

Stakeholder Engagement Summary

As part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and consultation process for the proposed harvesting of dead olive trees on Farm Tiberian, targeted stakeholder meetings were conducted to ensure transparency, inclusivity, and alignment with local governance structures.

One-on-one meetings were held with:

- **The Regional Councillor of Otavi** – The Councillor welcomed the initiative, noting that the controlled harvesting of dead olive trees aligns with sustainable resource utilization principles and supports community-driven land management. The Councillor emphasized that the project should proceed in a manner that safeguards environmental integrity while creating socio-economic benefits for the Otavi area.
- **The Technical Team of the Otavi Town Council** – The Technical Team confirmed their support for the project, highlighting that no objections were raised from the town council's side. They acknowledged the importance of removing dead and potentially hazardous vegetation while ensuring compliance with forestry and environmental legislation. Furthermore, they recognized the potential for the project to contribute positively to local employment and small-scale economic opportunities.

Overall, both the Regional Councillor and the Otavi Town Council's Technical Team provided formal support for the project. Their input underscored the importance of implementing the harvesting activities in line with the relevant environmental management measures to avoid any unintended ecological impacts. This level of engagement demonstrates local institutional backing and provides a foundation for collaborative monitoring during the implementation phase of the project.