



MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT,  
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### ZAMBEZI HIPPO SITUATION - NO CAUSE FOR CONCERN

The Ministry hereby informs the Namibian public that there is currently no cause for concern in regards to the hippo situation in the Zambezi Region as interventions are taking shape.

In 2019, the Ministry drilled a borehole and procured a generator pump to pump water into in the pond. Since then, this pump and generator have been consistently aiding whenever there's a demand for water.

We have engaged the Wildlife authority for Botswana to jointly intervene in regard to the current situation earlier this year.

The Botswana authority then committed to supply an extra generator and fuel to pump water. Currently there are two generators pumping water into the pond.

There has been improvement in the water level since the two generators started pumping. To further improve on the situation, we installed a solar system to pump water during the day, and only pump with the generators at night.

With this arrangement, the idea is to provide the hippos with sufficient water to be able to survive until the next flood season and not necessarily to fill up the pond completely.

There has not been inflow of water in pond this year due to poor rainfall patterns. We are committed to ensuring the survival of the hippos. We will continue to monitor the situation and devise appropriate measures as the situation detects.



We want to appreciate the generous contribution by the Kwando Carnivore Project of N\$ 10 000 worth of fuel for the generators.

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