



Namibia Crane Working Group

What is the Namibia Crane Working Group?



The first Namibia Crane Workshop in Etosha in May 2004 was attended by an enthusiastic mix of participants from Namibia and several other countries. This initiative was a partnership among the Namibia Nature Foundation (NNF), SIDA, the Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET), the African Wattled Crane Programme (AWAC; a joint project of the International Crane Foundation and Endangered Wildlife Trust in South Africa) and many other supporters.

As a result of a concern for the continued survival of Namibia's crane species and their habitats (see text box below) by workshop participants, we now have a Namibia Crane Action Plan and, equally importantly, a Namibia Crane Working Group (NCWG) to put this plan into action!

Our vision:

Cranes and people sharing habitats in harmony in Namibia.



Our mission:

To conserve cranes and their habitats in partnership with the people who share these habitats.

Our Namibia Crane Action Plan has the following objectives:

1. Co-ordinate conservation effort and promote networking
2. Obtain information and data
3. Promote conservation awareness/ education
4. Conserve crane populations and habitats
5. Promote the economic value of cranes and their habitats
6. Build capacity
7. Develop area-based crane management strategies

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WHICH CRANE SPECIES OCCUR IN NAMIBIA, AND WHAT IS THEIR STATUS?

Blue Crane (*Anthropoides/ Grus paradisea*)

Red Data Book status: *Critically Endangered* in Namibia, population declining
Numbers: Overall: 20 000; Namibia: 60 (maximum)

Wattled Crane (*Grus carunculatus*)

Red Data Book status: *Critically Endangered* in Namibia, population stable
Numbers: Overall: 8 000; Namibia: 200

Grey Crowned Crane (*Balearica regulorum regulorum*)

Red Data Book status: *Near Threatened* in Namibia, population stable/decreasing
Numbers: Overall: 58 000 - 77 000 (8 000 - 12 000 s. Africa; 50 000 - 65 000 E. Africa) Namibia: < 50

(A detailed flyer on these three crane species is available on request)

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