms, EIA, Scoping reports, EMP etc.) to the office of the Environmental Commissioner

Thank you

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**Additional info required by EC office of MET includes:**

- i) Formal Application for ECC + Stamp duties
- ii) EMP 2018 (by Jo Tagg) to be summarized: Impact/Mitigation/Compliance
- iii) BID – Background Information Doc on Caprivi Houseboat Safaris cc
- iv) To compile final report and to prepare 3x bound copies for: MET office, Owner and EAP
- v) To load all INFO as per above requests onto MET Portal for final verification and review

**Document 5:**      **Formal application to EC office – stamp duties for the Environmental Clearance Certificate**

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ANNEXURE 1  
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Form 1

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 2007

(Section 32)

APPLICATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE



**PART A: DETAILS OF APPLICANT**

1. Name: (person or business)	CURT SAGELL of CAPRIVI HOUSE-BOAT SAFARIS t/a TURACO
2. Business Registration / Identity No. (if applicable)	2006/2071
3. Correspondence Address:	P.O. BOX 1904 NGWEZE, KATIMA MULILO
4. Name of Contact Person:	D. E. KLINGELHOFFER (EAP)
5. Position of Contact Person:	APPOINTED EAP; FREELANCE ENVIRO. CONSULTANT
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8. E-mail Address : (if any)	ekkelhardwk@gmail.com

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**PART B: SCOPE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE**

1. The environmental clearance certificate is for:

- ☒ The operation of a Tourism establishment  
☐ on the south bank of the Zambezi River, east  
☐ of Katima Mulilo

2. Details of the activity(s) covered by the environmental clearance certificate:

[Note: Please attach plans to show the location and scope of the designated activity(s), and use additional sheets if necessary: Refer to BID submitted

Title of Activity: Eco TOURISM


Nature of Activity: Boat cruises, birding tours, hospitality

Location of Activity: 7 km East of Katima Mulilo

Scale and Scope of Activity: operating a camp on the banks of the Zambezi River; small scale operation

**PART C: DECLARATION BY APPLICANT**

I hereby certify that the particulars given above are correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand the environmental clearance certificate may be suspended, amended or cancelled if any information given above is false, misleading, wrong or incomplete.

	<b>EKKEHARD</b>	<b>Appointed</b>
Signature of Applicant	<b>KLINGELHOEFFER</b>	<b>EAP</b>
	Full Name in Block Letters	Position
on behalf of <b>CURT SAGELL</b>		
<b>C. MALUCHE</b>		<b>29 June 2025</b>
		Date

**Document 6: Declaration for the Submission of Assessment Reports**

Declaration of authorship

APPLICATION NUMBER: 250413-005699

Project Title:

REPORT 1: BACK GROUND INFORMATION DOCU.  
for CAPRIVI HOUSEBOAT SAFARIS t/a TURACO  
REPORT 2: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN 2025  
(UPDATED) for Caprivi Houseboat Safaris t/a Turaco

ERKEHARD KLINGHOEFFER (full name of Environmental Assessment Practitioner - EAP) understand and agree that the information I have furnished in this submission will be reviewed by the Office of the Environmental Commissioner (OEC). I accept that the Environmental Commissioner, will hold me accountable in terms of Section 43(1)(b) of the Environmental Management Act, Act No. 7 of 2007 for any inaccurate or misleading information knowingly provided in the following documentation.

Tick the box(es) applicable to your submission:

- ☐ Pro Forma Environmental Contract for Mining Claim(s)
- ☐ Environmental Questionnaire For Mining
- ☐ Scoping report
- ☐ Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
- ☒ Environmental Management Plan (EMP),
- ☐ Consent from Relevant Authority

I certify, and, acknowledge that the provision of such information will impede the lawful carrying out of the duties, responsibilities and functions of the Environmental Commissioner. I declare that the information submitted is my own work. All direct or indirect sources used are acknowledged as references.

Consultancy Name: ATLANTIC CONSULTING SERVICES cc

EAP Signature: E. Klinghoeffer

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**Document 7 Abbreviated CV of Environmental Assessment Practitioner  
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**Marital status** Married to Marion (Homeopathic Practitioner); they have a daughter and a son.

**Higher Education Qualifications achieved:**

- BSc degree major in Botany and Zoology
- BSc (Hons) in Wildlife Management
- MSc in Terrestrial Ecology: Tongaland Elephant
- PhD in Fishery Management and Oceanography
- Diploma in Tertiary Education (focus on Androgocis and Gerongocis)
- Diploma in Oceanography: Open University, UP

**Languages spoken**

a. English (fluent);      b. German (fluent);      c. Afrikaans (fluent) ;

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**d.** Numerous Nguni dialects (basic to fluent)

**Positions held to date**

- Student researcher: on human elephant conflict amongst the Tonga community (30 months), Kwa Zulu Natal
- Regional Conservation Ecologist (4 years), Mpumalanga
- Lecturer to future teachers (2 years) at Mgwenya Teachers College: Biology
- Lecturer to future wildlife conservationists (3 years) at NUST (Polytechnikon of Namibia)
- Principal scientist of the horse mackerel research unit: Swakopmund, Atlantic Ocean (7 years)
- Chief scientist of the oceanographer research unit: Swakopmund, Atlantic Ocean (6 years)
- Director & Deputy Director: Aquaculture & Inland Fisheries (8 years) for MFMR
- Regional Training Officer for: Angola, Namibia, South Africa: BCC (Benguela Current Commission - 1 year)
- Lecturer & HoD: Department of Wildlife management and Tourism Studies -UNAM (10 years)
- Currently operating as a Freelance Environmental Consultant

**Atlantic Consulting Services cc**

Director of this CC and as a team of professionals offer the following services with focus on Wildlife, Fisheries and Tourism:

- EIA/EMP with focus on aquaculture & aquaponics projects and lately waste management at tourism facilities
- Guide for international students on educational tours in Namibia
- Part time lecturing and student support (research proposals, editing Hons, MSc and PhD thesis)
- Logistics for student internships, practical and field excursions
- Aquaculture license application
- Business plans relating to conservation and aquaculture
- Consultancies in other related fields disciplines

**Other fields of expertise**

- a.** Acquired skills in project implementation and management e.g. GRN capital projects (Aquaculture Units) and lately co-ordinated the development of infrastructure for a Wildlife/Tourism Campus at Katima Mulilo.
- b.** Feasibility studies e.g. aquaponics for Hans Seidel Foundation.
- c.** EIA/EMP consultancies: focus on aquaculture e.g. Salmon Farming in the sea off Luederitz, EMP for waste management at Lodges.
- d.** Capacity building to staff and students within the Department of Wildlife Management and Tourism Studies (DWMTS), at Katima Mulilo UNAM Campus.
- e.** Experience in staff structure development for different Divisions/Directorates based on expected outcomes/deliverables.
- f.** Pre-planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of donor agency projects within the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources e.g. with GTZ/GIZ, JICA, VietNam, Cuba, Spain, Norway, Finland, Iceland and lately KfW (through UNAM).
- g.** Gained experience in working with international / regional organizations such as GTZ/GIZ; KfW; NORAD; ICEDA; JICA; NNF; Spanish Agency (SAIDC); Benguela Current Commission - BCC (Angola, and South Africa).
- h.** Represented Namibia at the:
  - International Whaling Commission in Grenada and Newfoundland

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- FAO in Rome, Italy on Fisheries related issues.
- i. Ability to teach and mentor students – at Polytechnic (NUST) and UNAM pertaining to conservation, wildlife management, HWC, plant taxonomy, entomology, ornithology, ecology, coastal and inland fishery research – to name a few.
- j. Instrumental in promoting and developing the aquaculture sector in Namibia; assist in drafting the Aquaculture Strategic Plan, Act and Regulations.
- k. Curriculum development in conservation, wildlife management and aquaculture programs.
- l. Develop the field Attachment (Internship) Training Manual for students of the Polytechnikon (1988) and revised/updated for the Department of Wildlife Management and Tourism Studies (2014 and 2023).
- m. Conducted a feasibility study on the potential of aquaponics in the Zambezi Region as an alternative livelihood, for the Hans Seidel Foundation (Windhoek) in 2021.

**Latest co-author Publication**

Meyer, M., **Klingelhoefter, E.**, Naidoo, R., Wingate, V., and Börner, J...2021. Tourism opportunities drive woodland and wildlife conservation outcomes of community-based conservation in Namibia's Zambezi Region. *ECOLEC*, Vol. 180 (c). DOI: 10.1016/j.ecolecon.2020.1068638.

Currently in draft:

- i) Biannual bird counts in the Kasai Channel at Impalila Island, of the Zambezi Region.
- i) Vegetation mapping of Impalila Island, in the Zambezi Region.

**Self-drive ambitions:**

It is my ambition to contribute through new innovative approaches to:

- ☐ the betterment of the livelihoods of communities in rural areas
- ☐ lecture students and to ensure that they acquire the necessary skills to enter the job market or to be self-employed (entrepreneurship)
- ☐ to continue to promote and to support the aquaculture industry (mariculture and aquaponics)
- ☐ encourage lodges to implement best practices in waste management
- ☐ contribute to the sustainable management and utilization of the natural marine and terrestrial resources
- ☐ to offer student support and mentorship in research projects, internship and field excursions.